

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting June 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 6:09 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Guests: Steve Werner, Rick Maisie, David Diedrich, Doug Brgoch, Pete Kasper, Bill Richie, Jay Winner, George Downs, Gail Terry, Steve Witte, Representative Edward Vigil, Juan Trujillo, and David Rinehart, press.

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

MINUTES

There was a motion by White, seconded by King, to approve the May 13, 2013 Minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of both CDs is \$44,511.38; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$169,756.95; total in the Enterprise checking account is \$1,535.29; for a grand total of \$215,903.62 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the June Treasurer's Report as presented. Board approved.

There was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson to allow Scott King to work with Carol Dunn to determine the cost to join ColoTrust, decide whether to apply for membership, and determine whether or not to cash in the CD before it renews. Board approved.

The feasibility study grant of \$5,000 has been approved. This is a reimbursement-type grant.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by White, to get personalized blankets as gifts for past board members Harriman, Jerant and Ryan, rather than plaques. Board approved.

Monson advised that Two Rivers Water has withdrawn its Robert Rice Ditch water court application without providing for assessment of attorney fees.

The Board reviewed the maps of possible augmentation storage sites. Zorich said it would be ideal to have the pond in place by April 1 so it could be used by the District in 2014.

The board reviewed the de-Brucing election timeline.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich advised that the Board does not need to oppose water case 2013CW3006. This is an application to make absolute the storage in Echo Canyon Pond #1. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Edmundson, to take no action on this case. Board approved. Brgoch reported that the conditional right will be continued.

Zorich reported that the District has all accounting through May up to date and ready submit to the State. Consumptive use water = April 4.5 acre-feet; May 3.87ac-ft; June 3.974ac-ft. Zorich reiterated that the District needs a reservoir.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Board members reported on their PERT assignments.

King reminded the board that, if things fall through on funding, USDA does have funding as a fall-back.

Mace reported on the Arkansas Valley Roundtable meeting. The draft of the Colorado Water Plan is due to the Governor by December 2014.

Jay Winner, Arkansas Valley Roundtable, recommended applying for a \$200,000 grant in combination with a \$2-million loan from Colorado Water Conservation Board, pending passage of the District's de-Brucing question in the November election.

Steve Witte told the Board there are SWSPs on the Cucharas that WILL fail in 2013 and there are 15 times as many water augmentation plans required in the Cucharas basin as in the Huerfano.

There was a break from 7:50 to 8:00 pm.

BILLS TO PAY

Jordan moved, White seconded and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$9,851.06:

Spanish Peaks Library - meeting room \$30.00
Carol Dunn - clerical, mileage, blankets, postage \$853.48
Felt, Monson & Culichia \$6,564.58
TZA Water Engineers \$661.50
Ortiz Tax Service \$150.00
Ted M. Zorich, Jr \$1,591.50

OTHER

The next regular meeting will be July 22, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg. A special meeting with workshop was set for July 8 at 6:00 pm at the same location.

Jordan moved, Edmundson seconded, and board approved going into executive session to discuss 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); 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).

There was a King motion, seconded by White to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Regular session was called back to order at 9:41 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jordan moved and Edmundson seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Kent Mace, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary