

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting March 30, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:03 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg.

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

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

Guests: Delmar Janovec, Gail Terry, Lennie and Raymond Pfaffenhauser; Doug Brgoch, Water Commissioner; Ray Garcia, Gerald Cisneros and Max Vezzani, County Commissioners; Jim Eccher, Walsenburg Mayor; David Rinehart, Press.

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

MINUTES – King moved and Garcia seconded to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes as submitted. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – King moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the March Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Garcia reported that the Red Wing Augmentation Facility project is on hold. The District is looking at moving the facility to Sheep Mountain Ranch. At the Ranch, the splitter box and sand gate have been installed. Edmundson reported that the ditch and diversion are ready for water. The lessee, Corsair, would like to build a fence in order to pasture the fields and give his cows access to water. There was a motion by Garcia, seconded by Edmundson, to pay up to \$1000 for the materials so Corsair can build a fence. Board approved.

The proposal to have the bookkeeping done by an outside firm was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS – Brgoch reported that the call on the Huerfano River is #7, which is William Craig. On the Cucharas, the City of Walsenburg main diversions are all full. Some water is being taken into Maria Lake. There may be a surplus in the Cucharas River until irrigation ditches turn on. The Welton Ditch owners reinitiated their call. The Sonic Bloom 4-day event has requested 60,000 gallons on a one-time basis, and that has been approved to be hauled from City of Walsenburg.

Monson reported he is working on the water decree for the HCWCD water case. He is also working on the retain-jurisdiction period and timing of lagged well depletions – both in responses to the State.

Proposed Ranch improvements – Garcia suggested taking excess water from the Ranch, putting it through the Jose Maria ditch and irrigating on the south side. This use needs to be added to the SWSP.

There has been an amendment to the augmentation lease for Gardner Public Improvement District, adding 2 acre-feet of water for 2015. The additional cost will be \$8,000 plus a \$900 administrative fee. The County Commissioners will approve the amendment at their next meeting.

Copies of the printed final report on the Cucharas Basin Pre-fire Watershed Assessment have been delivered to the sponsor agencies and both libraries.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – White reported on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable (ABRT) state summit meeting, where the draft State Water Plan was discussed. White is on the Roundtable executive committee. White is considering putting together a Huerfano County storage collaborative to do a storage study for both rivers in the County. Brgoch commented that most water storage structures in this area are about 100 years old. The needs list from the ABRT Basin Implementation Plan was handed out to the board members and has been forwarded to Brgoch and Mayor Eccher.

Website – There was an Edmundson motion, seconded by King to have Jeff Byland at Huerfano County take HCWCD information and link it into the County website at a cost of approximately \$350 for setup and \$15 per month for management. Board approved.

Faux reported his engineering firm is working on a second SWSP request for 2015 to include four marijuana producers. The plan is to submit to the State later this week.

BILLS -

There was a motion by King, seconded by Mace, to pay the following bills, total \$77,786.90, including a transfer to the ColoTrust account. Board approved.

Huerfano County Sheriff's Office – service of TRO \$49.56

Ludvik Propane Gas – propane for Ranch house \$1330.70

Sporleder Feeds – Pipes for recharge pond \$209.95

Walsenburg Lumber – Foam, landscape fabric for recharge pond \$33.87

Carol Dunn – Contract, mileage, meeting expense, postage, ink \$1,359.15

Felt, Monson & Culichia – Legal \$8570.15

JW Associates – Final invoice for Cucharas watershed assessment \$2310.00

JW Associates – Copies of watershed assessment report \$1181.09

C BAR C Construction – Sand gate for William Craig ditch on Ranch \$3599.05

Rick Dunn/La Veta Carpentry – Water analyst contract \$113.38

Desiree Rosenberg – Library meeting room \$30.00

ColoTrust – transfer to savings account \$59,000.00

Break at 7:14 pm, and reconvened at 7:24 pm.

At 7:24 pm Edmundson moved, King seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation, SWSP and including the purchase, acquisition or lease 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 as in 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 8:41 pm, King moved and Garcia seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:41 pm.

There being no further business, Edmundson moved and Garcia seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Sandy White, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary