

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting September 24, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was convened at the Walsenburg Housing Authority, 220 Russell Ave, Walsenburg, CO by President Scott King on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson.

Guests: Rick Dunn, Mike Bronoski, Joel Norton, Kent Hay, Lenna Rauber, Doug Brgoch, Delmar Janovec, John Sakun, Sam Perry, Monty Morgan, Dennis Hoyt, Larry Michaels, Steve Werner, Jeanne Hoyt, Duane Helton, John C. Davis, Jim Littlefield.

The agenda was approved on a White/Edmundson motion.

MINUTES – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the August 27, 2018 minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER REPORT – Dunn explained there is a correction to the Profit & Loss statement. "Clerical Collab Geotech Investi" should be \$140.00 for August and \$966.25 year to date; a new account "Collab Geotech Investigation" should be \$8,357.50 for August and \$10,135.58 year to date. White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as corrected. Board approved.

Grant and Loan information report – White suggested Dunn should start writing the grant application to build sediment control structures.

There was a White motion, seconded by Mace, to accept the draft budget presented by CDunn. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Board discussed the revised Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility Phase 2 bid from Paul Morgan Construction. There was a White motion, seconded by Mace, to proceed with the project per the revised bid. Board approved.

Joel Norton, Steve Werner and Mike Bronoski represented Paradise Acres Homeowners' Association to explain the the well has tested positive for fecal coliforms, and the HOA is continuing to test to see if the water quality will clear up. The pond has a lot of silt and debris, but evaporation still needs to be augmented. The HCWCD board will wait until the October 22 meeting to make a decision about whether PAHA needs to pay for the first annual lease payment on an augmentation certificate by November 1 or a year-to-year renewable lease.

NEW BUSINESS – Water Commissioner Doug Brgoch reported that a meeting will be held 10/3/18 in La Veta to inform the public about the potential for flooding since the Spring Creek fire left the soil on the burn scar hydrophobic. La Veta will be applying for grant money to restore the Cucharas River channel through town to handle the annual flood events. WC Lenna Rauber reported the call is #12 on the Huerfano River, putting HCWCD's #7 in priority.

Rick Dunn reported the signs to monument the dry-up acreage at the Ranch have been placed. NRCS has surveyed the Huerfano River channel at the Ranch.

King reported that the Southwest Water Storage Initiative (SWSI) report to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable indicates Colorado's population is not expected to be as high by 2050 as was originally projected. A task force is looking for ways to finance SWSI.

GUEST COMMENTS: Delmar Janovec, NuGro Industries and John Sakun, SCG, both had questions about the lease purchase option for augmentation water.

King called for a break at 7:45 pm and the meeting reconvened at 8:01 pm.

BILLS: White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved paying the following bills, which total \$58,187.05 and transfer \$56,000 from ColoTrust. Board approved.

Payable to	Amount	For
Mountain States Financial	120.00	Bookkeeping, September
Monson, Cummins & Shohet	10,466.78	Bd mtg, Sheep Mtn, aug plan, exchg storage, Perrino case
Dixon, Waller & Co	3,175.00	Audit of 2017 HCWCD financials
Dunn Write	1,750.90	Contract, mileage, postage, anti-virus software subscription
Dunn Write	332.50	BIP Coordinator grant admin, 8/27/18 – 9/23/18
Dunn Write	210.00	Infrastructure improvements grant admin, 8/27/18 – 9/23/18
Butte Valley Construction	1,000.00	Dig soil test holes at Sheep Mtn Aug Facility site
Dunn Write	660.00	Collaborative Geotechnical Investigat'n grant adm, 8/27/18 – 9/23/18
La Veta Carpentry	402.50	Water analyst contract, September & build/place dry up signs @Ranch
La Veta Carpentry	150.00	HCWCD Web site maintenance, September
TZA Water Engineers	2,148.03	Water acctg; Perrino case; straightline diagram of ditch priorities
total \$8,227.74	6,079.71	SMAF phase 2
CenturyLink	60.00	Phone service, September
HRS Water Consultants	4,015.32	Infrastructure improvements grant project, August 2018
Applegate Group	21,984.05	Collab Storage Geotechnical Investigation grant project
Garald Barber	5,495.98	BIP Coordinator invoice for August 2018
World Journal Newspaper	71.28	Legal notices: setting rates & fees; bid award spec mtg; board vacancy
Spanish Peaks Library	65.00	Rent, September
Total	\$58,187.05	
Available in checkbook	3,023.73	
diff.	-55,163.32	
Suggest transfer frm ColoTrust	56,000.00	
Leaves a checkbook balance	836.68	

At 8:19 pm, there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving ongoing Perrino case and Cucharas River exchange litigation and augmentation plan, 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 9:35 pm, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:35 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary