

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting September 30, 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, September 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Directors present: Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace, Lonnie Brown.
Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson
Guests: Rick Dunn, Doug Brgoch, Brian Lalander.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – White moved and Brown seconded to approve the August 19, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER REPORT – White moved and Brown seconded to approve the Treasurer's reports. Board approved.

Dunn presented the draft 2020 budget to the board. White suggested increasing the budget for director fees to \$2,400 per year and budget \$2,000 more for state level meeting attendance for board members. King suggested board members let Dunn know of any other recommended changes. The budget will be published for public inspection after the October 28 board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

It was decided **no action** will be taken on the Tres Valles Ponds water case 2019CW3054.

Water Commissioner Brgoch reported the Huerfano River flows are at 15 cfs and the call is #13. Cucharas River flow is six feet at the upper reach, and the call is #3. He said this is the first September he can remember when this area hasn't had any measurable precipitation. Brgoch explained his recollection about the HCWCD Advisory Board, which included representatives of local farms, ranches, municipalities. Their expertise may be needed, useful and valued by the board; they would not vote.

Brgoch reported the channel protection work on Middle Creek started today. Frontier Environmental will do the work for just over \$134,000. Town of La Veta will bill HCWCD for up to \$4,500 to cover the match needed, as agreed at the August meeting.

Infrastructure improvements project: The final planned weir/gage will be installed on Herman Wooten's land on the lower Huerfano by Chaparral Construction in October. Brgoch will send permission documents again for the final monitoring well at Cucharas #5 reservoir, this time to a legal firm in Denver, which is now the Two Rivers W&F contact. The plan is to finish the well and gage by 12/31/19.

Carol Dunn presented a summary of Huerfano Water Day. White **moved** and Brown seconded to give Dunn a \$1,000 one-time bonus for the extra work she did coordinating Water Day. Board approved.

A strategic plan workshop was scheduled for Friday February 21, 2020 from 10-4, lunch included. Suggested attendees included Bill Tyner, his staff, Mark Perry, and others. White will develop a list.

Change order #3, extending the schedule on SMAF to October 29, was approved on a White/Mace **motion**.

The 2019 amended bylaws were adopted on a White/Brown **motion**.

King administered the oath of office to renew the board member terms for White and Brown.

C9 Summit – King reported that during the conference, discussions were held about where water will come from to support the increased population in Colorado, which is expected to double by the year 2050. Reservoir projects will be imperative.

At 7:08 King called for a break. At 7:17 meeting was reconvened.

Bills: White **moved**, Mace seconded and board approved transferring up to \$127,400 from ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$149,108.72:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, Ranch, Wbg and exchg storage cases	\$12,939.50
Dunn Write, contract, mileage, snacks, Windows upgrade, projector, Water Day	\$2,132.96
Dunn Write, Early warning gages project admin –	\$940.00
Dunn Write, Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin –	\$1,510.00
Dunn Write, Collaborative Storage phase 3 grant admin –	\$910.00
Dunn Write, Collaborative Storage phase 4 grant admin –	\$920.00
Dunn Write, one-time bonus for work on Water Day –	\$1,000.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst –	\$323.20
La Veta Carpentry: Website maintenance –	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF Phase 3 –	\$756.60
Lamp Rynearson: Water acctg, Collab exchange case; MLGA mtg; SMAF –	\$13,585.58
Applegate Group: Storage collaborative phase 3 –	\$1,325.50
Applegate Group: 1/3 share of Collab exchange case –	\$261.25
Chad Lessar Excavation: site work at South Baker Creek reservoir site –	\$3,500.00
Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative: SCF flood mitigation project, Task 1 –	\$3,083.49
Huerfano World Journal: Legal ad for director vacancy –	\$46.20
Parsons Water Consulting: 1/3 share of Collab exchange case	\$146.66
Paul Morgan Excavating: SMAF topsoil seeding, mulching; unload fabric; gravel access rd	\$50,200.00
Simbeck and Associates: SMAF textile; installation of liner end of August	\$54,616.41
Century Link, September phone bill –	\$59.56
Spanish Peaks Library, September rent –	\$65.00

At 7:24 there was a **motion** by White, seconded by Mace and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving Walsenburg Exchange case 17CW3060, 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 9:58 pm, White **moved**, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 9:58 pm. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary