

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 12, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District, which had been properly noticed and was available for public participation, was called to order by President Scott King in person at Walsenburg Housing Authority, 220 Russell St, Walsenburg on December 12, 2022.

Directors: Scott King, Beaver Edmundson, Lonnie Brown, Kent Mace, Sandy White.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; **Attorney:** Ryan Farr; **Engineer:** Steve Smith.

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Rick Dunn.

Budget hearing was called to order at 6:05 pm. There were no comments that would affect the budget as presented. The budget hearing adjourned at 6:10 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Agenda: Added an item for HCWCD grant; agenda accepted on an Edmundson/Mace **motion**.

Minutes: The minutes for the November 28, 2022 board meeting were approved on a Edmundson/Brown **motion**.

Budget: There was a White/Brown **motion** to adopt Resolutions 12-1 (Adopt 2023 Budget), 12-2 (Set Mill Levies), 12-3 (Appropriate Sums of Money). Board approved. There was a White/Mace **motion** to approve the Budget Message. Board approved.

Financial Reports: There was a White/Edmundson **motion** to accept the financial reports as presented. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Infrastructure improvements project – Farr reported GPIC still needs to sign the easement agreement. The board instructed the attorney to mention the possibility of condemnation again.

NEW BUSINESS: No new water cases.

River reports – Doug Brgoch reported he will set the call to the Winter Storage Project on the Arkansas on December 13 and will do the same for Cucharas River. It's cold, so there's ice on the irrigators' fields.

Huerfano Regional Augmentation Plan

Aspen River Ranch (ARR) Tier 2 augmentation application – Steve Smith reported the ARR application has been submitted to DWR for comment.

SCG Alternate Pumping Request – Dunn reported no additional money beyond what was owed for scheduled lease-purchase payments has been received from SCG regarding their alternate pumping request.

Diversion and Recharge Pond – Steve Smith reported he met with Steve Wardell and Jesper Kenney at the Wm. Craig Ranch earlier this date about work needed on the irrigation ditch between the diversion and the flume. We may need a concrete bottom siltation basin upstream of the recharge pond and to clean the recharge pond and filtration pipes. Smith estimated the

expense at \$8,000 plus cost of concrete. Smith will prepare a statement of work and provide it to the board for consideration at the January meeting.

The list of 2023 meeting dates was approved on a White/Mace **motion**.

Funding – The grant application to the HCFMLD for matching funds toward 90% design of Bruce Canyon Reservoir was approved for \$5,400.

Arkansas Basin Roundtable report – King reported on activities at the latest ABRT meeting.

Break – King called a break at 7:29; meeting reconvened at 7:40.

Bills – On a Brown/Mace **motion**, board authorized the transfer up to \$17,000 from ColoTrust savings and approved paying the following bills, which total \$27,180.36:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping	\$170.00
Monson, Cummins, Shoheit & Farr: bd mtg, aug plan, GPIC, aug app, reservoirs	\$5,809.50
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, internet, phone, meeting & office supplies	\$2,008.04
Admin SCF Flood Mitigation grant	\$1,676.12
La Veta Carpentry: monthly website admin + monthly water analyst duties	\$350.00
Alys' Restaurant: Annual board dinner, 23 people	\$1,230.00
Scott King: Director annual stipend + mileage expenses	\$3,220.17
Michael (Sandy) White: Director annual stipend + mileage expenses	\$2,623.47
Lonnie Brown: Director annual stipend + mileage expenses	\$2,634.00
Lewis Edmundson: Director annual stipend + mileage expenses	\$2,536.31
Kent Mace: Director annual stipend, mileage + Water Forum expenses	\$4,688.51
San Isabel Electric: monthly usage + access fee at SMAF	\$169.24
Spanish Peaks Library: December rent	\$65.00

At 7:42, there was a **motion** by White, seconded by Mace and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving potential Bruce Canyon Reservoir and monitoring well at location of former Cucharas #5 reservoir. Discussion included 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).

On a White/Edmundson **motion**, the executive session was closed at 8:20 pm, and the regular session was reconvened.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary