

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting May 20, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King at Walsenburg Housing Authority on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Guests: Doug Brgoch and Lenna Rauber, Water Commissioners; Rick Dunn, Chelsey Nutter, Jeanne Hoyt, Mayor Dennis Hoyt, Caitlin Dunn.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – White moved and Mace seconded to approve the April 22, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Regarding the board vacancy, the motion has been filed with the court to amend the decree to allow a member from the district "at large." We're waiting for the judge's ruling.

NEW BUSINESS –

Water case 2019CW3028 – Two Rivers Water and Farming, Cucharas #5 application for finding of diligence. White moved, Mace seconded and board approved filing a statement of opposition against the case on grounds that the actions described do not constitute diligence.

SMAF Phase 3 – Rick Dunn reported that excavation of the reservoir site by Paul Morgan Excavating (PME) has reached the approximate final depth. Spoils have been placed, and the overexcavated portion from the County gravel mining is being filled and compacted. Aggregate has been separated. Nine compaction tests show acceptable at 95%+. Lamp Rynearson has requested the test results from PME. Mace had photos to show. The liner warranty was discussed. Because there are exemptions from liability based on compaction, the prep work by PME will need to be coordinated and approved by the lining contractor. Monson was asked to revise the warranties, and Lamp Rynearson needs to specify an acceptable seepage rate.

Doug Brgoch and Lenna Rauber reported on the condition of both rivers, with 55 feet on the upper Huerfano and 97.2 (down from 130 a few days ago) on the Cucharas.

Headgate restoration study – The study results will be presented by Gerald Blackler, Enginuity, at a public meeting on June 8. Army Corps of Engineers 404 stream maintenance requirements/allowances will be copied and available at that meeting.

Early Flood Warning Gages – All gages are installed. The only one with problems is North Abeyta Creek, which is giving false readings. Brgoch reported that Matt Hardesty, State Hydrographer, will probably take it offline. Mayor Hoyt agreed that would be ok, since he's been watching the actual river and not relying on the gage. Blackler has recommended hardening the South Abeyta gage posts to metal and moving the Middle Creek gage to the other side of the creek. Reimbursement from both

CWCB and DHSEM (through Huerfano County) have been received and replenished the ColoTrust savings account.

Chelsey Nutter presented a report on behalf of ARWC on burn scar mitigation work in April: 3,330 linear feet of stream cleared; 14 acres of floodplain cleared; 154 cubic yards of debris removed; supervised volunteer work on sandbagging; cleaning and moving. ARWC will soon begin planning for task order 2. There is a potential CDPHE grant that could add to the ARWC work in the amount of \$300K. Work could be higher in the Indian Creek watershed. There was a motion by White, seconded by Mace, to have the King-White-Dunn committee develop the tasks for this project. Board approved.

There was a White/Mace motion to renew the real estate listing agreement with Code of the West Realty. Board approved.

HCWCD has been notified that CWCB has approved the Cucharas Collaborative Phase 4 project grant for 30% engineering on Bruce Canyon and Maria Lakes enlargement; project deadline is 11/30/2019.

Water Day will be held September 14, all day, at the La Veta Community Center. Topics will be local water issues. Mace said he will start contacting potential speakers. It was suggested we also alert Sam Ebersole about the webisodes he was planning for the Cucharas and Huerfano Rivers. Tri-State Generation shot some film in La Veta for public service announcements. Brgoch will inquire about getting a couple of those to show during Water Day.

Edmundson reported that he and his grandson worked on the fences at the district's Ranch. They are irrigating now, have cattle pasturing and are running water into the recharge pond.

The April Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting was during the Water Forum. King & White attended the forum. A new website is being set up. Amber Webber, who took Jean Van Pelt's position with PEPO, offered to help with Water Day.

At 7:56 King called for a break. At 8:18 the meeting was reconvened.

Bills: Edmundson moved, Mace seconded and board approved transferring \$332,500 from ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$439,426.57:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: Ranch; aug plan; decree; Perrino & exch storage cases	\$6,624.25
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, snacks, postage, ink	\$1,787.31
Dunn Write: early warning gages project admin	\$1,006.68
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin	\$1,140.30
Dunn Write: headgate restoration study grant admin	\$3,000.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: website maintenance	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF phase 3	\$703.24
Lamp Rynearson: water acctg, collaborative exchange case; SMAF phase 3	\$4,339.78
Paul Morgan Excavating: SMAF phase 3	\$369,540.00
Applegate Group, three reservoir renderings	\$1,232.50
Enginuity: Headgate restoration study through 4/30/19	\$27,540.00
Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative: SCF flood mitigation grant task 1, 3/28-4/30/19	\$21,712.51
Huerfano School District RE-1: Washington School auditorium for headgate mtg 6/8/19	\$100.00
Town of La Veta: Community Center for Water Day on 9/14/19	\$100.00
Century Link: May phone bill	\$65.00
Spanish Peaks Library: May rent	\$65.00

At 8:29 there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving Perrino case 13CW3074, Walsenburg Exchange case 17CW3063, & Cucharas Collaborative exchange case 17CW3075, 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 10:06, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary