

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting October 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Kent Mace on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 6:04 pm.

ROLLCALL

Directors present: Lewis “Beaver” Edmundson, Michael “Sandy” White, Scott King, Kent Mace.

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Vivian Price, Kent Hay, Steve Werner; David Rinehart and Jessica Andreatta, press.

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

MINUTES

There was a motion by White, seconded by King, to approve the September 23, 2013 meeting minutes. Board approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The CD balance is \$20,659.28; First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account balance is \$5,076.11; Enterprise checking account balance is \$1,631.69; ColoTrust balance is \$92,628.75; for a grand total of \$119,995.83 in all accounts. Edmundson moved and White seconded to accept the September Treasurer’s Report. Board approved.

Budget Report – The preliminary budget was presented. Two expenses were added: Liability Insurance at \$5,000 and Appraisal of Camp Ranch property at \$4,000. There was a White motion, seconded by King, to accept the preliminary budget and publish it in both local newspapers before November 10. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Update – The ballots have been mailed. This is an all mail ballot. There was a White motion, seconded by King, to pay Dunn \$1,952.50 for labor as follows: standard monthly contract secretarial and administration; 51.25 hours for comparing landowner names to the state voter registration database; 24.5 hours working at the County Clerk’s office to assist with ballots and mailing; 15.5 hours working on the CWCB pre-fire watershed assessment grant application; and preparation of the preliminary budget. Board approved.

Tour of the Wyckoff property – King reported on the tour, which included Dea, Monson, Wyckoff, White, King and Zorich. A decision by Wyckoff part is expected after November 8. Dea has provided revised schematics to Wyckoff as requested and the pond location was moved to avoid trees.

The application for a CWCB loan has been approved in the amount of \$2,222,000, including a loan origination fee of \$22,000. There is a standard contract, which attorney Jim Culichia has advised is workable. Liability insurance will be required. King will make sure that HCWCD complies with the requirements involved for disbursement of funds.

HCWCD will apply for a grant of \$250,000 from CWCB through the Arkansas Basin Roundtable for the regional augmentation plan facilities and services. On November 4 White will make a presentation to the ABR, and a CWCB decision on the grant is expected in March. There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by King, to have White sign the grant application on November 1. Board approved.

The Pre-fire watershed assessment grant application has been submitted to CWCB. The Board reviewed the project budget, which lists the commitment of eight co-sponsors. There was a motion by Edmundson, seconded by White, to have the finance committee prepare a request for proposals and execute a contract upon approval of the grant by CWCB. Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson, to enter into a new Satellite Monitoring System User Agreement with the State, which will be valid through 6/30/2018. Board approved and Mace signed the contract.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich reported on the September accounting for the augmentation plan. He is seeking input from the State on the format of the report and the information being provided.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Water Commissioner Doug Brgoch reported that the Arkansas River is going on winter storage on November 15, but the Huerfano Basin does not participate. There is an 8-8.5 cfs flow in the Cucharas, which is considered average flow. He said predictions are for average precipitation and higher than average temperatures through July 2014. Representatives of Paradise Acres HOA inquired about the cost of augmentation water in the near future. White advised that it might be two or three years before the augmentation plan begins to sell permanent augmentation certificates, so the price is not expected to increase in 2014.

BILLS TO PAY

White moved, King seconded, and Board approved transfer of \$26,500 from the ColoTrust account into the checking account. Board approved. King moved, Edmundson seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$31,418.14:

- Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage & ink – \$2,083.02
- Caitlin Dunn, election work – \$61.25
- TZA Water Engineers – \$12,574.00
- Felt, Monson & Culichia – \$16,254.87
- Desiree Rosenberg, Library meeting room – \$20.00
- Walsenburg Insurance, bonds – \$425.00

OTHER

At 8:12 pm, 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).

There was a White motion, seconded by King, to close the executive session and go back into regular session. Meeting was called back to order at 9:23 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, there was a White motion, seconded by Edmundson, to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Kent Mace, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary