

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting
September 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 6:04 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

ROLL CALL

Directors present:
Raymond Harriman
Erin Jerant
Dawson Jordan
Kent Mace
Ray Ryan

Secretary: Carol Dunn
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.
Guests: Rick Loeffler, Gail Terry,
Gary Barber; Bill Knowles, Press

MINUTES

Under Old Business, Gardner was changed to River Ridge. Under Director and Guest Comments, the phrase was added "the Colorado Oil & Gas Commission about" (Shell Oil Company). There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Ryan, to approve the August 22 Minutes as amended. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three CDs is \$64,478.69; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$13,478.09; for a grand total of \$77,956.78 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT - Zorich reported on the Blouin water case. The District's protest has been filed. There would need to be a Substitute Water Supply Plan. Harriman told the Board the applicants have no way to augment the water they would use. The springs are not adjudicated to anyone.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board members took a tour of the land Two Rivers Water Company is farming. They have a computer controlled irrigation system and are laser leveling the land to 1.5-2% grade. Thirty acres have been planted and another 120 acres have been mowed and disced. Jordan reported that the intentions to farm the land look good. Regarding the Bradford Reservoir, Two Rivers is first going to begin renovation of the canal, then ultimately use the Bradford.

Regarding water court Case 08CW34. Tom & Anita Lawrence and others were asking for .27 cfs water from a spring for domestic use as part of a plan to build several houses on the land. The applicants have changed their request to .06 cfs, and the court approved the change.

Regarding the Mark Cornelius case, Cornelius asked the court if he has to own the land to claim the well. The Court answered that the applicant is requesting legal advice and the court cannot provide an answer.

NEW BUSINESS

Case 11CW56 – City of Walsenburg change of water right. A change is being sought for the City's 1/6 interest (56.5 acre-feet) in Gomez Ditch priority #10 and #124 from direct flow use to direct flow replacement and storage. Zorich will research this case, and Jordan moved and Mace seconded to set this aside until the next meeting. Board approved.

There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Mace, to renew the Board members' individual memberships in the Colorado Foundation for Water Education for a total of \$250. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Both Harriman and Jordan have indicated to Judge Appel that they would be willing to be reappointed to the Board.

BILLS TO PAY

Jerant moved, Jordan seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$1011.87:

- Carol Dunn, clerical and mileage – \$318.87
- Ted M. Zorich Jr. – \$358.00
- Felt, Monson & Culichia – \$85.00
- Colorado Foundation for Water Education – \$250.00

OTHER

Next meeting will be October 24, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jordan moved and Ryan seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Raymond Harriman, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary