**Meeting of the**

**Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District**

**Thursday, June 26, 2014**

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Rio Blanco County**

**Commissioners’ Meeting Room**

**200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call

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| Directors Present:  Edward Coryell, President  Ben Rogers  Kelly Sheridan  Mike Brennan, by phone  Walter Proctor | Others Present  Scott Grosscup, General Counsel |

Appointment of Secretary:

Scott Grosscup was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Highland Ditch Update:

Scott reported that he had invited representatives from the Highland Ditch Company to discuss finalizing the lease agreement. However, none of the representatives were present at the meeting. The board then discussed whether the Highland Ditch Company had made payment in 2014. Director Proctor indicated that payment had not been received for 2014. Scott will follow-up with the Ditch Company regarding execution of the lease and payments for 2014.

Attorney’s Report:

Scott reported that the District has a new Directors and Officers insurance policy from Cincinnati Insurance with a similar insurance premium to the previous policy with a $1,000 deductible.

Scott reported on the following stipulations attached hereto with the several opposition parties, which were ratified by the Board as follows:

* 1. Ratification of Stipulation between Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District and Joseph E. Livingston, *et al* 12CV49. m/s/c Director Proctor moved approval, Director Sheridan second, all in favor.
  2. Stipulation between Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District and Joseph E. Livingston, *et al*. Cases No. 09CW48 and 50. m/s/c Director Sheridan moved approval, Director Rogers second, all in favor.
  3. Ratification of stipulations between Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District and Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association, Elk Creek Ranch Development, Inc., and M/R White River Ranch, LLC. m/s/c Director Proctor moved approval, Director Sheridan second, all in favor.
  4. Ratification of Withdrawal of Statement of Opposition by Western Resource Advocates. m/s/c Director Proctor moved approval, Director Sheridan second, all in favor.
  5. Approve stipulation between Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District and Sleepy Cat Ranch, LLC. m/s/c Director Proctor moved approval, Director Rogers second, all in favor.

Scott then provided a summary of the status of the district’s water cases No. 09CW48 and 09CW50. He said that with the approval of the Sleepy Cat stipulation, the only remaining opposers in the two cases are the State Engineer and Division Engineer, Water Division 6, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Scott had forwarded draft proposed decrees and are awaiting responses from the state agencies.

Approval of minutes:

Director Brannan moved to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2014 meeting and April 21, 2014 meetings, Director Proctor second, all in favor.

Executive Session: The Board did not go into executive session.

Treasurer’s Report – Approval of Accounts Payable:

Director Sheridan moved to pay Balcomb & Green for its legal fees and costs incurred in 2013 the amount of $2,205.29, Director Rogers second, all in favor.

Director Proctor move to pay Balcomb & Green for legal fees and costs incurred in 2014 in the amount of $9,441.13, Director Sheridan second, all in favor.

Director Proctor stated that the budget had not previously accounted for fees associated with the county treasures collecting property taxes for the District. He stated that he has included within the expenses anticipated fees of $2,000 for that service.

Scott discussed the insurance premium that was advanced by Balcomb & Green but did not appear on prior invoices. Director Proctor moved to pay the insurance premium of $1,095, Director Sheridan second, all in favor.

New Business:

Director Proctor stated that several of the directors’ terms will be expiring this year. He stated that the Board is in need of getting new directors to fill some of the vacant seats. Discussion followed about what to do to get more directors. Scott will send out a map of the various district boundaries so the Directors can contact potential new candidates.

Director Proctor suggested that the District should contact the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District and provide it with a copy of the Yellow Jacket Reservoir Feasibility Study so that it can be considered along with its pending study. Scott will contact the Rio Blanco District.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Read and approved this \_\_th day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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