

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting August 19, 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, August 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Directors present: Lewis "Beaver" Edmundson, Michael "Sandy" White, Scott King, Kent Mace, Lonnie Brown. Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Steve Monson

Guests: Rick Dunn, Doug Brgoch, Lenna Rauber, Monty Morgan, Sam Perry, Chelsey Nutter, Rebecca Hoehne, Steve Kastner.

The following items were added to the agenda: Steve Kastner; 20 year BLM plan; Revisions to bylaws; Maria Lakes Grazing Assn; Brgoch about emergency flood warning gages.

MINUTES – White **moved** and Edmundsdon seconded to approve the July 22, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Brgoch reported that the location for one of the water infrastructure improvements grant project wells needed to be moved to the Herman Wooten property near the County road.

NEW BUSINESS – Water cases: HCWCD has filed a statement of opposition on the Two Rivers water case 2019CW3028. There was a White/Edmundson **motion** for Monson to check with Bill Tyner if the DWR State Engineer's office supports the diligence taken on the case. Board approved. On the Peralta case 2019CW3 – Monson recommended taking no action. He also recommended no action on the Maria Lakes Grazing Association case 2019CW3045, which specifies an additional amount put to beneficial use under their water right.

After an explanation by Brgoch, there was a White/Brown **motion** to contribute up to \$4,000 to help with match needed to fund the emergency work on Middle Creek channel flood protection; this will help save the emergency flood warning gage. Board approved.

SMAF Phase 3 construction – John Faux has recommended that Rick Dunn help supervise placement of the overburden on the liner. A White/Edmundson **motion** authorized that, and board approved.

Water Commissioners Rauber and Brgoch reported on the Huerfano and Cucharas river flows. Plans for advertising Huerfano Water Day on September 14 were discussed.

Chelsey Nutter provided a map and gave a report on ARWC work on flood mitigation Task 1 projects on the Spring Creek Fire burn scar. The CCC and Swift crews are gone for the year. Nutter is working on getting the statements of work for the next two task orders (3 & 4) approved by CWCB. There was discussion about using sediment settling ponds at the confluence of Middle, Indian and Abeyta Creeks. Two old ponds along Middle Creek are on land owned by John Moore, and ARWC feels at least one could be used as a floodwater detention facility if rehabbed (under SB212 jurisdiction). There are liability concerns. Nutter will inquire about aerial seeding and mulching that the County was going to do. White suggested we might apply with CWCB for another \$500K in flood mitigation work next year.

There was a Brown/Edmundson **motion** to sign the new satellite monitoring contract with DWR. Board approved. This will automatically renew year to year unless cancelled by either party.

There was a White/Mace **motion** to establish a funding committee to locate funding to build the reservoirs that emerged from the Collaborative Storage studies. Board approved. Members are: White, Brown, C.Dunn. The board was notified that revisions will be made to the **bylaws**, and a draft will be brought to the next board meeting.

White was asked to prepare a letter to BLM regarding its 20-year plan. HCWCD wants to be a party to provide input on future Huerfano County water issues in that plan.

Bills: Edmundson **moved**, White seconded and board approved transferring up to \$167,500 from ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$209,349.98:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, Ranch, Wbg and exchg storage cases	\$17,340.35
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, postage, virus software, snacks for mtg	\$1,810.17
Dunn Write: Early warning gages project admin –	\$1,020.00
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin –	\$1,566.68
Dunn Write: Collaborative Storage phase 3 grant admin –	\$580.00
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 –	\$300.00
Lamp Rynearson: Water acctg, Storage Collaborative; SMAF –	\$9,520.14
Huerfano County: equipment rental for emergency flood gage installations –	\$830.41
Walsenburg Insurance, bond for Brown	\$100.00
Applegate Group, Collaborative exchange work requested by MC&S; shared by 3 entities	\$1,899.16
Chad Lessar Excavation, site access, Collaborative Storage Ph3 S.Baker Ck & Bruce Cyn	\$4,000.00
Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative: SCF flood mitigation project –	\$55,535.98
CHD Construction LLC: mulching on flood mitigation project; \$3,000 rec'd from County –	\$3112.50
Simbeck & Associates: SMAF 45 mil RPP fabricat panels for liner, welding rods, process	\$110,823.59
Century Link: August phone bill –	\$56.00
Spanish Peaks Library: August rent –	\$65.00

At 8:44 there was a **motion** by White, seconded by Mace and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving Walsenburg Exchange case 17CW3060, 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 9:45 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 9:45 pm. There was a White/Edmundson **motion** to approve change orders for Paul Morgan Excavating and Simbeck and Associates work on Sheep Mountain Augmentation Facility. Board approved.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Scott King, President

Carol Dunn, Secretary