

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting October 24, 2011

### CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:03 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: Rick Loeffler, Gail Terry,  
Gary Barber; Eric Mullens (press)  
John McKowen, Jack Buhl,  
Beaver Edmundson, Jeff Briggs,  
Debby Blouin

### MINUTES

There was a motion by Ryan, seconded by Jordan, to approve the September 26 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 \$12,741.16; for a grand total of \$77,219.85 in all accounts. Jerant moved and Jordan seconded to accept the October Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

Jordan moved and Ryan seconded to approve the draft budget for public inspection. Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT - Zorich reported on the City of Walsenburg water case 11CW56. The diversion records are from 1940-1965, and there is no basis on what was irrigated. The City will use the consumptive use amount for its water-haul tap and the Northlands development. There is no evidence on how the consumptive use and acreage were determined. Harriman reported that the total for that ditch is 3.2 cfs; the City has 1/16 of that. He thought it would injure individuals downstream and said that water hasn't been used for 35 years. The City of La Veta is an objector, possibly because of the #14 water right they just moved upstream. Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to not oppose the case. Board approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

Tom & Anita Lawrence water case 08CW34 – Dr. McMann contacted Harriman and questioned the District's legitimacy because the District objected to the case.

Deborah Blouin water case 11CW45: 80 gpm on Ojo Spring #1 and 20 gpm on Ojo Spring #2. This amounts to 161 acre-feet per year. Deborah Blouin told the Board they do not own the property, so they cannot put in any storage. Harriman and Blouin

participated in a conference call with the Division 2 water clerk Mardell DiDomenico and Tim Beaton; another call is scheduled for 12/14/11. Blouin has met with Doug Brgoch to discuss the need for augmentation. There were previous applications filed on the springs in 1995-1996, and there were protests at that time. The owner of the bottling plant had a temporary SWSP, but it was not renewed by the State Engineer. The Blouins would like to provide the water to property owners who do not have an adequate supply of water, especially in light of the new building permit requirements for a reliable water source. The water would be hauled all over Huerfano County. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Ryan, to set this item of business aside until the November 28 meeting. Board approved.

Jerant reported that a temporary SWSP for the City of Walsenburg has been approved through 1/14/12.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Case 10CW61 – Petroglyph Operating Company, amendment to application for change of water rights and augmentation plan – involves the Wallerstein 1/60<sup>th</sup> (10 acre-feet) interest in Coler Ditch. Petroglyph is plugging 50-60 wells with concrete. The amendment would allow for additional uses of the same water filed on in 2010. The case also refers to case 02CW121. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Jerant, to set aside this item of business until the November 28 meeting. Board approved.

#### DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS

Both Harriman and Jordan have been reappointed to the Board by Judge Appel for four more years.

#### BILLS TO PAY

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

- Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage & stamps – \$316.61
- Huerfano World Journal – \$41.15
- The Signature - \$29.92

#### OTHER

Next meeting will be November 28, 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 6:56 pm.

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Raymond Harriman, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary