

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting January 8, 2024

A special 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 the Maintenance Building, 200 Main St., La Veta, CO on January 8, 2024 at 12:01 pm.

Directors: Scott King, Beaver Edmundson, Lonnie Brown; Kent Mace and Sandy White by Zoom.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Engineer Steve Smith and Attorney Ryan Farr by Zoom.

Guests: Rick Dunn, Doug Brgoch, Matt Hayden.

Agenda: Accepted on an Edmundson/Brown **motion**.

BUDGET –

Dunn presented the budget resolutions:

24-1-1 Adopt 2024 Budget

24-1-2 Set Mill Levies

24-1-3 Appropriate Sums of Money

There was a **motion** by White/Brown to approve all three budget resolutions. Board approved.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS –

Steve Smith reported on research he has done on historic consumptive use (HCU) of a water right, as requested by the board. He suggested additional discussion be held during an executive session.

Smith reported on the extra time that Applegate Group spent repeatedly requesting augmentation water requirements, timing and diversion information from Siete Inc. as required under its augmentation water lease. This was above and beyond the normal administration required under HCWCD's regional augmentation plan. There was a **motion** by Edmundson/White to invoice Siete Inc. for \$2,535.00 for this extra engineering work. Board approved.

At 12:13, there was a **motion** by White/Mace and approved by the board to go into executive session, joined by the District's consultant and engineer, to discuss: analysis of HCU on a water right; and update on Thorne Ranch negotiations. Discussion in the executive session included purchase, acquisition, lease or sale of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); and 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/Brown **motion**, the executive session was closed at 1:18 pm, and the regular session was reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary