

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting December 12, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:07 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, 415 Walsen Ave, Walsenburg.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Guests: Keith Bouchard, Ray Garcia, Max Vezzani, Gerald Cisneros, Stephen Wardell; Bill Knowles and David Rinehart, Press.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – King moved and Vallejos seconded to approve the November 28, 2016 minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – King moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the financial reports. Board approved.

There was a King/Edmundson motion to approve Resolution 2016-12-1, "Adopt 2017 Budget." Board approved

There was an Edmundson/King motion to approve Resolution 2016-12-2, "Set Mill Levies." Board approved.

There was a Vallejos/Edmundson motion to approve Resolution 2016-12-3, "Appropriate Sums of Money." Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

Edmundson reported that he showed the Ranch one time and we may get three bids on the Ranch lease. The bid deadline is December 23. Edmundson was delegated to let the lease by January 2, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS –

Edmundson moved and Vallejos seconded to adopt the list of 2017 Board meeting dates. Board approved.

There were no river reports.

On the topic of potentially aiding and abetting the federal offense of marijuana growing – White spoke to Monson before the meeting and learned that, according to Monson, the way the augmentation water leases are structured, HCWCD is safe with the way the augmentation plan is operating.

Cucharas Storage Collaborative Study – White reported that Parsons Water Consulting would like to have a revised completion date of June, 2017. Some things have been added to the workload by the Collaborative members, so White said he feels the request is reasonable.

Monson told White that he plans to have draft rules and regulations for the permanent regional augmentation plan for review at the January board meeting. After approval of the rules, applications can be accepted for joining the plan and purchasing an augmentation water certificate.

DIRECTOR COMMITTEE REPORTS—

King estimated that HCWCD may possibly start construction on the augmentation pond sometime in 2017.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS –

Stephen Wardell suggested the #7 water at the sand gate needs to be higher. As it is now, he said a flood event will wash it out. There was discussion that using broken Jersey barriers could raise it 18". This would not change the amount of water that goes through the measuring device. White asked Wardell to work with board member Vallejos to get a cost estimate. The battery is out of the recorder now so it can be charged. Wardell suggested a portable solar charger unit to keep a full charge on the battery. He will get a cost estimate for this unit.

BILLS – There was a motion by King, seconded by Vallejos, to pay the following bills, total \$37,827.73. Board approved.

Mountain States Financial Group – December bookkeeping \$120.00
Dunn Write – Contract, mileage, meeting supplies \$1,631.86
Dunn Write – RWAF grant work, July 2014 to November 2016 \$2370.00
Dunn Write – BIP Coordinator grant admin \$345.00
Wachob & Wachob – Topo map for pond site \$2500.00
Monson, Cummins & Shoheit – SWSP, board mtg, Aug plan, new applicants \$10,863.99
La Veta Carpentry – Read wells and report to Faux, December \$200.00
TZA Water Engineers – Aug capacity, Sheep Mtn, new applicants, board mtg \$4730.66
Sandy White – director expenses \$2121.52
Scott King – director expenses \$2367.48
Juan Vallejos – director expenses \$1452.72
Kent Mace – director expenses \$1678.44
Lewis Edmundson – director expenses \$1703.04
CenturyLink – Phone service, December \$62.00
Spanish Peaks Library – Rent \$65.00
World Journal – Legal notices: Budget meeting \$10.56
Walsenburg Insurance – Bond for White \$100.00
La Plaza Inn – up to \$600.00 for board dinner
Gary Barber, BIP Coordinator bill of \$4905.46 was pre-approved pending a grant check being sent by CWCB.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary