

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting June 24, 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, June 24, 2019 at 6:07 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace.  
Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson; Engineer: John Faux  
Guests: Doug Brgoch and Lenna Rauber, Water Commissioners; Rick Dunn, Caitlin Dunn, Bob Hoffman, Carl Beeman, Jim Berg, Sheryl Hanisch, Dannah Koeniger.  
The agenda was approved on an Edmundson/Mace motion.

MINUTES – Edmundson moved and Mace seconded to approve the May 20, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Regarding Water Day, Mace said he will start contacting potential speakers.

NEW BUSINESS – SMAF Phase 3 – John Faux reported that compaction has been challenging because there's so much sand at the reservoir site. Lamp Rynearson (LR) specified adding 3/8-minus cover on top of the liner. For stable side slopes, Morgan Excavating has recommended using bentonite from a bentonite pit in Antonito; Faux will have a sample tested. He will get cost estimates on using clay/bentonite vs. the liner. LR specified an NRCS seed mix recommendation to stabilize the site because of blowing dust. Rachel Pittinger has inquired when CWCB can expect "substantial completion" of the Regional Augmentation Project; they are willing to wait until June 2020.

Rauber reported the Huerfano River is at 81 feet (Killian call). Farmers are haying now. Brgoch reported the Cucharas is at 94 feet (Arkansas call). Side streams are drying up now. Haying might start around July 4, although with the cool night temperatures it could be delayed a couple of weeks.

Headgate restoration study – The results were presented by Gerald Blackler, Enginuity, at a public meeting on June 8. His reports, maps and displays were placed at Walsenburg and La Veta libraries for diverters to pick up. Brgoch and Rauber were also planning to deliver the headgate analysis reports as they travel around to headgate owners. Army Corps of Engineers 404 stream maintenance requirements/allowances were copied and are available, as well as sketches of temporary diversions.

Early Flood Warning Gages – We received a test notification from Hydromet/Matt Hardesty today. Site work was done by Chad Lessar so the Middle Creek gage could be moved to the other side of the creek. Hardesty is deciding what spare equipment we can keep on hand in case one of the gages gets damaged by a flood. Thresholds are being determined with first responders' input. A matrix will then be created. USGS will be installing their own GOES gages in July, but data from them will not be available to the public; they are primarily concerned with precipitation and flooding that will affect CDOT highways. Board agreed to have warning notices go through HCWCD as one of nine central organizations which can forward text alerts to groups of people.

ARWC has submitted task order 2 for fire remediation work on the Spring Creek fire burn scar.

Regarding the Collaborative Storage Phase 3 project, we will need permission for site access roads for additional testing: the Goemmers for Bruce Canyon and Marshall Moore for South Baker Creek.

Logo – There was a White/Edmundson motion to proceed with designing a logo for HCWCD based on the now defunct TZA logo. Faux has obtained approval for HCWCD to repurpose it. Board approved.

Code of the West Realty has had two showings of the Ranch in the past two weeks. Edmundson reported he’s been irrigating from the Wm Craig ditch and also running water in the Jose Maria ditch for one month continuously, irrigating a couple of acres and splitting the water with the neighbor. The recharge pond is working well. Stephen Wardell continues to operate the diversion and recharge pond.

At 8:20 King called for a break. At 8:35 the meeting was reconvened.

Bills: Edmundson moved, Mace seconded and board approved transferring \$20,000 from ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$135,190.61:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: Ranch; aug plan; decree; Perrino & exch storage cases	\$20,658.81
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, snacks, postage, ink	\$1,741.08
Dunn Write: early warning gages project admin	\$1,050.00
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin	\$1,256.82
Dunn Write: headgate restoration study grant admin	\$3,861.00
Dunn Write: Collaborative Storage Phase 3 grant admin	430.00
Dunn Write: Collaborative Storage Phase 4 grant admin	320.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst	\$200.00
La Veta Carpentry: website maintenance	\$150.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst for SMAF phase 3	\$856.60
Lamp Rynearson: water acctg, collaborative exchange case; SMAF phase 3	\$7,124.78
HRS Water Consultants: Infrastructure improvements project	\$52.50
American Express: New Brother printer	\$338.27
Paul Morgan Excavating: SMAF phase 3	\$25,412.00
World Journal: legal ad for board vacancy	\$43.56
Enginuity: Headgate restoration study final, through 6/30/19	\$42,300.00
Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative: SCF flood mitigation grant task 1, 5/1-5/31/19	\$29,017.19
Walsenburg Insurance	\$100.00
Pinnacol Assurance: Workers comp insurance	\$43.00
Century Link: June phone bill	\$50.00
Spanish Peaks Library: June rent	\$65.00

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At 8:39 there was a motion by White, seconded by Edmundson and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving 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 11:16, White moved, Mace seconded and board approved closing the executive session and returning to open session. Regarding the board vacancy, the District Court has said it will welcome board input on the applicants. King can call a special meeting at his discretion. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:18 pm.