

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting June 26, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Ryan Farr

Guests: Keith Bouchard, Rick Dunn, Caitlin Dunn, Jim Eccher, Doug Brgoch, Lenna Rauber, Delmar Janovec, Gail Terry, Scott Hunt; David Rinehart (press).

White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved the agenda.

Minutes – Vallejos moved, White seconded and board approved the May 22, 2017 minutes.

Treasurer's Report – White moved, Mace seconded and board approved the treasurer's report.

New Business – River reports: Broch and Rauber reported the rivers are still running high and satisfying the 1949 call on the Arkansas. The flows are about 20 cfs at Badito, 115± at Cucharas station, and 50 at Harrison Bridge. Wolf Springs Ranch is just about finished taking diversion of transmountain water (feeds the stream at Sand Dunes National Monument).

White moved, Mace seconded, and board approved the additional engineering expense of \$3,400 for TZA Water Engineers to design a fish passage at the diversion for directing water to the Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility – a federal requirement.

Rick Dunn represented the SMAF Plans for Phase 1 construction, grubbing and removing overburden so the County can begin gravel operations. The bid documents and plans were approved on a White/Mace motion. Brgoch recommended Colorado Lining when we are ready for that phase.

Vallejos suggested no expensive repairs be made at this time to the Wm Craig diversion structure.

Rick Dunn (La Veta Carpentry) also reported on the details of getting a website developed and online for HCWCD. The expenses would be: \$1,750 to develop website, gather required documents and post; \$200 per month for website hosting, templates, domain name fees and cloud storage; and a monthly maintenance fee of up to \$150. Rick Dunn was authorized to develop and maintain the HCWCD website at the expenses listed on a Mace/White motion. Board approved.

White reported grant proposal to fund the Arkansas Basin Implementation Program Coordinator, Gary Barber for a third year. The CWCB would act on the grant proposal in September. The funding for Carol Dunn to continue the grant administration will remain at \$3,600 annually. White moved, Vallejos seconded, and board authorized the submission of the grant application with HCWCD as fiscal agent.

White presented the final report from the Cucharas Basin Storage Collaborative Study (CBSCS) to board members, asking them to review it within the next two weeks and notify Carol Dunn if there are any issues. If not, the final check will be mailed to ParsonsWater. He also reported the Ark Basin Roundtable is moving into a new grant cycle, with \$20 million to be divided among grants, and we may apply for funding to do a follow up geologic study of the five CBSCS sites to determine feasibility.

Director Comments – Mace commended the board and the other participants on the CBSCS, which has come up with five potential reservoir locations for additional storage in the basin.

Guest Comments – Bouchard expressed concern about the State's issues with his well being non-tributary to the Huerfano River. Hunt expressed interest in purchasing augmentation water from the District. He has not signed a 2017 lease yet or asked to have his water use for industrial hemp added as a participating diversion in the regional augmentation plan.

King called a recess at 7:18 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 7:33 pm.

Executive Session – At 7:33 pm there was a motion by White, seconded by Mace, and approved by the board to go 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 7:58 pm, White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to open session at 7:58 pm.

Bills – White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved transferring \$69,000 from ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$87,433.91:

Mountain States Financial group, June bookkeeping – \$120.00

Monson, Cummins & Shohet, Bd mtg, Sheep Mtn, Perrino case, Exch storage, 2Rivers – \$8,828.84

Monson, Cummins & Shohet, Work for 5 growers – \$6,338.71

Dunn Write, contract, mileage, paper, meeting expenses – \$1,691.73

ParsonsWater Consulting, Collaborative Storage study, Final – \$28,243.00 (\$1,530.43 grant funds remain)

Dunn Write, Cucharas Storage Collaborative grant admin, 5/21/17- 6/26/17 – \$841.76

Dunn Write, PRWCD grant fiscal agent, 5/8/17 – 6/15/17 – \$525.00

Dunn Write, Infrastructure Improvements grant admin, 4/24/17 – 6/25/17 – \$87.50

Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin & 3 yr review, 5/22/17 – 6/14/17 -- \$1,172.50

TZA Water Engineers, Water acctg, adding SMAF, SWD permit app, Bd mtg, 16CW3074 – \$8,914.50

TZA Water Engineers, Inclusions of growers in Reg Aug Plan -- \$2,500.00

TZA Water Engineers, Sheep Mountain pond (\$5380 remains in budget of \$58,300) – \$16,324.00

La Veta Carpentry, Water analyst contract, June – \$200.00

Century Link, phone service, June – \$54.73

Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator invoice for May 2017 (grant pmt pending) – \$2,866.60

Royal Electric Services, Troubleshoot power outage at Ranch -- \$240.00

The Signature, Legal ads for 3 notices of inclusion (NuGro, Sakun, Acme) -- \$149.60

Huerfano World Journal, Legal ad for Notice of Inclusion, Cummings – \$67.32

HRS Water Consultants, Engineering on Infrastructure improvements grant project -- \$8,203.12

Spanish Peaks Library, June rent – \$65.00

White moved and Vallejos seconded to arrange for an appraisal of value for the District's Ranch in conjunction with listing it for sale. Board approved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Scott King
President

Carol Dunn
Secretary