

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting June 27, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Sandy White on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Huerfano County ambulance building.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Gerald Van Nort, Keith Bouchard, Scott Hunt, Delmar Janovec, Lynn Barnes; Bill Knowles and David Rinehart, Press.

"Update on supplemental water leases" was added under old business on the agenda. MINUTES – King moved and Vallejos seconded to approve the May 23 and May 31, 2016 minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – King moved and Mace seconded to accept the financial reports. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Edmundson reported the alfalfa on the dryup acreage has been sprayed. Half of the cows have been moved to summer pasture.

Test pits are done on Sheep Mountain Ranch; pipes are set in and ready to read. They are 20-24 feet deep. According to Vallejos, they are dry at this time.

LEASES – Marijuana grower leases have been received from SCG (Sakun), Pop's Farm (Cummings) and Category One Botanicals (NuGro/Janovec). Bouchard had questions for the board but is ready to submit his lease and payment. HCWCD has not heard from Scott Clark. Board instructed Dunn to give both Bouchard and Clark one week to submit leases and payments.

There was a Mace motion, seconded by King, to have Dunn execute a lease with the Spanish Peaks library board to rent the office space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library. Board approved.

Supplemental water for lease – The first two choices for lessees will not work, and John Faux with TZA Water Engineers has been unable to contact the third and fourth choices (Jared Valdes and Roger Cain). Scott Hunt, who was present at the meeting, is next in line. Hunt (on Upper Huerfano ditch) would like to store the supplemental water in a lined pond. He is discussing this with Water Commissioner Lenna Rauber. There was a motion by Mace, seconded by Edmundson, to authorize White, in consultation with Monson, to develop a lease with Hunt to take whatever supplemental water is available when it's available. Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS – Brgoch reported that the Cucharas River is at about 55 cfs, and the Huerfano River has fallen dramatically (to about 50 cfs) in the past week. There was discussion about Two Rivers Water & Farming plans to breach the Cuchara #5 dam and cut a ditch through the approximately 100 foot-deep sediment bed, which would allow the ditch to carry 150 cfs.

Arkansas Basin Roundtable BIP Coordinator grant administration – This was previously handled by Jay Winner, who is resigning some of his Roundtable duties. There was a

King motion, seconded by Mace, for HCWCD to be the fiscal agent for this grant and authorizing White to sign the grant application and submit it. Board approved. Edmundson moved and King seconded to order 30 copies of the final report "Upper Cucharas River Watershed Identification and Analysis of Post-Wildfire Sediment Basins." Board approved. Edmundson moved and Mace seconded to authorize White to sign the report of partial completion of Nationwide Permit (#3) for the Army Corps of Engineers. Board approved.

DIRECTOR COMMITTEE REPORTS— White reported that Jay Winner, GM of Lower Ark Water Conservancy District, has decided to resign from a few responsibilities under the Arkansas Basin Roundtable: IBCC, fiscal agent for the BIP coordinator grant, and needs assessment committee.

Mace moved and Edmundson seconded to nominate White for SDA Board member of the year for 2016. The nomination will be developed in December. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – None.

White called a recess at 7:05 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:18 pm.

BILLS – There was a motion by King, seconded by Edmundson, to pay the following bills, total \$71,445.18 and transfer up to \$12,500 from the ColoTrust account to checking. Board approved.

Mountain States Financial Group – June bookkeeping \$120.00

Dunn Write – Contract, mileage \$1,627.03

Dunn Write – Cucharas Storage Collaborative admin work/grant match \$45.00

The Signature Newspaper – Legal ads for supplemental water \$62.48

Monson, Cummins & Shoheit – SWSP, board mtg, Aug plan, new applicants \$17,374.46

La Veta Carpentry – Read wells and report to Faux, 2 trips, June \$200.00

TZA Water Engineers – Aug plan, needs analysis, board meeting, Sheep Mtn. reservoir site, SWSP, new aug applicants \$28,591.44

JW Associates – Upper Cucharas sediment basin identification project \$7,483.64

JW Associates – Printing 30 copies of sediment basin ID project final report \$1,287.00

Parsons Water – Collaborative storage study demand supply analysis, infrastructure assessment, storage study, cost estimates \$9,368.18

Century Link – June phone bill \$30.95

Butte Valley Construction – Sheep Mtn. Ranch test pits \$3,175.00

Huerfano Weed Control – Spraying alfalfa on Ranch dry-up acreage \$2,080.00

At 7:21 pm King moved, Mace seconded and Board approved going into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation and SWSP, 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 7:52 pm, King moved and Mace seconded closing the executive session and returning to regular session. Board approved. The meeting was called back to regular session at 7:52 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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Sandy White, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary