

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting November 19, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Juan "Johnny" Vallejos.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson.

Guests: Teresa Martini, Debby Blouin, Phil Cummings, Rebecca Cummings, John Sakun, Delmar Janovec, Caitlin Dunn; David Rinehart, Press.

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

MINUTES –

King moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the November 2, 2015 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Edmundson moved and Vallejos seconded to accept the November 19 Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS –

Edmundson reported that he reached an agreement with the Ranch lessee about overwintering the calves on the Ranch for \$8 per calf per month.

He also reported that the upper sand gate needs to be replaced. There was an Edmundson motion, seconded by King, to authorize up to \$1,000 to replace the irrigation sand gate on the Ranch.

The board gave Edmundson and the personnel committee the discretion of using Rick Dunn to supervise the repairs on the Ranch bunkhouse, work on other Ranch structures and help monitor work on construction of the augmentation pond. Edmundson said the neighbor to the Ranch, Stephen Wardell, would be a good choice to assist HCWCD with monitoring the dry up acreage and irrigation ditch labor.

The Phreatophyte Control Project grant application has been submitted by the Upper Huerfano Conservation District. HCWCD will be a participant in the grant as a fiscal agent.

The board discussed the allocation of augmentation water to marijuana-related businesses (MRBs). There was a motion by King, seconded by Edmundson, to set a limit of augmentation water at 10 acre feet for MRBs under the regional augmentation plan and interim annual substitute water supply plans. Board approved. King moved and Edmundson seconded to approve Resolution 2015-11-1, Resolution Adopting Rules and Regulations Limiting the Amount of Augmentation Water Available to a Single Type of Water Users. Board approved.

Debby Blouin was present to speak about her plan for augmentation, water court case 2015CW3048. There would be 2 acre-feet of depletions on Abeyta Creek. Edmundson moved and Vallejos seconded to not oppose Blouin's SWSP. Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

The Colorado Rural Water Association invited HCWCD to participate in a meeting to begin developing a source water protection plan for Spanish Peaks Village Tract II Water Association. The Board supports the effort but Dunn will communicate back to CRWA that HCWCD will not plan to attend the upcoming meeting.

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS—

King reported on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Meeting, announcing that Sandy White is now chair of the ABRT.

A short recess was called at 7:00 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:13 pm.

BILLS –

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Vallejos, to pay the following bills, total \$26,859.86 plus a \$22,000.00 transfer from the ColoTrust account. Board approved.

Dunn Write – Contract, mileage, office supplies, shipping, mtg snacks \$1,693.00
Felt, Monson & Culichia – Board mtg, SWSP, New aug applicants, Aug plan \$12,464.24
La Veta Carpentry (Rick Dunn) – Read wells and report to Faux, November – \$200.00
TZA Water Engineers – Aug Plan, needs analysis, Gerren pond research, Red Wing Facility, board meeting, SWSPs, New participants \$12,366.20
Century Link – November phone bill \$71.42
Career Building Academy – Rent for November \$65.00

At 7:16 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 7:54 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 7:54 pm.

Monson commented that there was a statement missing from the November 2 minutes which should be added. The November 2 minutes will be amended at the next board meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary