

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting

November 27, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Doug Brgoch, Larry Waide, Gail Terry, Rebecca Hoehne, Pat Waide, Rick Dunn.

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

MINUTES - White moved and Vallejos seconded to approve the October 23, 2017 minutes as presented. Board approved.

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

The Water Activity Enterprise is not needed at this time, but Monson recommended keeping it in effect in case it's needed in the future. We will leave \$512 in the account and continue to pay the \$1.00 monthly service charge.

Although the work by Chaparral was planned for November 21, the Cucharas River stream gages have not been worked on yet.

King reported on the CWCB action on City of Walsenburg application for a grant to expand City Lake. The IGA with HCWCD, La Veta and CSWD is a condition of the grant, and it must be completed by March. Only the grant was addressed at the November 16 CWCB meeting in Broomfield.

Water Commissioner Brgoch reported there still is no call on the Cucharas River. Water is diverting into Maria Lake. Holita Reservoir is being drained and the dam will be repaired this winter. The Orlando was authorized last Monday to divert from the Huerfano River. The Welton call is taking 6-8 ft. in its winter call that started on November 15.

Water case 2017CW3057 – Rules for review of a SWSP for lease, loan, or trade of a decreed ag water protection water right. Ag protection water rights are different than other water rights in that the rights can be changed even though there is no end user (ie. ag lease situations). On Monson's advice and a White/Mace motion, the board decided to not take action on this case.

Water Infrastructure Improvements grant – Monitoring well installation has been delayed until probably January. The Attorney General's office needs to review the easement on Betsy Meacham's site. The Riggins release is complete.

SMAF update – Final quantities for construction have been calculated by TZA. There was discussion about watering the site to get the seeding going. There was a White/Edmundson motion to authorize Rick Dunn to get the site watered. However, it is very late in the season to establish a seeding. Brgoch reported the County pump went out and Road & Bridge is not pumping as of the beginning of November. Taking into account the second change order, the final billing puts the contract total

\$12,400 under the original contract amount. There was a White/Vallejos motion to sign change order #2. Board approved.

King reported on the ABRT meeting – Ark River Watershed Collaborative will now become a nonprofit 501(c)(3) to get money not available to governments. This should dramatically increase the amount of funding available to that group.

At 7:19 King called for a break. At 7:44 meeting was called back to order.

Bills: White moved, Edmundson seconded and board approved transferring \$40,000 to ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$41,629.24:

Mountain States Financial group, bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, SMAF, aug plan, Perrino, Ranch, exchg storage	\$9,594.31
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: Work for 5 growers/new applicants –	\$728.75
Dunn Write, contract, mileage & supplies –	\$1,824.12
Dunn Write, Infrastructure improvements project –	\$332.50
Dunn Write, Infrastructure ADD for gage repairs –	\$323.75
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst –	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF Phase 1 inspections for TZA –	\$246.55
TZA Water Engineers: Water acctg, SMAF, exchange app, Perrino case –	\$19,088.12
TZA Water Engineers: Inclusion of Emerald Valley in Regional Aug Plan –	\$1,798.50
Garald Barber, BIP Coordinator –	\$5,063.11
Wachob & Wachob: August field staking for construction limits at SMAF –	\$900.00
Applegate Group: Geotechnical project meeting –	\$35.00
HRS Water Consultants: Engineering on Infrastructure improvements grant project –	\$934.00
The Signature Newspaper: Legal ad for budget and message –	\$76.56
Huerfano World Journal: Legal ad for budget and message –	\$231.00
Century Link, November phone bill –	\$62.47
Spanish Peaks Library, November rent & copies –	\$70.50

At 7:48 there was a motion by Mace, seconded by White, 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 9:02 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 9:02 pm.

There was a White/Vallejos motion to put the Ranch on the market at \$1,000 per acre if the appraiser feels that the value is not greater than that price. Board approved.

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

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary