

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting March 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace by telephone on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:07 pm.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace (by phone), Al Garcia.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.; Attorney: Steve Monson;

Engineer: Tom Dea

Guests: Ray Garcia, Kent Hay, Gilbert Cisneros; Jessica Andreatta (press) and David Rinehart (press).

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

There was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson, to approve Resolution 2014-03-1, attached to the record copy of these minutes, which establishes two committees: 1. Property, Personnel & Permits and, 2. Contracts, Finance & Invoices. Board approved. White moved and King seconded to set membership on the Property, Personnel & Permits Committee as Edmundson chair and Garcia member. Board approved. White moved and King seconded to set membership on the Contracts, Finance & Invoices committee as King chair and White member. Board approved.

Director Al Garcia offered to oversee the construction of the augmentation storage structure, similar to an "owner's rep" to manage things closely. Garcia would be local representation. TZA will provide the design and Garcia will coordinate on the ground to get the work done. White moved and King seconded to have Garcia serve as owner's rep until the April 28 Board meeting. Board approved.

There was discussion about whether the sub-contractors need Workers Comp insurance. The Board agreed that sub-contractors will need to furnish worker's comp and insurance certificates in order to perform work for HCWCD.

It was agreed that work should commence on the recharge pond immediately.

White addressed the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan input forms. Having a project listed in the plan might fast-track the permit for a project or facilitate state funding for a project. Two projects have been written up for submittal: Cucharas Basin Regional Augmentation Plan and Cucharas Watershed Pre-fire Assessment Project. White and Dunn will be meeting with Water Commissioner Doug Brgoch to discuss other potential projects to submit. There is a July deadline to submit Input Request Forms to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.

Garcia moved, White seconded and Board approved amending the strategic plan to add:
Promote water conservation with programs which benefit the community and ag;
Crop rotation and renewal program;
Improve water delivery systems;

Municipal and recreation conservation programs.
One objective will be added: Foster water conservation with the cities and ag.

HCWCD received a request from the Colorado Natural Heritage Program that asked for a letter of support in their application to EPA to conduct a Wetland Survey through CSU. They would be doing a wetlands survey of riparian areas along the Cucharas River, which will also identify threatened and endangered species. Per Monson, this information will probably be public record if public (EPA) funds are being used. There was no motion regarding this request.

At 7:00 pm White took over conducting the meeting due to problems with Mace's telephone connection.

Engineering work: Dea covered the estimated hours and tasks the engineers have determined will be necessary on the Ranch facilities, the 2014 SWSP, the Redwing Augmentation Facility, removing the weir on the old augmentation station and irrigation well analysis and rehab. TZA also provided a timeline for completion of these activities.

Signed augmentation water leases have been received from Huerfano County and Gardner Water & Sanitation. There was a motion by King, seconded by Edmundson to authorize the execution of the leases. Board approved.

At 7:18 pm, King moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved going into executive session to discuss matters relating to 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); determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations and developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e).

There was a King motion, seconded by Edmundson, to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Meeting was called back to order at 9:24 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was an Edmundson motion, seconded by King, to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Michael D. White, Vice-president

Carol Dunn, Secretary