

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting April 24, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order at the Spanish Peaks Library in Walsenburg by President Scott King on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:01 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Gerald Cisneros, Max Vezzani, Lenna Rauber, Doug Brgoch, Mary White, John Schwartz, Stephen Wardell, Gail Terry, Delmar Janovec; David Rinehart (press).

Edmundson moved, Vallejos seconded and board approved the agenda.

Minutes – White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved the March 27, 2017 minutes.

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

Water Commissioner Lenna Rauber reported the call is #26 on the Huerfano River, and there are no calls on the lower river. Tributaries are starting to move water. Brgoch reported that the Cucharas River is flowing well, and the excess water is going downstream to the Arkansas to fill calls there. Ditches are slowly turning on. On May 3, HRS Water Consultants will begin gathering data for gaging stations and monitoring wells. Much of the infrastructure improvements grant project won't be undertaken until late summer/early fall.

Rauber reported the flume on the Wm. Craig Ditch has been reset by Stephen Wardell and that the flume and recharge pond look good.

Sheep Mountain Ranch – HCWCD has received an exemption for an additional 1041 permit for the new reservoir site. The County Conditional Use Permit is ready to sign and submit 17 copies. The Mined Land Reclamation permit is ready to sign. Air quality and stormwater discharge permits will still be needed.

Edmundson reported that the new septic system is working perfectly at the Ranch house.

King thanked the County Commissioners, John Galusha and Melanie Bounds for assistance with getting the Intergovernmental Agreement finished.

Mace was added to the property committee.

Conditional Use Permit – White asked the Commissioners if there could be a staff review of the app before the 4/27 Planning Commission meeting. Dunn will make sure the 17 copies are delivered to the Planning office Tuesday afternoon.

King called a recess at 7:01 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 7:15 pm.

Bills: White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved transferring \$42,000 to ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$49,667.65:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping – \$120.00

Dunn Write, contract, mileage & supplies – \$1,630.02

Monson, Cummins & Shohet, Bd mtg, work for 6 growers, Sheep Mtn, aug plan – \$13,168.70

ParsonsWater Consulting, Cucharas Storage Collaborative project – \$5,481.59

Dunn Write, Cucharas Storage Collaborative grant admin – \$271.25

Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin March – \$166.25

Dunn Write, Infrastructure improvements grant admin – \$218.75

Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator – \$7,010.46

TZA Water Engineers, Permit work, SWSP for new participants – \$13,150.25 & SMR pond – \$6,996.00

La Veta Carpentry, Water analyst April – \$200.00

Century Link, March phone bill – \$54.38

Wachob & Wachob – \$925.00

TCTelcom, diagnose phone outage at office – \$35.00

Kent Mace, signs for gravel operation – \$175.00

Spanish Peaks Library, April rent – \$65.00

Executive Session: At 7:18 pm there was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by Vallejos, 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 8:13 pm, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to open session at 8:13 pm.

White moved and Edmundson seconded to have Scott King sign the Huerfano County Conditional Use Permit application and the Division of Mining Reclamation permit application. Board approved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Scott King
President

Carol Dunn
Secretary