

# HUERFANO COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Minutes of Board Meeting June 25, 2012

### CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was called to order by President Raymond Harriman on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:11 pm.

### ROLL CALL

Directors present: Raymond Harriman, Dawson Jordan, Ray Ryan, Kent Mace and Erin Jerant.

Secretary: Carol Dunn

Consultant: Ted M. Zorich, Jr.

Guests: David Rinehart (press), Jay Winner, Lonnie Brown, Beaver Edmundson, Sandy Borthick, Al Tucker, Sandy White, Jeff Briggs, Jack Buhl.

### MINUTES

There was a motion by Ryan, seconded by Jordan, to approve the May 21, 2012 Minutes as read. Board approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The total of all three CDs is \$64,560.60; total in the First National Bank in Trinidad/Walsenburg checking account is \$7,131.13; for a grand total of \$71,691.73 in all accounts. Jerant moved and Mace seconded to accept the June Treasurer's Report. Board approved.

### CONSULTANT REPORT

Zorich asked if the Board might want to comment on the Shell SWSP or water court case. Jordan said a pond will be built, and the water will be put back on the land. Mace moved and Jordan seconded to submit no comments on the Shell plans. Board approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

Case 11CW45 – Harriman reported that Blouin, Beaton and himself will participate in a conference call on June 27.

Cases 11CW94 and 11CW96 – No report.

Mill Levy - Harriman read a draft letter to the County Commissioners requesting waiver of all or a portion of the fees to get the mill levy question on the November ballot. All board members signed the letter. Harriman will attend the Commissioners' meeting to present the letter. There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Mace, to hire Jim Culichia to work on the mill levy for a fee of \$5,000. The vote passed 4-1 with Jerant voting no.

### NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Borthick, Citizens for Huerfano County, gave a presentation on the immediate needs for water to take care of people and agriculture. The CWCB Statewide Water Supply Initiative has estimated that current Huerfano County water needs are 1,000 acre-

feet / year, about 155 gallons per person per day. In 2050 the estimated need could be as high as 3,000 acre-feet.

CWCB has Water Supply Reserve Account Grants designed for structural and non-structural water projects or activities. Citizens for Huerfano County offered to pay a successful grant writer (Nicole Langley) to write the grant application for HCWCD. Jay Winner, Arkansas Valley Roundtable, offered some advice and said he needs an estimate of the engineering costs to prepare for the change case in court.

There was a Jordan motion, seconded by Jerant, to nominate Director Kent Mace to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable as a Water Conservancy District representative. Board approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Water Court Cases, applications for absolute underground water rights:

12CW22: Alynne and Ralph Price, Gardner, 50 gpm, tributary to Huerfano River.

12CW40: Mary Jensen & Joseph Pfander, Gardner, 50 gpm, tributary to Huerfano River.

12CW41: Earl and Barbara Deardorff, 15 gpm, tributary to Huerfano River.

12CW43: Gail Seitz, Gardner, 15 gpm, tributary to Huerfano River.

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Jerant to take no action on the above cases. Board approved.

12CW47 (96CW229 & 05C77): Ludwig Bohler, app for finding of Reasonable Diligence, Sheep Mountain Well #1, 15 gpm conditional; tributary to Yellowstone Creek/Huerfano River.

12CW49 (96CW229 & 05CW77) Tom & Jackie Usry, app for finding of Reasonable Diligence, Sheep Mountain Well #1, 15 gpm; tributary to Yellowstone Creek/Huerfano River.

There was a motion by Jordan, seconded by Ryan, to take no action on these cases. Board approved.

DIRECTOR AND GUEST COMMENTS - None.

#### BILLS TO PAY

Jordan moved, Ryan seconded, and Board approved payment of the following bills, total \$2,320.97:

Carol Dunn, clerical, mileage, & ink – \$343.35

Ted M. Zorich, Jr. – \$541.50

Felt, Monson & Culichia – \$1436.12

OTHER - Next meeting will be July 16, 2012 at 6:00 pm at Walsenburg City Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ryan moved and Mace seconded to adjourn. Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.