

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2016



**Board Members**

Brent Hunter – Chairman  
Rick Bonzo – Vice Chair  
John Black  
Spencer Jones  
Paul Cozzens  
Tim Watson

**District Staff**

Paul Monroe – General Manager  
Mandi Williams – Office Manager  
John Juergens - Operator  
Tracy Feltner – Operator  
  
Kelly Crane-District Engineer  
Curtis Neilson– District Engineer  
Justin Wayment-District Legal Council

**Others In Attendance**

Casey Anderson-Iron County Commission  
Tim Green-Transcon  
Ben Jordan & Son-Citizen

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chairman called the meeting to order **(3:00)**  
Rick Bonzo led the pledge.

**DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS:** No abstentions or conflicts of interest. **(3:45)**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, AND NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 2016:** Board Member Black moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held October 31, and November 17<sup>th</sup> 2016; Second by Board Member Bonzo.  
Motion Unanimous at 6:34 PM. **(4:40)**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2016.** **(6:00)** Board Member Watson moved to approve the payment of bills and the register for the month. Second by Board Member Black.  
Motion Unanimous at 6:36PM. **(6:25)**

**REVIEW 2016 FINANCIALS:** ▪Monroe-We received close to the same amount of water revenue as last year. \$1200 was spent to monitor the water levels in the West Desert with the UGS. They want us to continue to monitor some springs there. We had budgeted \$10,000 for 2016 and have the same budget for 2017 and should have enough to partner with this additional spring monitoring. ▪Crane-Suggested that we budget to send Tracy to the West Desert on a regular basis to collect regular data on the new wells. **(9:35)** ▪Monroe-More tax money was received this year than last year. **(10:30)** On the capital side, you'll see how much was spent on Coal Creek Recharge, water development projects, the West Desert, acquiring water rights, and litigation and mediation. Even though we had over budgeted by \$200K we will likely be in the positive and at the worst break even this year. **(12:40)**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET**-•Monroe- Revised depreciation expense and property tax revenue on the budget to add \$25,000 since more tax money was received. (13:35) •Watson suggested to Chairman Hunter that he see if Commissioner Anderson had any comments or questions about the budget. (14:10) Commissioner Anderson talked briefly about the County's budget for next year, thanked the District for their partnership, and offered to help the District where needed. Discussion continued with Commissioner Anderson for several minutes. (21:50) •Monroe mentioned that the budget was made with Board Chairmen Hunter and Board Member Black. The budget is conservative and the District runs like a business. •Watson asked that Monroe look into what kind of policy he would like to have with vehicles. •Black asked that we track the repair expenditures per vehicle this year. (27:05)  
**Board Member Black motioned to approve the 2017 budget. Second by Board Member Watson. Motion Unanimous at 6:56 PM (27:20)**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2017 Board Meeting Schedule (28:13)**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2017 Holiday Schedule (28:13)**

**Motion to approve the 2017 Board Meeting Schedule and 2017 Holiday approval by Board Member Black. Second by Board Member Watson. Motion Unanimous at 6:58 PM (28:25)**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** •Monroe- The Groundwater Management Plan Committee meeting went really well. The committee will be getting together the second week of January to discuss other members and plans for the Groundwater Management Plan. (29:15) •Hunter-Joe Melling has been asked to be the Chairman of the Groundwater Management Plan Committee. (30:10) Hunter listed the other members on the committee. (31:00) •Bonzo-Had a concern about the District's involvement in the committee and it impacting the District's reputation (32:40) •Hunter thinks the District is going to help solve the problem. The State Engineer expected the District to be in charge of things. Discussion continues for several minutes. (35:00) •Monroe-The other committee is the Advisory Committee (CIRPAC). We are going to be notifying those members soon. Mike Coronado sent in his resignation from the Board. We would like to thank him for his service. The Commissioners will appoint the new Board Member. (37:05)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** •Commissioner Anderson-Mentioned that something that has happened in the Enterprise area is the State has asked people with junior water rights to voluntarily give them up, come up with a plan, or they will take the water rights for them. He thought that was wrong. The State, who over appropriated the water to begin with, should not be taking those away. There is support for a buyback program through the state. The money is available. If the District brought on some other stakeholders throughout the state, we could get some votes to get something like that passed. It is hard to vote against that and it would be a real service to the people in the area. I want to encourage you to bring out those stakeholders. It is suggested to look at other states that may have gone through the same situation. (51:35)

**AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE, DISCUSSION & THE CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN: CEDAR CITY**

**AND CICWCD; IRON COUNTY AND CICWCD REGARDING THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT THE QUICHAPA RECHARGE PROJECT.**

▪Cedar City signed the MOU between the District and Cedar City last night. Board Member Black had some concerns about who would clean out the ponds at the recharge site. Discussion continues for several minutes. **(46:30)**

**Board Member Jones motioned to approve the MOU's subject to anything that would materially change the agreement with Cedar City and Iron County. Second by Board Member Bonzo. Motion Unanimous at 7:20 PM. (47:00)**

**AQUIFER BALANCE & WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: DISTRICT WELL**

**#2** ▪Monroe-Aaron dropped his camera down the well and we watched the video. We could only see two feet of the well. There was a bent rod. The well we dug is 500 feet and the screened area is from 300 to 500. He is stuck in the middle of the screened area at 400 feet. The first thing he suggested is to investigate it to see how well the gravel pack is. He is afraid if he tries to pull it out, it may damage more of the screen. The third option is to sink the dual swab down to the bottom and cuts off that tool head. **(55:15)**

**SUBSIDENCE MONITORING:** ▪Monroe-We have the agreements with the Jones'. We may not get to that until the ground thaws a little more. **(56:55)**

**WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY:** ▪Feltner-Well 12 was the last one finished, but it has not been test pumped yet. Well seven is being finished right now. We hit water at 250 feet in well seven. They are going to hammer the casing into this one. **(58:45)** ▪Crane-Explained why water is at 250 feet for one well and 400 feet for another well. Discussion continues for several minutes. **(1:04:25)** ▪Monroe- installed 6inch casing in these wells this Fall. These are test wells to see where the water resources are in the valley and will be used as monitoring wells in the future. We conducted 24 hour tests. Discussion continues for several minutes. **(1:06:45)**

**WATER CONSERVATION:** Nothing to report.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:** ▪ Nothing to report

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** ▪Crane-We are moving forward with the recharge project. We are hopeful to have bids in for the diversion structure by the next meeting. **(1:08:20)**

**Board Member Black motioned to move from regular session to executive session; Second by Board Member Bonzo; 7:53 PM (1:08:50)  
Motion unanimous at 7:53 PM**

**Roll Call as follows:**

**Watson-Aye**

**Cozzens-Aye**

**Bonzo-Aye**

**Hunter-Aye**

**Board Member Bonzo motioned to adjourn closed session and resume regular session board meeting Second by Board Member Watson at 8:31 PM**

**Board Member Bonzo motioned to adjourn regular session board meeting Second by Board Member Watson at 8:31 PM**