

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting September 28, 2009

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:06 pm at Walsenburg City Hall, Walsenburg, CO.

### ROLL CALL

Directors present:  
Raymond Harriman  
Ray Ryan  
Dawson Jordan  
Erin Jerant  
John Vucetich

Secretary: Carol Dunn  
Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.  
Attorney: Steve Monson  
Guest: Bill Knowles (press)

### MINUTES

There was a motion by Jerant, seconded by Vucetich, to approve the August Minutes. Board approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three certificates of deposits is \$60,294.35; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$19,180.78; for a grand total of \$79,475.13 in all accounts. Jordan moved and Ryan seconded to accept the September 28 Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

### CONSULTANT REPORT

Regarding the Snowy River water case, 06CW24, Zorich reported on his review. The numbers match the previous plan filed under their right; he feels it is exactly what they applied for before. Zorich said the State will review it carefully. The same water referenced was previously used in a temporary plan. There was a Jerant motion, seconded by Jordan, to take no action on the Snowy River water case. Board approved.

### ATTORNEY REPORT

Monson reported on the Colorado Water Conservation Board water filing. The County has been bearing the cost for the filings. The filings are located high in the watershed. Bikis did the consulting on the flows in the rivers. Board discussed what flows are really needed to sustain fish and wildlife and whether these flows available. The Bikis research shows the flows are about half of what CWCB is asking for during May-July. The County is in negotiations with CWCB about amounts and timing. CWCB is willing to postpone the filings until 2010 (upper and lower Huerfano and Cucharas) and 2011 for the other creeks. The delay in filings could allow filings for upper reach storage before a minimum instream flow ruling goes into effect.

Jerant was concerned that the County seems to suggest the HCWCD file for the water storage rights. If it could fit into the blanket augmentation plan, it could work for the HCWCD to file for this, even if it is a conditional right (storage wouldn't need to be built

right away). Zorich said the White Creek Reservoir could be enlarged, and it is high storage. If there is a settlement, both the County and the District would need to sign it. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Vucetich, to encourage the County to negotiate the flow differences and postpone decisions on this to December 2011. Board approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mark Corelius (07CW25) got a 6-month extension so he can file for an underground water right. On case 00CW26, Cucharas River LLC, Dwight Harrison is substituting in on the case.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Case 09CW99 Donald Cisneros filing for reasonable diligence on springs Cisneros #5-7; they are tributary to Palo Duro Creek/Huerfano River in the Gardner area. Jerant moved and Jordan seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

Case 09CW104 Thomas & Cecelia Severance filing for underground water right, 14 gpm in Blackhawk Ranch. Jordan moved and Vucetich seconded to take no action on this case. Board approved.

#### DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS – None.

#### BILLS TO PAY

Ryan moved, Vucetich seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, totaling \$1001.90:

Carol Dunn, clerical fee, mileage – \$360.40

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$141.50

Walsenburg Insurance, bonds for Board - \$500.00

BUDGET – Jerant moved and Jordan seconded to have Tom Ortiz prepare the 2010 budget. Board approved.

#### OTHER

Next regular meeting will be October 26, 2009 at 6:00 pm, Walsenburg City Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ryan moved and Jordan seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

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Raymond Harriman, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary