

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting November 25, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King at Walsenburg Housing Authority on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:14 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Rick Dunn; John Galusha, Huerfano County Administrator.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

The 2020 augmentation water leases for Huerfano County Road & Bridge (3 ac-ft) and Gardner Public Improvement District (5 ac-ft) were approved by the board on a White/Mace motion. John Galusha said the plan is to start a lease-purchase contract for the augmentation water in 2021.

TREASURER REPORT – There was a correction to the financial reports: check number 2680 for \$46.20 should be under advertising, not legal. White moved and Mace seconded to approve the Treasurer's reports with the correction. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Regarding the Southway Corporation augmentation water application, Monson reported that a motion will be filed with the Court to amend the Huerfano Regional Augmentation Plan area so the place of use can be expanded. The Court retains jurisdiction for location. Edmundson noted that he owns the land at the project site and will not vote on anything pertaining to the Southway application. Brown and White sit on the planning commission and will disclose to the County that they sit on the HCWCD board and have no personal or financial interest in the application.

NEW BUSINESS – Water case 2019CW3064, application for water rights to preserve natural environment; CWCB, Bonnett Creek instream flow: 0.4 cfs (Sept-Mar), 0.1 cfs (Apr-Jun), 0.55 cfs (Jul-Aug). Board agreed to take no action on this case.

SMAF phase 3 – A final inspection is due from Lamp Rynearson. Monson will speak further with John Faux about the overexcavation. This portion of the invoice from Paul Morgan Excavating will not be paid.

Ranch – King reported that the realtor is still actively working to market the property. Monson is working with the surveyor and Dotter Title Company to ensure there is no title problem and the legal description does close. Monson is setting up a meeting with Leone Sand & Gravel to further define the boundaries and lease expiration date of the gravel lease.

White reviewed the Cucharas Collaborative Storage grant project summaries.

Arkansas Basin Roundtable – King reported there has been discussion about the water gap that is developing as more people move into the urban Front Range of Colorado. ABRT is working on a scope of work for water priorities. The new Basin Implementation Plan matrix is seeking yield and cost of projects. The BIP is being revised now and is due in the spring of 2021.

The Army Corps of Engineers hydrologic and hydraulic report about the Spring Creek burn has been published. The flooding potential off the burn scar is anticipated to be worse in La Veta than first estimated.

BILLS – White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved transferring up to \$50,000 from ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$247,005.22:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, Ranch, Wbg and exchg storage cases	\$10,376.06
Dunn Write, contract, mileage	\$1,640.02
Dunn Write, Early warning gages project admin	\$860.00
Dunn Write, Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin	\$1,640.00
Dunn Write, Collaborative Storage phase 3 grant admin	\$613.32
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: Website maintenance	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF Phase 3	\$300.00
Lamp Rynearson: Water acctg, SMAF, Storage collab. case, augmentation application	\$8,273.26
Div of Water Resources: satellite monitoring for 2 stations, 2020	\$2,310.00
ARWC: Flood mitigation grant project work	\$93,000.00
Paul Morgan Excavating: SMAF, Bid item and half of change order, less 10% retainage–	\$37,023.00
Paul Morgan Excavating: SMAF half of change order and over excavation	\$90,260.00
World Journal: Legal ad for 2020 budget	\$109.56
Spanish Peaks Library, October & November rent	\$130.00

There was a break at 8:45, and the meeting reconvened at 8:55. At 8:58 there was a motion by White, seconded by Mace and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the District's Ranch, SMAF, and Cucharas Collaborative exchange case 17CW3075, 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 9:40 pm, White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 9:40 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary