

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting July 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: Raymond Harriman, Dawson Jordan, Ray Ryan, Kent Mace.

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Guests: David Rinehart (press), Ray Garcia, Lonnie Brown, Beaver Edmundson, Max Vezzani, Sandy Borthick, Amos Mace.

MINUTES

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Ryan, to approve the June 25, 2012 Minutes as read. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three CDs is \$64,560.60; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$6,551.08; for a grand total of \$71,111.68 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Mace seconded to accept the July Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich reported on the fact that Two Rivers Water Company is debating withdrawing its case 11CW96.

OLD BUSINESS

Case 11CW45 – Harriman reported that Blouin has an engineer (Dick Stenzel), and he and Aaron Ladd were on the June 27 conference call. The location description for the case needs a better description. There will be another conference call on October 10.

Cases 11CW94 – Nothing has taken place on this case that Zorich is aware of.

Regarding the mill levy increase, an intergovernmental agreement with the County is required by August 28, 2012. Language for the ballot questions is due to the County Clerk on September 7.

The TZA consumptive use study was just received by the District by email on this date.

NEW BUSINESS

Roundtable Report – Mace reported that the Roundtable Board would like Huerfano County to walk through the process to apply for funding. Grants will cover water and engineering studies, but no legal costs. Amos Mace will be assisting with the process as a volunteer.

12CW11: Eva Bovenzi & John Neumann, Gardner, app for absolute underground water right, 20 gpm, tributary to Huerfano River. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Mace, to take no action on this case. Board approved.

12CW82 (03CW31) Maria Lake Grazing Assn – App for hexennial finding of reasonable diligence and to make conditional decree absolute; Maria Lake Well #2, 15 gpm (for 36 homes), tributary to Cucharas River. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Mace, to have Zorich check on this case and report at the next meeting. Board approved.

Protests to revised abandonment list:

12CW52: Tom McKenna & McKenna Ranch, Sanchez Ditch/Cucharas River.

12CW58: Frank & Sue Menegatti, Labrie Ditch/Santa Clara Creek.

12CW59: Frank & Sue Menegatti, Duhme Ditch/Santa Clara Creek.

12CW60: Frank & Sue Menegatti, Capps Desert Claim Ditch/Santa Clara Creek.

12CW62: Frank Andreatta, Yellowstone Reservoir.

12CW69: Sierra de Hierro Ranch/Gomez, Madrid Ditch #3/Paloduro Ditch/ Palo Duro/Chama/Rincon.

12CW73: Fortune 1, Company Ditch and James Carey Ditch/Muddy Creek.

12CW75: Mike & Virginia Ferrero, Labrie Ditch/Santa Clara Creek.

12CW76: DMR/Kenneth S Brown, Yellowstone Reservoir/Yellowstone Creek.

12CW81: Colo Board of Land Commissioners, Claudio Ditch/ Turkey, Trujillo Creeks.

12CW83: Huerfano-Cucharas Irrigation Company, Bradford Lake Reservoir.

The state has to prove an “intent to abandon,” and protestors may have a year to put the right to use. The Board will take no action on these protests.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS - None.

BILLS TO PAY

Ryan moved, Jordan seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$1,632.87:

Carol Dunn, clerical & mileage – \$312.21

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$341.50

Felt, Monson & Culichia – \$979.16

OTHER – There will be a workshop on the mill levy increase on August 13, 2012 at 6 pm at Walsenburg City Hall. Next regular meeting will be August 27, 2012 at 6:00 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ryan moved and Jordan seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Raymond Harriman, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary