

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting and Budget Hearing December 11, 2015

The budget hearing of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Sandy White on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

White asked if anyone had any public comments on the 2016 budget. There were none. The budget hearing was closed at 6:04 pm.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by White at 6:06 pm. Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Juan "Johnny" Vallejos, Kent Mace.
Secretary: Carol Dunn
Guests: Delmar Janovec, Mary White, Rick Dunn, Max Vezzani, Gerald Cisneros; David Rinehart and Bill Knowles, Press.

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

MINUTES –

Edmundson moved and King seconded to approve the November 19, 2015 minutes as presented. Board approved.

Edmundson moved and Vallejos seconded to amend the November 2, 2015 minutes as follows: On page 2, paragraph 5, beginning with "Monson told," substitute: "Monson told the MRB representatives that he was concerned with the amount of infrastructure expenses he has heard are being made by the MRBs, ie. property purchases, building improvements, and drilling of deep wells, when there is not a permanent augmentation plan in place yet to provide for the replacement of their well depletions. They were informed that the current SWSPs are temporary. There is no guarantee that HCWCD will be able to obtain a decreed plan for augmentation and provide them with augmentation water in the future, although the district is continuing its efforts to get a decree in its water court case. Monson clarified to the MRBs that the permanent augmentation plan remains substantially contested by the State and Lucy Hibbard, a trial is possible, and the outcome is uncertain about obtaining a decree and the extent of the replacement water available to participants if a decree is obtained. Monson said the MRBs have to make their own business decisions and are proceeding at their own risk with expenditures before the final court decree and their ability to actually join the augmentation plan. The MRBs were also informed that the District is not the only option for obtaining augmentation water – they could proceed with their own augmentation plan through the purchase of water rights and water court action." Board approved the change.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

King moved and Mace seconded to accept the December 11 Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

King moved and Mace seconded to approve the following budget resolutions:

2015-12-1 Resolution to Adopt 2016 Budget

2015-12-2 Resolution to Set Mill Levies

2015-12-3 Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money

Board approved these resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS –

HCWCD has been given "Notice to Proceed" on its Cucharas Basin Collaborative Storage Study grant project. Andy Moore will be the go-to contact for this grant.

NEW BUSINESS –

None.

DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS—

None.

BILLS –

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Mace, to pay the following bills (total \$19,822.68), up to \$9,000 for 2015 director expenses for White, Mace and Vallejos, up to \$550 for the board dinner at La Plaza Inn, plus up to \$30,000.00 transfer to checking from the ColoTrust account to cover the disbursements. Board approved.

Al Garcia/Garcia Family Investment – Director expenses \$1,120.80

Dunn Write – Contract, mileage, banking deposit slips \$1,662.23

Felt, Monson & Culichia – Board mtg, New aug applicants, Aug plan \$10,022.65

La Veta Carpentry – Read wells and report to Faux, December \$200.00

Colo Division of Water Resources – Satellite water monitoring, both rivers \$2,400.00

Walsenburg Insurance – Bond for Juan Vallejos \$100.00

The Signature – Legal ad for 2016 budget \$65.00

World Journal – Legal ad for 2016 budget \$147.84

Century Link – December phone bill \$71.42

Career Building Academy – Rent for December \$65.00

Scott King – Director expenses, 2015 \$2,310.90

Lewis (Beaver) Edmundson – Director expenses, 2015 \$1,656.84

There being no further business, King moved and Edmundson seconded adjourning the meeting. Board approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary