

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting January 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by Vice-President Sandy White on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:06 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg, CO.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: Lewis “Beaver” Edmundson, Michael “Sandy” White, Scott King. Secretary: Carol Dunn; Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.; Attorney: Steven T. Monson. Guests: Kent Hay, Steve Werner, Vivian Price, Bud Adams, Stephen Wardell, Carolyn Wardell, Ray Garcia; David Rinehart, Press.

King moved and Edmundson seconded to forward the one application received for board member to Judge Appel. Board approved.

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

MINUTES

There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by King, to approve the December 2 and December 13, 2013 and January 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Edmundson moved and King seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. Board approved. The budget report was reviewed.

The Board assigned Dunn the job of preparing pro-forma projections of income and expenses by month. TZA and FMC will be asked to provide estimates.

OLD BUSINESS

The Pre-fire Watershed Assessment Grant has been approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. A purchase order is pending for \$45,000. The contract with the consultant, JW Associates, has been signed. Brad Piehl will be at the February meeting, and a stakeholder meeting will be held Feb. 25, 2014 at a time and place to be announced. Letters will be written to the co-sponsors and signed at the next meeting requesting their \$5,000 contributions to the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Bud Adams spoke with the board about the part he has played in running Camp Ranch. Edmundson reported on the ranch equipment that is for sale. This was not included in the purchase price.

Dunn was asked to write a letter to the State Engineer, similar to the letter written in October 2012, regarding the SWEPI Petition for Nontributary Determination. The letter will request that the State use its “substantial engineering resources and capabilities to protect the health and natural resource interests in this area.” Mace will sign the letter.

Zorich reported that the SWSP needs a recharge pond and augmentation station on the William Craig Ranch to meet depletions that accrue after irrigation water stops going through the augmentation station – post irrigation season depletions. Solid numbers on the cost for construction will be needed from TZA Consulting Engineers.

There was a King motion, seconded by Edmundson to approve the District Administrator job description after adding “pro-forma monthly income & expense statement.” Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich reported that ditch work was performed on the William Craig Ranch, which HCWCD has under contract to purchase. The Wardells were on hand to explain the ditch work, which is a diversion ditch that crosses the Ranch. They will need to do future ditch work to the south. They were asked to contact Beaver Edmundson before doing any future work.

Zorich also reported that the Martinez Ditch has been put into a pipeline and buried, but not very deep. There is no sandout for the pipe, and there is the potential for erosion. It was the group’s opinion that there needs to be a right-of-way drawn up regarding the pipeline.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Huerfano County has requested an additional ½-acre-foot of augmentation water and three additional extraction points. Edmundson moved and King seconded to provide an additional ½ acre-foot of aug water specifically to the County per its request. Board approved.

There was a break at 7:30 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:54 pm.

BILLS TO PAY

Edmundson moved, King seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$51,755.98:

Huerfano World Journal, legal ads - \$ 39.60

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage, postage, paper - \$799.26

The Signature, legal ad - \$258.72

IOA Northeast/Walsenburg Insurance, bond for White - \$100.00

Glatfelter Public Practice, Liability insurance policy - \$1,500.00

ERO Resources Corp., Camp Ranch Phase 1 Environmental Study - \$4,200.00

Wachob & Wachob, Camp Ranch boundary survey - \$4,850.00

Felt, Monson & Culichia, legal expenses - \$30,858.87

TZA Water Engineers - \$7,719.53

SWEPI, LLC, water lease on Martin Ditch (7 ac-ft) - \$1,400.00

Desiree Rosenberg, meeting room - \$30.00

Edmundson moved & King seconded to make Scott King a signer on the bank accounts with Resolution 2014-01-3. Board approved.

OTHER

At 8:12 pm, Edmundson moved, King seconded and board approved going into executive session to discuss matters relating to Camp Ranch including: 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); 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); and personnel matters as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(f).

There was a King motion, seconded by Edmundson, to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Meeting was called back to order at 9:46 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was an Edmundson motion, seconded by King, to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Sandy White, Vice-president

Carol Dunn, Secretary