

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting  
May 23, 2011

## CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:04 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

## ROLL CALL

Directors present:  
Raymond Harriman  
Erin Jerant  
Dawson Jordan  
Kent Mace

Secretary: Carol Dunn

## MINUTES

There was a motion by Jerant, seconded by Jordan, to approve the April 25 Minutes as read. Board approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three CDs is \$64,191.73; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$13,963.81; for a grand total of \$78,155.54 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to accept the May 23 Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

## CONSULTANT REPORT - None

## OLD BUSINESS

Two Rivers Water Company SWSP was disapproved by the State Engineers Office. They can still use the Butte Valley Ditch, and John Stroh is farming the land with that. Two Rivers asked that the application remain open until they can determine whether the information that the State requested exists.

The "First Amendment of Augmentation Lease Agreement" has been signed and returned to the District by Gardner Water & Sanitation District and Huerfano County.

Harriman reported on Case 07CW25 (Niggerhead Well case by Mark Cornelius) – It will be dismissed on May 26, 2011 unless Cornelius shows the court why it should not be dismissed.

The Thomas Lawrence Case 08CW34 requires a status report by June 10, 2011.

HCWCD had filed a protest on this case. The State denied the amount of water they applied for.

Petroglyph – Between 1999-2007, Petroglyph produced 118 billion barrels (36,000 acre-feet of water) in its dewatering process. This would be enough to serve 180,000 people. Harriman told the Board it would have been enough water to take care of the city of Walsenburg for 40-45 years. Mace told the Board the new 1041 regulations will eliminate any possibility of that happening again. The regs are written, pending approval,

and should be effective within the year. The County can stipulate what can take place in the county as far as state-regulated activities.

#### NEW BUSINESS

New water cases filed in the past month:

Case # 11CW25 – Kathy & Betty Morris, application for underground water right: Morris Well, Silver Spurs Ranch; 3.5 gpm.

Case # 11CW28 (00CW124) – Growing Roots, application for finding of reasonable diligence and to make partially absolute: Fuchs Pond No. 6 Enlargement (5.63 af), Fuchs Pond No. 12 (13 af), Reservoir Ditch Enlargement (10 cfs), and the Aragon Ditch Enlargement (9 cfs), all tributary to Huerfano River. Harriman said a majority of protests were satisfied by Fuchs previously.

Mace suggested contacting one of the parties involved in the Growing Roots case to perhaps get storage water for the augmentation plan. The current value of water rights is \$3,000-\$5,000 per acre-foot.

Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to take no action on 11CW25. Board approved.

Jordan moved and Mace seconded to postpone a decision on 11CW28 until next meeting. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – None.

#### BILLS TO PAY

Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to pay half of the attorney bill until we contact the County and see if they have been billed for the other half. Board approved.

Jordan moved, Jerant seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$1,754.32:

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage – \$311.22

Felt Monson & Culichia – \$1,343.10

Walsenburg Insurance, Kent Mace bond - \$100.00

#### OTHER

Next meeting will be June 27, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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Raymond Harriman, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary