

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting April 27, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by Vice-President Dawson Jordan on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:09 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Directors present:
Dawson Jordan
Ray Ryan
John Vucetich
Erin Jerant

Secretary: Carol Dunn
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.
Attorney: James Felt
Guests: Joe Vucetich
Steve Wachterman.

MINUTES

There was a motion by Jerant, seconded by Vucetich, to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting. Board approved.

There was a Jerant motion, seconded by Ryan, to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2009 special meeting. Board approved.

There was a Vucetich motion, seconded by Ryan, to approve the Minutes of the March 30, 2009 meeting. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three certificates of deposits is \$60,294.35; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$35,437.88; for a grand total of \$95,732.23 in all accounts. Vucetich moved and Ryan seconded to accept the April 27 Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The Rule 14 Plan is fully submitted. Felt suggested Ray Garcia and someone from the HCWCD could check water readings once a week, so an expensive meter would not need to be installed right away. The design for the augmentation station is a V-notch weir, which is better for low flows. Felt is working on substitute water supply plan for Huerfano County and Malachite Spring. The County road crews will need to log the number of loads of water they use. Under the lease the County will get the equivalent of 75 truck loads @ 5,000 gal/truck load = 1 acre-foot.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich explained the plan for an augmentation station. He estimated that grading and brush removal would cost about \$125. The inlet gate and flume are estimated to cost \$800, including excavation and installation. Vucetich made a motion and Ryan seconded to proceed with the augmentation station plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Board discussed the Augmentation Lease Agreement and the different meters that could be used by the water users. The draft agreement will be corrected on page 2 to reflect

\$2,500 per acre-foot. With that change, there was a Jerant motion, seconded by Vucetich, to approve the lease agreement. Board approved. Dunn was asked to take direction from Jim Felt and prepare invoices for the water lease customers, and mail them with the lease contracts for their respective amounts due.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerant moved, and Vucetich seconded, to open a bank account in the name of "HCWCD Water Activity Enterprise" at First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg Branch. Board approved. Vucetich moved, and Jerant seconded, to transfer \$10,000 to the Water Activity Enterprise in the form of a loan and \$5,600 as a contribution from the District to pay the initial year's water lease. Board approved.

New Water Court case:

09CW34 (previously 02CW86) Gary and Rose Fariss – Application to make absolute, Bernadette Springs #1 and #2 , 2 gpm each, located at 94455 CR 540.

Vucetich moved and Jordan seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

None.

BILLS TO PAY

Jerant moved, Vucetich seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$7,121.34:

Carol Dunn, clerical fee, mileage, ink, envelopes, paper – \$448.78

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$1126.76

Airgas lease – \$102.30

Felt Monson Culichia – \$5443.50

Vucetich moved, Jerant seconded, and the Water Activity Enterprise Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$1,292.05:

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$530.80

Jehn Water Consultants – \$761.25

OTHER

District mileage rate for reimbursement will change immediately to 55 cents per mile based on IRS guidelines.

A letter will be prepared at the next Board meeting regarding the grant application to El Pomar Foundation.

Wachterman thanked the Board for their hard work on the augmentation plan and community spirit.

Next regular meeting will be May 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jordan moved and Vucetich seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Dawson Jordan, Vice-President

Carol Dunn, Secretary