

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting February 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Amos Mace, Al Tucker, Gail Terry, Rick Loeffler, Annette Aring, George Downs, Rachel Dressler, Doug Brgoch, Dennis Hoyt, David Rinehart (press).

King moved and White seconded to approve the agenda. Board approved.

MINUTES

There was a motion by Mace, seconded by Edmundson, to approve the January 28, 2013 Minutes as presented. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of both CDs is \$44,206.35; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$4,876.23; for a grand total of \$49,082.58 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Edmundson seconded to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented. Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Ark Valley Roundtable – Kent Mace reported the AVRT has funding available for a needs assessment to study the Cucharas basin.

Brgoch explained the weir replacement process on the Huerfano River. There is an annual inspection of flumes, and 10-day written notice is given when they need to be replaced or water will not be turned on. The Commissioner's authority starts at the head gate, but does not include dams in the river. Division Engineer Steve Witte would like to involve HCWCD to develop a pool of funding for water owners in situations like this.

A February 19 work session was arranged by the Division Engineer. The Board is interested in another meeting to get Steve Witte's view of opportunities for HCWCD.

Representatives of AMCI and Dynotek gave a presentation on water measurement technology. Huerfano County headgates are currently locked and have to be unlocked by the water commissioners.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich will be working with the attorney to file the Rule 14 and SWSP plans on March 1.

OLD BUSINESS – The date for the May meeting was changed to May 13, 2013.

Al Tucker provided a list of the stakeholders involved in the repair of Walsenburg's reservoirs.

NEW BUSINESS

The Colorado Water Institute's 19th annual Ark Valley Water Forum will be held April 24-25 at the Huerfano County Community Center. Al Tucker is the program chair.

Registration: \$45 per person for the Forum; \$10 per person for the workshop sessions.

Sponsorships are \$100 - \$3,000.

Mace reported that Nichole Langley is willing to help HCWCD with grant writing when needed after determining TABOR implications.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS - None.

BILLS TO PAY

King moved, White seconded and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$3680.17:

Carol Dunn, clerical, ink, mileage, postage – \$508.67

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$666.50

Felt, Monson, Culichia – \$500.00

TZA Water Engineers – \$2005.00

Jordan moved, seconded by White for HCWCD to take over all the fiscal activities of the HCWCD Water Activity Enterprise effective immediately. Board approved.

OTHER

The next regular meeting will be March 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Spanish Peaks Library, Walsenburg.

King moved, White seconded and board approved going into executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition or lease of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); conferring with an attorney representing the District for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions as in 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).

King moved and Jordan seconded to close the executive session and return to regular session; Board approved. Meeting was called back to order at 9:41 pm.

White moved and King seconded to have the District's attorney prepare a general letter of intent for the purchase of water rights and potential donation of water rights. Board approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, King/Jordan moved and King seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.