

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting March 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: Lewis “Beaver” Edmundson, Michael “Sandy” White, Scott King, Kent Mace, Al Garcia.

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

Guests: Lewis DeLaura, Dan Been, Rick Loeffler, Gail Terry, David Diedrich, Julie Pearson, Doug Brgoch, Vivian Price, Max Vezzani, Phil Warlick, Steve Werner, Bud Adams, Mayor James Eccher, Stephen Wardell; David Rinehart (press).

White moved and Garcia seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.

MINUTES

White requested that, in both the February 24 and March 10 sets of minutes, the deadline for the Basin Implementation Plan input forms be changed from “July” to “June 1.”

White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the February 24 and March 10 minutes as changed. Board approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

There was a White motion, seconded by King, to accept the March treasurer’s report. Board approved. The Board agreed that the new cash flow report will be adequate and that it can replace the monthly budget reports.

White moved and King seconded to approve the application for exemption from audit. Board approved. White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve Resolution 2014-03-2, Resolution for Exemption from Audit. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS

White explained the Colorado Water Congress Initiative 73, which opposes the Public Trust Doctrine, which would override Colorado’s water rights. White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve Resolution 2014-03-3, In Opposition to Public Trust Doctrine Initiatives. Board approved.

The Board discussed seven projects to submit to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to be included in the Basin Implementation Plan, which will contribute to the State Water Plan. There was a White motion, seconded by Edmundson, to submit the proposed projects to the Roundtable. Board approved. Three meetings will be held in the County to get more public input for the State Water Plan.

Recharge Pond and Redwing Augmentation Facility – Garcia reported that the recharge pond has been cleaned out. Mud was found, underlain by clay, underlain by sand. The pond is scheduled to have water put into it in May. The Redwing facility surveying is done. Per the agreement, Christy Wyckoff will be informed about where the pits will be dug.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a White motion, seconded by King, to not oppose the newest water cases:
2014CW1 (99CW175, 07CW81) Emsden – application for finding of reasonable diligence, Suffolk Spring, 9gpm conditional, La Veta Acres Lot 10.
2014CW2 (99CW176, 07CW82) Emsden – application for finding of reasonable diligence, Kisco Spring, 11 gpm conditional, La Veta Acres Lot 9.

The Huerfano River Report was presented by David Diedrich. The Cucharas River report was presented by Doug Brgoch.

There was an Edmundson motion, seconded by White, to get Workers Comp insurance to cover Dunn at a cost of \$225 per year. Board approved.

Regarding the augmentation water leases, CO61 Water Association requested to be able to use water for horses and outdoor use for landscaping. Since the SWSP will need to be amended for this, Monson asked CO61 to provide square footage of landscaping and the number of horses. Each home gets a 150 gallon-per-day allotment.

Mace reported that the County is planning to put a water station in Gardner when the water system is installed. He is hopeful that this would eliminate the need for public water at Malachite Spring.

There was an Edmundson motion, seconded by White, to use Walsh Environmental Engineering for work on the 1041 permit. The cost will be about \$24,000. Board approved.

There was a Garcia motion, seconded by Edmundson, to sign the agreement worked out with Bud Adams on the William Craig Ranch. Board approved.

BILLS TO PAY:

There was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson, to pay the following bills. Board approved.

Reissue check #1621 \$439.56 Huerfano World Journal, legal ad
Ratify check #1648 \$915.17 Mackey Construction, parshall flume
Ratify check #1649 \$229.14 Johnny Garcia, steel
Balanced Mgmt Svcs, grant writing on CWCB grant - Redwing Augmentation Facility \$525.00
Felt, Monson & Culichia \$18,236.43
TZA Water Engineers \$15,607.90
Ortiz Tax Service \$55.00
Carol Dunn, contract, mileage, office supplies, meeting room \$1372.69
Pipeyard, brass gate valve, adapter & UPS \$164.06
JW Associates, Pre-fire Watershed Assessment contract \$9047.84
Huerfano County Treasurer, deposit to reserve Gardner Community Center \$150.00
Desiree Rosenberg, meeting room \$30
Total: \$46,772.79

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

None.

Break at 8:01. Reconvened at 8:15.

At 8:16 White moved, Edmundson seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters relating to the augmentation plan and SWSP, the public bidding process, the potential ditch users agreement, and 1041 permit process compliance, including the purchase, acquisition or lease of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); conferring with an attorney representing the District for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(b); 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 9:55 pm, King moved and Edmundson seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 9:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was an Edmundson motion, seconded by King, to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Kent Mace, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary