

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting March 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:04 pm at the Council Board room, City Hall, Walsenburg.

Attendance

Directors:

Dawson Jordan

Ray Ryan

Erin Jerant

John Vucetich

Raymond Harriman

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Attorney: Jim Felt

Guests: Roger Cain, Kent Mace, Joe Vucetich, Steve Wachterman, Erin Prater, David Rinehart, Kenneth Hay, Steve Werner, Phil Warlick, Grady Grissom.

The purpose of the meeting was to negotiate the terms of a possible short-term lease for augmentation water on the upper portion of the Huerfano River.

Lease details: Sheep Mountain Ranch (SMR) may lease 7 acre-feet now with an option for 3 more acre-feet. in 2010 or later. If the water right, which is from 1866, is the Woods priority 14, a change has been made and quantified. SMR (the Grissom/Lovelace partnership) requires about \$4,000 annual income. The lease cost would be \$800/acre-foot, and a rebate back to Gardner and Malachite spring is planned by SMR. A short term lease of 5 years would spread out the up front costs to SMR. Regarding dry up: Ray Garcia has been consulted. The lease will probably require up to 6 acres of dry up for the 7 acre-feet of augmentation water. SMR will explore the construction of a reservoir.

Paradise Acres Homeowners Assn. has a storage pond which is potential storage for about 6-7 acre-feet. Gardner Sanitation & Water District has a third waste lagoon which has never been used, is lined, and is potential storage for 1/10 acre-foot. Steve Witte has said he won't approve Orlando Reservoir because it is below the point of injury.

There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Jerant, to have Attorney Felt draft the lease, circulate it among all those involved, and when there is consensus, Jordan and Grissom will sign it. Board approved.

There will be a special meeting on March 18 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerant moved and Jordan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Board approved.

Raymond Harriman, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary