

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting January 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:04 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

ROLL CALL

Directors present:
Raymond Harriman
Kent Mace
Ray Ryan
Dawson Jordan

Secretary: Carol Dunn
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.
Guests: Mickey Schmidt, Brett
Corsentino, Bill Knowles

MINUTES

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Ryan, to approve the November 22 and December 12, 2010 Minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three certificates of deposits is \$62,884.66; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$8,890.84; for a grand total of \$71,775.50 in all accounts. Ryan moved and Jordan seconded to accept the January 24 Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

Jordan moved and Ryan seconded to approve the amended 2011 budget. Ryan moved and Jordan seconded to approve the revised budget resolutions.

CONSULTANT REPORT - None.

OLD BUSINESS

Brett Corsentino spoke about the Petroglyph water case. He said we are fighting "big people." Extension started sampling the Cucharas River water in 1999, but Corsentino didn't know about Petroglyph dumping produced waters into the River until 2005. Petroglyph and Two Rivers are no longer in negotiations regarding the Cucharas Reservoir.

It still hasn't been decided whether the produced water is tributary or non-tributary. Former La Veta Mayor Mickey Schmidt said Petroglyph could wear out objectors on little studies and issues if they are allowed to. He suggested HCWCD and other objectors (possibly municipalities and the County) force the issue of whether the produced waters are tributary or non-tributary, because the entire case will hinge on that determination. It is possible the objectors could challenge the movement of the brine water to Kansas, which would tie up Petroglyph for a while. Meanwhile, the tributary issue could be challenged. The protest by HCWCD on Case 10CW61 has been filed by Felt Monson Culichia.

NEW BUSINESS

Case 10CW70 – Cramer, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 15 gpm.

Case 10CW71 – Lyon, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 14 gpm.

Case 10CW72 – Snow, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 15 gpm.

Case 10CW73 – Wyland, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 15 gpm absolute.

Case 10CW74 – Eddleman, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 7 gpm.

Case 10CW76 – Dexter, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 12 gpm absolute.

Case 10CW77 – Sample, application for underground water right, Silver Spurs subdivision, 15 gpm absolute.

Case 10CW79 – Pueblo Board of Water Works, sexennial finding of reasonable diligence and to make a conditional water right absolute, Historic Arkansas River Project.

10CW82 – Colorado Water Conservation Board, application for water rights to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree – Huerfano River, Cucharas Creek, instream flow of 4.9 cfs May-June; 2.5 cfs July-August; 1.6 cfs August-September; 1.2 cfs September-April; and 3 cfs April-May.

Case 10CW75 – Stetler and Aiello, amended application for underground water rights, Silver Spurs subdivision, 15 gpm absolute.

Case 10CW78 – Manning, amended application for underground water rights, Silver Spurs subdivision, 6gpm absolute.

Case 10CW83 – White, application for underground water rights, Silver Spurs subdivision, 10 gpm absolute.

Case 10CW89 – Colorado Water Conservation Board, application for water rights to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree – Huerfano River, from Stanley Creek upstream 2.6 miles, instream flow of 5.75 cfs April-October & 2.75 cfs November-March.

Case 10CW90 – Colorado Water Conservation Board, application for water rights to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree – Huerfano River, from outlet of Lilly Lake to central branch of Huerfano Creek, instream flow of 4.1 cfs May-October & 2.75 cfs November-April.

Jordan moved, seconded by Mace, to take no action on all the above-listed cases.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – None.

BILLS TO PAY

Ryan moved, Jordan seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$1337.73:

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$115.00

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage & audio tapes – \$314.98

Felt Monson Culichia – \$907.75

OTHER

Next meeting will be February 28, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ryan moved and Jordan seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Raymond Harriman, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary