

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting May 18, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Scott King online with GoToMeeting, which was properly noticed and available for public participation, on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:02 pm.

Directors participating: Lewis “Beaver” Edmundson, Michael “Sandy” White, Scott King, Kent Mace, Lonnie Brown.

Secretary: Carol Dunn; Attorney: Ryan Farr; Engineer: John Faux

Guests: Jim Berg, Dave Steffan, Don Sieke, Jim Alt, Marshall Moore, Dennis Hoyt, Arica Andreatta, Bill Tyner.

The meeting agenda was approved.

MINUTES – Mace moved and Brown seconded to approve the April 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Board approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – The April 2020 financial reports were reviewed. The financials were accepted on a White/Mace motion. Dunn reviewed the cash flow report and the loan and grant information report.

### OLD BUSINESS –

SMAF Phase 4: The agreement with Lamp Rynearson has been signed and returned. John Faux reported that, as requested last year, the option for remote sensing and operation has been added to the diversion design. It would enable the gates to be closed during flooding on the Huerfano River to protect the wet well.

Storage Collaborative Phase 5: The agreement with Applegate Group has been fine tuned between Steve Monson and Steve Smith per the board’s request. The board previously approved signing the resulting task order with Monson’s changes.

NEW BUSINESS – Water case 2020CW3014, Fernando Salazar, application for reasonable diligence: S&P Ditch, 2 cfs from Huerfano River for irrigation. Because this is a 1990 water right, the board agreed to not oppose the case.

Fire Remediation grant project: On behalf of ARWC, Dave Steffan reported on progress made in the past month and provided a written report that included digital elevation mapping and geologic morphology assessment.

Wm. Craig Ranch property: Arica Andreatta addressed the board about the real estate listing for the Wm. Craig Ranch. Her agency has had about a dozen showings of the property. She has had some feedback about the property. The listing renewal date is June 1. On a separate matter, she said she has an opportunity for the purchase of 18 acre-feet of water on the Cucharas.

Gardner Well: White reported one of the municipal wells in Gardner has failed. Steve Kastner is working with the Public Improvement District to obtain funding to drill another, deeper well under an emergency permit for about \$80,000. For a DOLA grant, they need local matching funds. White moved

and Mace seconded that HCWCD contribute \$5,000 toward that but only after seeing that other organizations are also contributing their share.

During committee reports, King publicly thanked Paul Morgan Excavating for working with HCWCD and being patient on payment for the work on Sheep Mountain augmentation pond. Edmundson reported they are still irrigating at Wm. Craig Ranch. King reported that the Arkansas Basin Roundtable held a virtual meeting on May 13, and discussion was that the State of Colorado is facing a \$3-billion budget shortfall.

King called a break at 7:11; meeting resumed at 7:22.

BILLS – White moved, Edmundson seconded, and board approved paying the following bills, which total \$25,666.91:

Mountain States Financial group: bookkeeping –	\$120.00
Dunn Write: contract	\$1,667.00
Dunn Write: Collab storage Phase 5 grant admin thru 5/18/20	\$420.00
Dunn Write: Spring Creek Fire Flood Mitigation grant admin thru 5/18/20	\$1,071.00
La Veta Carpentry: water analyst –	\$252.20
La Veta Carpentry: website maintenance –	\$150.00
Century Link, March phone bill (autopay 4/30) –	\$60.21
Spanish Peaks Library, May rent –	\$65.00
Lamp Rynearson: water acctg, mapping for storage collab. case, Southway aug app –	\$1,045.00
Ott Hydromet: flood warning gage monitoring for 2020	\$5,775.00
Town of La Veta: match for Middle Creek flood protection/channel project	\$4,500.00
Applegate Group, Collaborative Storage Phase 4 (includes match)	\$10,636.50

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At 7:23 there was a motion by White, seconded by Brown and approved by the board, to go into executive session to discuss matters involving the SMAF, sale of HCWCD's Ranch, and 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 7:38 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 7:38 pm.

Mace moved, Brown seconded and board approved renewing the real estate listing contract with Code of the West Realty for a period of one year.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Scott King, President

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Carol Dunn, Secretary