

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting April 25, 2011

### CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 6:04 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

### ROLL CALL

Directors present:  
Raymond Harriman  
Erin Jerant  
Ray Ryan  
Dawson Jordan  
Kent Mace

Secretary: Carol Dunn  
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.  
Guests: Bill Knowles, John Stroh II,  
Gail Terry, Rick Loeffler, John  
McKowen, Gary Barber

### MINUTES

There was a motion by Ryan, seconded by Jordan, to approve the March 28 Minutes as read. Board approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three certificates of deposits is \$64,191.73; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$11,773.31; for a grand total of \$75,965.04 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to accept the April 25 Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

CONSULTANT REPORT - Zorich reported that he did review the Two Rivers SWSP, checked diversion records and made comments to the attorney.

### OLD BUSINESS

Case 10CW61, Petroglyph Operating Company – Petroglyph is reportedly capping its wells and pulling out of Huerfano County by October 2011.

### NEW BUSINESS

No new water cases were filed in the past month.

The Board reviewed a new policy on public inspection of documents under the Colorado Open Records Act (attached). The Board decided to set the charge for copies at \$1.00 per page for black and white copies and \$3.00 per page for color copies. There was a Jerant motion, seconded by Jordan, to adopt the policy. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – John McKowen, CEO of Two Rivers Water company offered comments on his company's recent filing of a Substitute Water Supply Plan. He said that recent newspaper articles about TRW's plans were off base with their intentions. He said TRW purchased the water rights on January 31, 2011 and part of the purchase agreement is to deliver water back for use in Huerfano County if there is any development in the next ten years that requires it. TRW is not looking for a permanent

change of use, so the application did not go through water court. McKowen said the intent of TRW is to farm and irrigate below the two named ditches, Butte Valley and Robert Rice. He told the Board his vision is looking forward at farming, and the value of irrigated farmland is one of the best investments you can make. TRW owns the farmland described in the SWSP. McKowen referred to HCU (historical consumptive use), indicating research on this has already been done; however, it was not described in the SWSP. McKowen told the Board he hopes eventually TRW and HCWCD have a good relationship. He said the TRW plan is to grow organic alfalfa and provide it to two organic dairies in Boulder County. Stroh said he is currently irrigating with some of the TRW water.

Jerant commented on the new Huerfano County Resolution 11-10, which specifies that land buyers must be made aware if there is no water attached to the subdivided land (35+- acre parcels) they are planning to buy.

#### BILLS TO PAY

Ryan moved, Jerant seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$1583.07:

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$415.30

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage and postage – \$312.27

Felt Monson & Culichia – \$855.50

#### OTHER

Next meeting will be May 23, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jordan moved and Jerant seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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Raymond Harriman, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary