Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2015



BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 17, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Board Chair Brent Hunter; Board Members: Rick Bonzo; Paul Cozzens; and Tim Watson. Board Members John Black; and Spencer Jones are excused from the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT: District Manager Paul Monroe; and Office Manager Mandi Williams.

<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>: Kelly Crane, (Ensign Engineering); Justin Wayment (District Attorney); Gary Player & Roice Nielson (Citizens) Doug Hall, (Water Conservation Advisory Board Chair); Kathleen & Randy Christensen (Citizens)

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM (3:20)

<u>DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY</u> <u>BOARD MEMBERS:</u> No abstentions by Board Members (5:25)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 19th JULY 16th, and AUGUST 10th, 2015: Board Member Watson motioned to approve the minutes of meetings held June 19th, July 16th, and August 10th. Second by Paul Cozzens at 6:36 pm Motion unanimous at 6:36pm (7:15)

FINANCIAL REPORT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM July 14, 2015 THROUGH September 14, 2015. •Monroe-All payments that are out of the ordinary have been highlighted with a description included. We have discussed the need a new pump at Derby #2. We have had our District #1 well, which was our best well, go down. With that in mind we do need to consider drilling new wells. •Black-Paul, I see here that we are still making payments on the IRS situation, are we getting close to conclusion with that? •Monroe-We have had some communication from the IRS stating that we weren't in compliance with our 2008 taxes and that they were basically going to have money withdrawn from our accounts. We have a balance of around \$5,000.00. I believe that we should pay off the remaining balance and avoid paying any more interest. •Watson-What is this charge for GPS Mapping? •Monroe-That is a program that can pull in property owner information used for GIS. Board Member Black motioned to approve the payment of bills and adjustments as presented, Second by Board Member Bonzo Motion unanimous at 6:53pm (15:44)

REVIEW 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT: •Monroe-We are 75% of the way through the year. We are above our projections in our income lines. Our water revenues and impact and connection fees are up. We are right around 80% in our Office Expense line, but we are going to be faced with upgrading our SCADA computer. It hasn't been updated since 2006. I still think we are on target for the end of the year. •Watson-are we providing water to these solar

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projects? •Monroe-Yes, we are providing water to all three of those projects, and they are bringing in the same amount of revenue as the mine was last year. Without the pumping costs that the mine requires. 6:51pm (22:57)

WATER CONSERVATION: – •Monroe-Introduced Josh Insalaco to present Smart Utility Systems: at 6:55pm (presentation will be included in the permanent record of this meeting.) 7:17pm opened up for Q&A. Public Comment states that it could be valuable for water analysis regarding conservation and over-usage. It is a valuable tool for analyzing an entire water account. In the 1st 6 months after implementation water savings is upwards of 60% 7:27 pm (58:00)

AQUIFER BALANCE PROJECTS: "Crane-Paul and I met with: Phil Gardner, Hydrologist USGS; Kerry Carpenter, Water Rights; Hugh Hurlow, Hydrologist UGS; Dan Aubrey, Geologist Water Resources; and Russell Hadley and Russell Barrus of Water Resources. This panel was set up to review the proposed projects and to get professional opinions of the water resources available before we dive into making decisions on where we should invest tax payers dollars for water resources. 7:31 PM

We would like to move forward on these projects fairly quickly. We are hopeful that we can possibly get the board members together for an early morning meeting and discuss the opinions of the board and also have Roice and Gary do a presentation during that meeting. 7:34 pm. Can we plan for Wednesday the 30th of September? Hunter-lets set that meeting for 7 am on the 30th. (1:08:25)

Paul Monroe took a moment to address two audience members who stated that they are here to get better educated on the water situation of this area. Paul answered there questions and concerns in regard to aquifer overdraft. Those two members of the audience left the meeting at 7:42 pm

•Roice Nelson gave a brief overview of the projects that he and Gary submitted stating that all their recommended sources were untapped water resources. 7:47 PM

WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY: •Monroe-We are moving forward with the NEPA process. We traveled out to Pine Valley on Tuesday. We are considering the habitats for prairie dogs; sage grouse; and pigmy rabbits. We have winter range for deer, antelope, and elk. We are limited October 15th through April 15th when we can drill. We will be facing a lot of obstacles but things look to be on track for next summer. The BLM has been an amazing agency to be working with. They have done a lot for us in navigating this process. (1:20:05)

AQUIFER RECHARGE: Monroe-We are working on our application with the National Guard also I have met with Mayor Wilson and we are working to get approval for use of Cedar City property as a recharge pit. (1:23:28)

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING: •Monroe-We met with Doug Grimshaw and Rob Dotson to identify locations for benchmarks. I've had Justin working on landowner agreements and we

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are in the process of getting land owner permission and will likely start placing monuments in October, before the snow flies. 7:55 PM (1:26:23)

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: •Monroe-I've highlighted our needs as far as water supply. Ultimately we may have to do some planning and spend some money on a new well, or well rehabbing before this year is over. 8:00 pm (1:31:01)We just brought on Cross Hollow Hills through an emergency valve. There was an agreement put in place years ago. They wrote the agreement thinking that they would never need water, but we are glad something was in place for this kind of a situation. There will be a UASD convention in November. I would like for everyone who can attend be there to receive the yearly training that is required for board members. I would also like to hold our yearly work meetings while we are there. I think it would be a great opportunity for all of us. Next meeting date: October 15, 2015 8:09 pm (1:40:28)

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT: None

<u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> Board Member Bonzo motioned to adjourn regular session meeting to closed session; Second by Board Member Black Motion unanimous at 8:10 pm (1:41:36)

Roll Call: Tim Watson-Aye Paul Cozzens-Aye John Black-Aye Rick Bonzo-Aye Brent Hunter-Aye

Board Member Watson moved to adjourn the closed session portion of this meeting and reconvene to regular session Second by Cozzens ADJOURN:

Board Member Black moved to adjourn; Second by Board Member Bonzo Motion Unanimous at 8:41 PM