

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting June 25, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was convened at the Emergency Services Building, 326 Main St, Walsenburg, CO by President Scott King on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Directors present: Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Juan Vallejos.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Ryan Farr

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Jim Alt, Jim Berg, Gail Terry, Larry Waide, Caitlin Dunn, Rick Dunn.

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

MINUTES – White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved the June 18, 2018 and May 21, 2018 minutes.

TREASURER REPORT – White moved, Vallejos seconded, and board approved the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS – Ryan Farr presented the agreement with Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District for HCWCD to serve as fiscal agent for the telemetry project. The board previously voted to serve in that capacity for the project, so King signed the agreement, and Farr will send it to PRWCD for signature.

NEW BUSINESS – Brgoch reported extremely low flow on both the Cucharas and Huerfano rivers. The water commissioner is trying to cover up to #7 water right on the Huerfano. On the Cucharas, City of Walsenburg is taking 0.7 and Town of La Veta about 0.2, and the rest is being lost in transit. The transit loss remains steady, so it's a larger percentage than it would be against normal flow. Brgoch suggested checking if Gardner is near its annual augmentation water allocation, because a lot of water is being hauled out of the Gardner bulk station.

Rick Dunn reported there is some some spotty vegetation at the Sheep Mountain augmentation facility site, mostly weeds and wheatgrass or rye.

Vallejos moved, White seconded and board approved resolution 2018-06-01 "Adopting Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan." With it, HCWCD adopts the Huerfano County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, May 2018 as an official plan. Huerfano Office of Emergency Management will submit the adoption resolution to Homeland Security and FEMA Region 8 to enable final plan approval.

The Division of Water Resources notified John Faux by letter on this date that 8.7 acres of the dryup acreage on the Ranch was irrigated by the lessee. The penalty assessed is 3.48 acre-feet (27%) reduction in accrued credits for April to July, 2018.

White reported that a joint meeting was held among the Roundtables of the Arkansas Basin, the South Platte and Metro areas. A Colorado River Risk study was conducted by Western slope Roundtables to predict the effect of a call on the river, including transmountain diversions.

GUEST COMMENTS: None.

At 6:49 pm King called a recess. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

BILLS: White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved paying the following bills, which total \$68,965.49 and transfer \$68,000 to ColoTrust. Board approved.

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet:board mtg, SMAF, aug plan, exchg stor, stmt oppos -	\$15,172.07
work for new participants/growers	\$198.75
Dunn Write, contract, mileage, postage –	\$1,871.68
Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin, 5/21/18 – 6/24/18	\$332.50
Dunn Write, Infrastructure improvements project, 5/21/18 – 6/24/18	\$350.00
Dunn Write, PRWCD grant admin, 5/20/18 – 6/24/18	\$253.75
Dunn Write, PRWCD telemetry fiscal agent, billed in full	\$1,100.00
Dunn Write, Phreatophyte control grant admin, 5/21/18 – 6/24/18	\$761.25
Dunn Write, Geotech investigation grant admin, 5/22/18 – 6/24/18	\$120.00
Dunn Write, PEPO/Geotech meeting, admin, mileage, supplies (PEPO grant)	\$476.28
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst contract + realtor mtg at Ranch, June –	\$369.29
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst, SMAF Phase 1 inspect for TZA, 6/23/18 -	\$186.55
La Veta Carpentry: web site maintenance, June -	\$150.00
TZA Water Engineers: water acctg, Perrino, Bd mtg, SMAF coord, pricing ests –	\$3,546.00
SMAF fish ladder design	\$4,688.00
Sutron Corp: for PRWCD telemetry grant project (freight not included) –	\$6,021.00
McCrometer: for PRWCD telemetry grant project (handling not included) –	\$3,126.00
Sheep Mountain Ranch: gravel royalties Jan through May, (25,975 tons), final –	\$3,636.50
Baca Irrigation Ditch Company, PRWCD grant project -	\$3,944.00
HRS Water Consultants, Infrastructure improvements grant project, May 2018 -	\$12,691.00
Applegate Group, Collaborative Geotech investigation grant project	\$1,778.08
Walsenburg Insurance/IOA, Bond for Mace –	\$100.00
Walmart Checks, EFT payment for business checks	\$41.63
Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator invoice for May –	\$6,716.14
Century Link, June phone bill –	\$60.52
Spanish Peaks Library, June rent –	\$65.00
ColoTrust, transfer to savings –	\$68,000.00

At 7:04 pm, there was a motion by White, seconded by Vallejos, 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 7:20 pm, White moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 7:20 pm. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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Scott King, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary