

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting June 18, 2018

A workshop and special meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District were convened at the Emergency Services/Ambulance building, 326 Main St, Walsenburg, CO by President Scott King on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:02 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace.
Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson; Engineer: John Faux
Guests: Caitlin Dunn, Larry Waide, Larry Michaels.

White moved and Edmundson seconded to have the rate setting discussion in executive session and approve the agenda. Board approved.

Sutron charged the Infrastructure equipment to Dunn's personal credit card instead of waiting for the HCWCD company check. Edmundson moved and Mace seconded to rewrite the check to American Express instead of Sutron. Board approved.

Faux reported that the fish ladder required by Colorado Parks & Wildlife has been designed by TZA and approved by CPW. This is a ramp for snail darters to get past the river diversion.

Faux reported that Engineering Analytics will sample the fines at the reservoir site and conduct a permeability test. This will take a couple weeks. He said that adding 3-5% bentonite may make the material suitable for the pond embankment. We need to have that settled before bidding out the excavation. Embankment construction will take 5 acre-feet of water, but the diversion structure won't require much water. So Faux recommended dividing site development into phases: diversion in the river this year while the flow is diminished, with pipeline installation this fall; pond embankment next year when the funding and water are available to complete the work; finally, revegetation and finishing the site. There was a White motion, seconded by Mace, to proceed as soon as possible with TZA developing a request for proposals in phases for the remaining work. Board approved.

There may come a penalty from the Division Engineer because there was unintentional irrigation of the dryup acreage for 10 hours on April 27. Although that could reduce augmentation water credits, Faux thinks we may have enough credit from April and May to cover it.

The board discussed the request by Sheep Mountain Ranch manager Grady Grissom for HCWCD to install stock tanks near the pump electrical box so the cattle don't "make a muddy mess around the river." The board decided to only share the trench while it's open for the SMR pipe and provide an electrical box that's metered separately for SMR's use.

GUEST COMMENTS: Larry Michaels of CO61 Water Association asked about pricing for the augmentation certificates. CO61 has no source of income other than members. CO61 invested more money than originally expected, and they are hoping for a payment plan, or they would need to go to the bank to get a loan to purchase a certificate. Michaels said the members

originally expected to pay about \$25,000 per acre-foot. CO61 charges \$120 per month in homeowner dues and has 14 lots with water taps (4 are unbuilt).

At 7:20 pm King called a recess. Meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm.

At 7:35 pm, there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation and SWSP, including the 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 9:20 pm, White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. The meeting was called back to regular session at 9:20 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.



Scott King, President



Carol Dunn, Secretary