

HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Minutes of Board Meeting July 22, 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, July 22, 2019 at 6:01 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, Marshall Moore, Mike Morgan, Paul Morgan, Jim Alt, Jim Berg.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES – White moved and Mace seconded to approve the June 24, 2019 minutes as presented. Board approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS – The location for one of the infrastructure project wells has been moved to the Herman Wooten property near the County road.

NEW BUSINESS – (No new water cases)

SMAF Phase 3 construction – Paul and Mike Morgan expressed their concerns to the board that the liner will stay on the slope of the reservoir because the type of sand onsite may cause it to slump. The liner is scheduled to ship July 29. It was decided to have a meeting onsite with HCWCD, Lamp Rynearson and Simbeck & Associates to decide if changes need to be made to the existing plans.

Storage Collaborative Phase 3 site access – A meeting was held at the South Baker Creek potential reservoir site with Rick Dunn, Marshall Moore, Jim Berg, and Chad Lessar to scope out the access needed for further geotechnical testing. For the Bruce Canyon location, Lonnie Brown agreed to coordinate with Pete Goemmer, Rick Dunn and Lessar. An access path plus a 20x50' drilling pad are needed at each site. If Lessar's bid is at or under budget, Carol Dunn will give him approval to proceed with both sites. Moore suggested the reservoir might be moved a little to the north for better storage; Carol Dunn will follow up with Steve Smith, Applegate Engineering, about this.

Early Flood Warning Gages – White reported that all early flood warning gages are installed. Mounting posts have been installed to move the Middle Creek gage to the other side of the stream. USGS has installed five of its own gages on the burn scar to measure rainfall; none are operational yet. During the board meeting Water Commissioner Brgoch reported a heavy rain event taking place on North and South Abeyta Creeks, Indian Creek and La Veta Pass. He had to leave the meeting because of this. Water Commissioner Rauber reported the Huerfano River flows are low. The tributary flows are about finished. The Huerfano call is #50 as of this date; the Cucharas call is #70.

There was a White motion, seconded by Edmundson, that HCWCD agrees to serve as a contact point for flood emergency notifications. A disclaimer will be placed on the HCWCD website.

Edmundson moved, White seconded and board approved changing the meeting date for August from 8/26 to 8/19 and the meeting date for September from 9/23 to 9/30.

Brown agreed to research the new federal legislation which we might use to build the potential reservoirs identified in the Storage Collaborative studies. Funding includes 25% non-Bureau of Reclamation grants and 2.6% federal loans.

Monson will write a letter to Eddie Pino about the HCWCD 1/3 ownership of #52 water on the Jose Maria ditch. The Pinos have been interfering with Reed Edmundson irrigating the district's Ranch.

Ark Basin Roundtable report – King reported he will attend the 9-basin roundtable in Winter Park in September.

At 7:57 King called for a break. At 8:03 meeting was reconvened.

Bills: Mace moved, White seconded and board approved transferring \$136,000 to ColoTrust and paying the following bills, which total \$184,685.14:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping	\$120.00
Monson, Cummins & Shohet: board mtg, Ranch, Wbg and exchg storage cases	\$22,046.04
Dunn Write: contract, mileage, freight, website hosting renewal 2 yrs	\$1,910.10
Dunn Write: Early warning gages project admin –	\$547.54
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire flood mitigation grant admin –	\$1,023.34
Dunn Write: Collaborative Storage phase 3 grant admin –	\$816.68
Dunn Write: Collaborative Storage phase 4 grant admin –	\$290.00
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, 2019 projections; recharge pond; SMAF –	\$12,655.88
Div Reclamation, Mining & Safety: annual fee for SMAF site (EFT) –	\$791.00
Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative: SCF flood mitigation project –	\$32,538.33
Parsons Water: Storage Collaborative case work –	\$1,640.00
Chad Lessar Excavation: install mounting posts to move flood gage on Middle Creek –	\$4,250.00
Paul Morgan Excavating: SMAF Phase 3 progress –	\$84,500.00
Simbeck & Associates: Geotextile for SMAF pond liner –	\$20,790.00
Century Link: July phone bill –	\$51.23
Spanish Peaks Library: July rent –	\$65.00

At 8:04 there was a motion by Mace, seconded by White 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 9:11 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 9:11 pm.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.