

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting February 17, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King at the Walsenburg Housing Authority activities room, 220 Russell Ave., Walsenburg, CO on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 6:01 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Duane Helton, Jim Berg, Rick Dunn.

On a White/Brown motion, the meeting agenda was approved.

MINUTES – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Board approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – The January 2020 financial reports were reviewed. Dunn explained the outstanding receivables, which total \$78,696.02. Dunn reviewed the cash flow report and the status of grants and the loan. White moved and Mace seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Regarding the Southway Corp augmentation water application, Monson reported the judge did sign off on the motion to have the entire Southway operation added as an additional participating diversion. The legal notice is to be published in the World Journal on February 20.

NEW BUSINESS – There were no new water court cases.

SMAF Phase 3 – Rick Dunn reported on the final inspection held on February 12 with John Allis, Kent Mace and Mike Morgan. Mace said the location for the final fence was decided. The topsoil pile has about 13,000 cubic yards of material. Grass from the seeding has sprouted. The silt fence will need to be removed. The dirt/brush pile needs to be spread out. The extra pipe left onsite has been claimed by Sheep Mountain Ranch manager Grady Grissom.

Water Commissioner Brgoch reported the Cucharas River call is the Holita Reservoir. The Huerfano River call is 29-33. The Orlando is still working on their flume, so the water is filling the winter call on the Arkansas River.

Regarding the Infrastructure/Futile Call grant project, the groundwater monitoring well on Rebecca Bowland's property is pending. Mace is working on getting permission, and she was open to helping out. The timing is short because of thaw conditions.

Brgoch reported that the streambed work on Middle Creek is finished and included significant adds, including cleaning the creek and adding gabions and weirs. La Veta will be sending a bill for \$4,500 for HCWCD's portion of the project match.

Some of the flood warning gage sensors were removed for winter and will probably be remounted around May 1.

BILLS – White moved, Edmundson seconded, and board approved a ColoTrust transfer of \$70,000 to checking and paying the following bills, which total \$124,007.98:

Applegate Group: Collaborative Storage Phase 3, December –	\$7,667.50
Applegate Group: Collaborative Storage Phase 4, December –	\$5,245.00
Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative: CDPHE fire response project	\$79,500.00
Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shoet –	\$27,030.15
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, meetings, supplies	\$1,725.22
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst –	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: website maintenance –	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF inspections	\$300.00
Lamp Rynearson: water acctg, mapping for storage collab. case, Southway aug app –	\$1,615.00
Pinnacol Assurance: Workers comp premium –	\$225.00
Rocky Mtn LP Gas: rent for propane tank at district Ranch	\$104.90
Century Link, February phone bill (autopay 2/29) –	\$60.21
Spanish Peaks Library, February rent –	\$65.00

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At 7:24 there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the SMAF, sale of HCWCD's Ranch, and Cucharas Collaborative exchange case 17CW3075, 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 8:34 pm, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:34 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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Scott King, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary