

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 13, 2021

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 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Directors: Scott King, Kent Mace, Lonnie Brown, Beaver Edmundson. Sandy White's absence was excused because of a family medical emergency.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; **Attorney** Ryan Farr; **Engineer** (by Zoom) Steve Smith.

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Delmar Janovec, Travis Nelson, Adrienne Casadas, Jim Alt.

The meeting **agenda** was approved.

The budget hearing was convened. There were no questions or comments from the board or the public. The budget hearing was adjourned.

Dunn summarized the budget resolutions.

Resolution 2021-12-1 "Adopt 2022 Budget" was approved on a Mace/Edmundson **motion**.

Resolution 2021-12-2 "Set Mill Levies" was approved on an Edmundson/Mace **motion**.

Resolution 2021-12-3 "Appropriate Sums of Money" was approved on a Brown/Edmundson **motion**.

The 2022 Budget was approved on an Edmundson/Mace **motion**.

The Budget message was approved on an Edmundson/Brown **motion**.

MINUTES – The minutes for the November 22, 2021 board meeting were approved as presented on a Mace/Brown **motion**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – There was a Mace/Edmundson **motion**, to accept the financial reports. Board approved. Dunn summarized the cash flow and grant information reports.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mace **moved** and Brown seconded giving a \$1,000 bonus to Dunn Write. Board approved.

River reports: Doug Brgoch explained the situation with the flows in both rivers.

Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility Phase 5 – Mace reported the fence at SMAF is finished. There are elk using the site. The stockpile of soil that was onsite has been used/removed. Orlando Martinez finished building up and graveling the road at a price of \$6,550. This expenditure was approved on an Edmundson/Brown **motion**. DWR told Mace we will not be able to top off the reservoir this fall/winter. At our request, to ensure HCWCD is doing everything it can to alleviate safety risks, Glatfelter Insurance Company sent a brochure on "Risk management controls for water hazards."

Collaborative Storage Phase 5: Steve Smith, Applegate Group, provided a written report and participated by Zoom to talk about Bruce Canyon Reservoir (BCR). The 50% design project is finished. The Applegate link is posted on the HCWCD website to access the final 50% Design Report, drawings, Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (EOPC) for construction, Hydrology IDF Report, and Construction Specifications Table of Contents.

Infrastructure improvements project: The last monitoring well is the final piece in the improvements of administering water rights. The hope was it would be placed in the silt bed

of the former Cucharas #5 Reservoir. Board encouraged the attorney to talk with the newest landowner about what the objections are and whether this is possible before the grant funding expires in June 2022. Two agreements are needed: one for access and one for installing the piezometer well.

Huerfano Augmentation Plan: Smith and Farr explained what the next steps are for the Singing River augmentation water application. Applegate has finished required engineering.

Guest comments: Travis Nelson, Colorado City Metro District News, handed out packets on a proposed Orlando Metropolitan District. He wanted to request \$500,000 from HCWCD toward the project. The proposal has an original date of 2009. Nelson said he's looking for a partnership with Huerfano County. He will be added to the January meeting agenda for further presentation.

BILLS – On an Edmundson/Mace **motion**, board authorized the transfer of \$48,900 to ColoTrust savings and approved the following bills, which total \$53,177.97:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: SMAF, aug plan, MSRE, aug plan app, misc.	\$3,668.03
Dunn Write: contract, supplies, mileage	\$1,840.18
Admin SCF recovery strategic analysis	\$838.50
Bonus authorized by board	\$1,000.00
La Veta Carpentry: Water analyst for diversion & website maintenance	\$350.00
Applegate Group: 50% engineering design for BCR, final	\$19,478.75
Walsenburg Insurance: Bond, Sandy White	\$100.00
Gardner Garage: relocate access road at SMAF	\$6,550.00
Glatfelter Insurance/MPP: Liability insurance	\$1,410.00
Property insurance	\$1,156.00
San Isabel Electric: monthly usage + access fee at SMAF	\$150.67
American Express: software subscription renewals, annual dinner expenses, coffee	\$836.59
Huerfano County Clerk: recording augmentation certificates	\$46.00
Alys' Restaurant: Annual board dinner, 20 people	\$840.00
Scott King: Director annual stipend + mileage	\$2,795.92
Sandy White: Director annual stipend + mileage	\$2,616.61
Beaver Edmundson: Director annual stipend + mileage	\$2,421.84
Lonnie Brown: Director annual stipend + mileage	\$2,646.96
Kent Mace: Director annual stipend + mileage	\$4,181.92
<u>Spanish Peaks Library: November & December rent</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>

Break at 7:37. Reconvened at 7:53. At 7:53 pm there was a **motion** by Mace, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving 90% design on Maria Stevens Reservoir Enlargement and Thorne Ranch. 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).

At 9:02 pm there was a Mace/Brown **motion** to leave executive session and return to regular session. Board approved. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.