

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting August 24, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:01 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson; Engineer: John Faux.

Guests: Lenna Rauber, Doug Brgoch, John Faux, Steve Monson, Caitlin Dunn, Mary White, John Stroh, Delmar Janovec, Max Vezzani, Al Tucker, John Sakun, Gerald Cisneros; Bill Knowles and David Rinehart, Press.

King moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.

MINUTES – Mace moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the July 13, 2015 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mace moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the August treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Edmundson reported the hay crop on the ranch was about double this year compared to last year. There is no news on the Red Wing Augmentation Facility.

Brgoch elaborated on the need for a futile call model on the County's rivers.

NEW BUSINESS –

Lenna Rauber told the board that the Huerfano River call is at #18, and the Cucharas is at #5.

Mace made a motion and King seconded to allocate \$5,000 for the Futile Call grant application. Board approved. Folks below I-25 on the Huerfano would be candidates for matching funds. The plan is for 2 piezometers, maybe 3.

The Supplemental SWSP has been approved. Monson reported that Pop's Farm (Phil and Rebecca Cummings), NuGrow Industries (Delmar Janovec), SCG LLC (John Sakun), Emerald Valley Farms (Scott Clark), and GPS LaVita (Antonio Ucello) are the current marijuana growers on the SWSP.

Water cases 1997CW108(C) Huajatolla Valley Utilities/Barbara Andreatta/Huajatolla Valley Estates: 4th amended application for change of water rights and plan for augmentation; Wills Spring #1, Snowy Range Reservoir Co water, Coler Ditch & Reservoir system. The application is not yet complete.

2015CW11 – Gary & Rose Faris: Application for finding of reasonable diligence on Bernadette # 1. Division 2 has recommended for cancellation.

2015CW13 – Austin Jones: App for reasonable diligence and make absolute, Jones Spring #1. The Division recommended conditional continuation. Edmundson moved and King seconded to not oppose any of these cases. Board approved.

The Two Rivers case against Steve Witte about breach order is pending. The Board requested that Monson take a look at the suit.

DIRECTOR COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – None.

BILLS –

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Mace, to pay the following bills, total \$29,950.31 plus a \$5,000.00 transfer to the ColoTrust account. Board approved.

Dixon, Waller & Co, Inc – Audit of 2014 financials \$4,500.00

Dunn Write – Contract, mileage, office supplies, shipping, mtg snacks \$1,721.20

Felt, Monson & Culichia – Board mtg, SWSP, New aug applicants, Aug plan \$4,845.75

La Veta Carpentry (Rick Dunn) – Read wells (2 trips) and report to Faux, contract \$200.00

Mitch Sample – Connecting phone line in office \$70.00

TZA Water Engineers – 2 months: Aug plan, DEO proposal, SWSP, New participants, Analyze piezometer data \$18,340.49

Century Link – Phone activation and first month (paid 7/27/15) \$136.40

Century Link – August phone bill \$71.47

Career Building Academy: Rent for August \$65.00

Beaver Edmundson – Battery for Aug. station \$60.70

White called for a break at 7:14, and the board reconvened at 7:27.

At 7:34 pm King moved, Edmundson seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation and SWSP, including the purchase, acquisition, lease or sale of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); conference with an attorney representing the District for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b); and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e).

At 8:42 pm, Edmundson moved and King seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:42 pm.

There being no further business, King moved and Edmundson seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary