

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting November 28, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:02 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

ROLL CALL

Directors present:
Raymond Harriman
Erin Jerant
Dawson Jordan
Ray Ryan

Secretary: Carol Dunn
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.
Guests: Gary Barber, Jeff Briggs,
Bill Knowles (press), Jack Buhl,
Louis & Kathy Edmundson,
Sandy Borthick

MINUTES

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Ryan, to approve the October 24 Minutes as read. Board approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three CDs is \$64,478.69; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$12,651.41; for a grand total of \$77,130.10 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Ryan seconded to accept the November Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich provided input on several items under old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Harriman reported that Shell Oil Company may be interested in acquiring water rights from Wallerstein; he owns 650 acre-feet. Approximately 3-5 million gallons (15 acre-feet) of water are required per horizontal well.

Deborah Blouin case 11CW45 – The Division Engineer denied the application because there is no augmentation water.

Mark Corneliuss case – The motion to have the State Water Engineer intervene will be denied.

Petroglyph Operating Company case 10CW61 - Amendment to application for change of water rights and augmentation plan. Zorich reported they expanded the uses for the water already applied for (10 acre-feet). Harriman will contact the attorney and see if the Board needs to update its protest. There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Jerant, if the attorney advises to object to the amendment, then the District will file a protest on it. Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Case # 11CW65 – Joseph and Debra Malone, application for underground water right. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Ryan, to not oppose this case. Board approved.

Colorado Water Conservation Board, cases 11CW72 (Chaparral Creek) & 11CW73 (Dodgeton Creek) – 18 acre-feet per year absolute – There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Jerant, to not oppose either case. Board approved. Harriman noted a news release from Water Smart about water and energy efficiency grant funding that may be available to the Enterprise. There are also 2.75% loans available from the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

The Board's Christmas dinner will be December 17 at 6:00 pm @ La Plaza Inn.

BILLS TO PAY

Jordan moved, Jerant seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$387.68:

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage & stamps – \$316.61

Huerfano World Journal, budget legal ad – \$41.15

The Signature newspaper, budget legal ad – \$29.92

OTHER

Next meeting and budget hearing will both be on December 13, 2011 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 6:49 pm.

Raymond Harriman, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary