

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting August 26, 2013

### CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by Vice-president Dawson Jordan on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 6:11 pm.

### ROLL CALL

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Guests: Steve Monson, attorney; Ray Garcia, David Diedrich, Vivian Price, David Rinehart, press.

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

### MINUTES

On the last page EDAW was changed to ERO. There was a motion by White, seconded by King, to approve the July 22, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. Board approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The total CD is \$20,659.28; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$64,604.13; total in the Enterprise checking account is \$1,533.49; total in ColoTrust is \$96,015.09; for a grand total of \$182,811.99 in all accounts. White moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the August Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

Working budget – the Board would like an updated version of this report each month. White and King will review invoices over \$5,000 before they are presented at board meetings.

Election: The Board reviewed language for the November ballot questions on the de-Bruce question and the extension of indebtedness from 15 to 30 years. There was a White/Edmundson motion to approve the ballot language for the de-Bruce question. Board approved.

There was a White/Edmundson motion to hold a special meeting by conference call at 9 am on Thursday, August 29 to finalize the ballot language on the indebtedness question. Board approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jordan reported on the tour on August 20 of the Camp Ranch and the Wycoff property with the attorneys and engineers. The diversion structure will need to be cleaned and reworked. The group walked the entire irrigated area. The well has not been used for several years, and there is no power to the pump. There is a pond near the well that may be of use. A survey needs to be done on the Wycoff property. The pond will be no deeper than ten feet.

Water storage update – Monson reported that the storage pond contract will probably be signed and ready in time for the loan application.

### NEW BUSINESS

Case 2013CW27 (98CW87, 06CW58) – T. Keith Wiggins, application for finding of reasonable diligence: Wiggins Spring #1, .75 gpm. There was a White/Edmundson motion to take no action on this case. Board approved.

Case 2013CW3024 (2004CW131) – Growing Roots LLC, application for finding of reasonable diligence: Fuchs Pond #15 and Fuchs Springs #14-1 thru 14-8. There was a White/Edmundson motion to not oppose this case. Board approved.

There was a White/King motion to have Mace schedule another tour, coordinating with board members' calendars. Board approved.

White moved, and Edmundson seconded, to authorize payment to Dotter Abstract in the amount of \$4,305.00. Board approved.

ARB/CWCB grant application – as soon as the District has de-Bruced, it could accept these grants. They could be in the range of \$200,000-\$250,000. The application is due to the Arkansas Valley Roundtable committee by December 1, and funding would come in the spring of 2014. There was a White/Edmundson motion for the finance committee take the lead on the application. The committee is authorized to spend \$25/hour for Dunn & \$50/hour for Elisse Bergstrom to assemble and edit the application. Bergstrom was strongly recommended by Jay Winner. The committee spending limit is \$1500. Board approved.

White recommended applying for another grant for pre-fire assessment in the upper Cucharas basin. White moved, and Edmundson seconded, to authorize White to attend a meeting on August 28 as preparation for working on the pre-fire assessment grant, involving as many other water-related entities as possible. Board approved.

### CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich reported he is now showing excess credits in spring and summer on the stream diversions and consumptive use report. Diedrich contacted Zorich about the Orlando Martinez culvert which is leaking water down the ditch. Jordan said he would do the necessary work. The District can shut down the current augmentation station at the end of this year's irrigation season.

The Board would like more detailed invoices from TZA and asked Dunn to let Tom Dea know. There was a White/King motion to approve the \$101 hourly rate for Zorich work that is billed through TZA. Board approved.

### DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Huerfano River report – Diedrich reported there has been rain and that dams are washing out. Ray Garcia reported that most of the rains have been lower on the river. Garcia gave some information on the Jose Maria Ditch.

Doug Brgoch was not able to attend the meeting to report on the Cucharas River.

White reported on the Ark Valley Roundtable meeting. The primary topic was the State Water Plan. The next Roundtable meeting is September 11.

### BILLS TO PAY

White reported that the two large invoices are not out of line. White moved, Edmundson seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$54,751.12:

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage, PO box rental, paper – \$846.49  
Main Street Office Supply, file storage boxes – \$14.95  
Illustrated Apparel, blanket embroidery – \$30.00  
Dotter Abstract, Camp property abstract – \$4,305.00  
TZA Water Engineers – \$25,548.32  
Felt, Monson & Culichia – \$23,986.36  
Desiree Rosenberg, Library meeting room – \$20.00

#### OTHER

A special teleconference meeting is set for August 29 at 9 am, based at Spanish Peaks library. The next regular meeting will be September 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg.

At 8:15 pm, White 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 White/King motion, to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Called back to order at 9:00 pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was a King/Edmundson motion to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Dawson Jordan, Vice-president

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Carol Dunn, Secretary