

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting May 21, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was convened at the Emergency Services building, Walsenburg, CO by President Scott King on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:02 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Gerald Cisneros, Rebecca Cummings, Phil Cummings, Steve Kastner, Jim Eccher, Keith Bouchard.

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

MINUTES – Edmundson said Hart is not employing Shrout, he is a contractor. White moved and Mace seconded to approve the April 16, 2018 minutes as amended. Board approved. Monson commented that we need to be named as an "additional insured" on the Harts' insurance policy, not just a certificate holder as it now reads.

TREASURER REPORT – White moved and Edmundson seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS – Edmundson reported he and Rick Dunn looked at the corrals at the Ranch. Dunn priced rough cut lumber at All Pine Lumber to fix them; 2x6x8 would run about \$400 for the repairs plus paying Dunn to do the work. Brgoch suggested a couple alternative suppliers.

Monson will draft 2 sublease consent forms for: Jeff Barela and Owen & Russell Shrout.

NEW BUSINESS – Brgoch reported the Cucharas River flow is 8 cfs at Boyd Ranch and about 3 cfs at Harrison Bridge (#3 taking water, and some for #5); #8 is sweeping the return flows. On the Huerfano, flow is 13.8 cfs at Badito, 15 cfs at Manzanares Crossing; #20 is getting some water.

PRWCD – Steve Kastner asked HCWCD to serve as fiscal agent for a last-minute grant to pay for some telemetry equipment. PRWCD has 7 ditches: 5 with satellite monitoring and 2 with no telemetry equipment. The grant money from DWR has to be committed before June 30. There was a White/Mace motion to serve as the fiscal agent for the \$17,500 grant, including \$1100 for the HCWCD administrator. Board approved. Kastner said they are thinking about de-Brucing PRWCD.

King reported that HCWCD received 4 proposals from local realtors to sell the district's Wm Craig Ranch: Fuller Western, Capture Colorado, Code of the West, and Bachman & Associates. King reviewed and ranked them based on % commission. Code of the West was the first choice recommendation, and King will negotiate the commission with Arica Andreatta for a one year contract. There was a White/Mace motion to enlist CotW to sell the Ranch. Board approved.

ABRT meeting – White reported at the Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting a National Weather Service hydrologist talked about the La Nina effect on this area: less than normal precipitation and higher than normal temperatures with a chance of floods at end of summer. The monsoon season is in July. King added that HB 1338 will transfer \$30M to the CWCB grant fund account.

GUEST COMMENTS: None.

At 6:49 pm King called a recess. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

BILLS: White moved, Mace seconded and board approved paying the following bills, which total \$112,251.49 and transfer \$5,000 to ColoTrust. Board approved.

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, SMAF, aug plan, Ranch, exchg storage -	\$11,070.10
work for new participants/growers	\$437.25
Stephen Wardell, battery for augmentation station -	\$21.57
Dunn Write, contract, mileage, meeting supplies –	\$1,660.56
Dunn Write, BIP Coordinator grant admin, 4/16/18 to 5/20/18 -	\$218.75
Dunn Write, Infrastructure improvements project, 4/16/18 to 5/20/18 -	\$350.00
Dunn Write, PRWCD grant admin, 4/16/18 to 5/20/18 -	\$148.75
Dunn Write, Phreatophyte control grant admin, 3/26/18 to 5/20/18 -	\$140.00
Dunn Write, Geotech investigation grant admin thru 5/20/18 -	\$586.25
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst contract, May –	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst, SMAF Phase 1 inspect for TZA, 5/9/18 -	\$185.65
La Veta Carpentry: batteries & NEMA boxes for infrastructure grant project -	\$2,305.83
La Veta Carpentry: web site maintenance, May -	\$150.00
TZA Water Engineers: water acctg, mining permit, aug leases, SMAF cap'y –	\$12,601.28
Sutron Corp: for Infrastructure improvements grant project -	\$15,817.43
Site Services Drilling LLC -	\$19,300.00
Picketwire Ditch Company, PRWCD grant project -	\$7,102.61
New John Flood Ditch Company, PRWCD grant project -	\$1,989.00
Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator invoice for April –	\$5,836.16
Century Link, May phone bill –	\$56.00
Spanish Peaks Library, May rent –	\$65.00

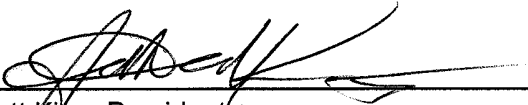
At 7:06 pm, there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the regional augmentation plan, ongoing litigation and SWSP, including the purchase, acquisition, lease or sale of real, personal or other property interest as in CRS 24-6-402(4)(a); 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 9:03 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 9:03 pm.

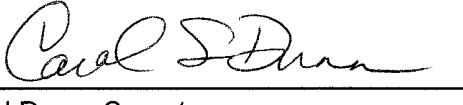
There was a Mace/White motion for Monson to sign Common Interest and Confidentiality Agreements with Town of La Veta, Cucharas Sanitation & Water District. Board approved.

There was a White/Vallejos motion to set a work session and special meeting to work on augmentation water rates for 2019 and set the date for the rate setting hearing. Board approved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



Scott King, President



Carol Dunn, Secretary