



Board Members

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Paul Monroe – General Manager
Mandi Williams – Office Manager

Justin Wayment – Legal Counsel
Kelly Crane – District Engineer
Curtis Nelson -District Engineer
Kelly Chappell-District Engineer

Others In Attendance:

Citizens-Doug Hall
David Brown-SWAC Environmental

Candidate for Governor Jonathan Johnson
Courtney Johnson (Wife of J. Johnson)

CALL TO ORDER: Board Vice Chairman Rick Bonzo called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. Paul Monroe led the pledge. Justin Wayment opened the meeting with prayer. **(03:25)**

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: No abstentions **(04:35)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING HELD 17, 2016:

Board Member Cozzens motioned to approve the minutes from March 17th, 2016; Second by Board Member Jones. Motion unanimous at 7:34 PM **(1:06:45)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM APRIL 16, 2016 THROUGH MAY 13, 2016.

Board member Hunter motioned to approve the payment of bills and adjustments from April 16, 2016 through May 13th, 2016 Second by Jones 7:35PM
Unanimous at 7:35 **(1:08:20)**

▪Board Vice Chairman Bonzo-moved back to agenda item #10 and continue discussion on Subsidence Monitoring. **(01:08:40)**

REVIEW 2016 FINANCIALS:

▪Monroe-There have been no substantial changes to the budget at this point of the year. If there are no questions, that is all I have. **(04:35)**

PRESENTATION BY JONATHAN JOHNSON CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Board Member Bonzo made a change in agenda items. He asked that Paul Cozzens take a moment to introduce Jonathan Johnson. **(06:20)** Jonathan Johnson spoke to the board 6:37PM Jonathan Johnson invited everyone to visit his website at higherjj.com. He has a link on his website to email him and is very responsive.

Doug Hall posed the first question to Jonathan Johnson. What do you think our position is as far as water and where we sit with it? **(10:50)** 6:40PM Johnson: The population in Utah is projected to double in the next few decades. The snowpack in Utah is not expected to double, so there are two things we need to do better. 1. Conserve 2. Capture. Water is subsidized with two taxes in

some places, property taxes and sales tax. People use more water because it is cheaper. Capturing water is tricky and expensive. Utah gives water away and doesn't charge downstream users. Kelly Crane questioned Mr. Johnson about his stance on funding for water projects and projects 50 years into the future. 6:46PM (17:25) We need leaders looking 50 years into the future. My goal is to look into the future and see how Utah can do better. We need good foresight. The state has a triple A bond rating that we can take advantage of. Using the CIB money for things other than another ball field and daycare center. That's something the state has to be involved in.

(19:15)

Mr. Johnson's wife Courtney took a moment to tell our board that the thing she admires about her husband is that he loves to learn. He will never claim to be the smartest man in the room, but he will find the smartest person in the room and educate himself.

Concluded at 6:51PM (22:50).

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: ▪Monroe-I appreciate everyone that was able to attend the Economic Analysis produced on the Value of Water in Iron County. (23:40) One other thing I would like to cover is the EPA/USGS report that has been recently released for comment. I have been speaking with Justin on this and I would like to take a moment to read this to you. (reads report partially) 6:55. We are concerned the report is stating that the EPA is going to use the clean water act as a way to regulate not only the quality of water, but also the quantity of water. (28:09) ▪Wayment-Where this law is headed, per my reading of it is, once they got their toe hold there, there would be no end to their control over our water. 6:57PM Nothing would happen with water or water projects without going through the federal government. Discussion on the report continues for several minutes Spencer Jones stated that it might be a good idea to pull all agencies together, like the AG's office, get them all at once. Several suggestions were made of contacts and outreach. 7:10 PM (43:03)

▪Monroe- Operations. Described a printout of the 3 peaks tank SCADA log which showed how pump levels from Derby have decreased due to the new pumps installed at eagle valley. Since switching out the booster pump at the mine, we have saved \$1,500 a month. (45:15) At the Derby well house, we have changed high watt heaters for more efficient. These heaters were pulling more power than many of our wells. John and Tracy have also been exercising valves and were able to locate all the valves in Fife Town which is no easy feat. They have cleared the asphalt surrounding valve cans in Chekshani which were chip sealed over. (47:45)

PUBLIC COMMENT: ▪David Brown 7:15 PM (48:15) from the environmental consulting firm, SWCA. We conduct a lot of resource work and a lot of water quality work. We are just trying to get out and meet people and make sure they know that our company is available. Mr. Brown shared the importance of working closely with our local agencies. My interest here tonight is to just let you know that we are here. We deal with some sticky situations in the state. 7:22 PM (55:20)

AQUIFER RECHARGE: ▪Monroe- Tyce Palmer is not going to be able to make it tonight. So just as an update, Brent has been working with Tyce Palmer, the resource coordinator for the Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD). The legislature approved money for watershed projects and the UACD is looking for shovel ready projects. We will be discussing with Tyce our plans and options to receive this funding. We are still waiting to hear back from Eric Millis, the Director of the Division of Water Resources on the partnership for engineering

costs on the recharge projects, but to move along to receive funding from the UACD Ensign will bill the design costs to a hold account where we will wait until the funding comes through.

Cedar: We will conduct a perc test on Glen Bower's property on his next water turn. (57:20) His property is about 320 acres. Once we get the results back on the perc test, we will be able to determine how big of a pond we could have there. There are major issues with these diversion structures throughout the irrigation systems. I have come to recognize that a lot of water could be saved if the users actually had access to their water. (59:30)

Enoch: Pipe and fixtures have been delivered and we are waiting for Billy Grimshaw to let us know when he is ready. He said he is a little behind and should be able to get to it in two weeks. (01:00:25)

AQUIFER BALANCE & WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: DISTRICT #1:

▪Monroe-7:27PM We took Dillworth Armstrong out and has him dowse for water in the District #1 area. We were able to locate water in three strata's. We are going to seal off the other existing well and keep it as a monitoring well. Drilling is expected to begin the first of June. (01:03:00) We'll have to plumb it about 150 feet into an existing pipeline. We're going to seal off the other well and abandon it. (01:04:08)

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING: ▪Monroe- There is nothing substantially new since our discussion last month we had tabled this topic so that we could discuss it when more of the board members were present. Discussion on the benefits of a baseline analysis on the benchmarks continued. 7:32PM (1:05:52) ▪Bonzo-I think it is worth the \$700.00.

Brent Hunter arrived at 7:33 PM so we move to agenda item #3 now that there is a quorum present. (01:06:25)

Justin Wayment excused himself at 7:35PM

Discussion resumes at 7:36PM The board recommends that Paul move forward with the administrative process and pay the \$700.00 to Doug G. to conduct a bench level equivalent survey for 9 monuments. (01:10:40)

WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY: ▪Crane-We had a great meeting with the BLM today.

(01:11:00) They got back to us about a plan of development we submitted a month or two ago. The plan of development is the initial document that logs everything we plan to do out in the West Desert-pipe alignment and any options on that, alternative alignments were listed. It ended up being about a 40-page document. We haven't got into surveying it all quite yet. We used GIS level alignment. We designated where we want to go, which roads we want to follow, how we are going to drive and crush a lot of sage brush areas in Pine Valley, it looks at the issues with Sage Grass, the deer habitat, etc.7:39PM (01:12:40) It has been very valuable to us to create a really good working relationships with our local BLM office. 7:40PM They are going to continue to monitor the wells in that area. (01:13:50) In the meeting today, we asked many of the questions that we have had about their comments on the POD (Plan of Development) that they sent over. They clarified a lot of things, made sure that we understood the timing on certain things. We've got a six-year process on this and this plan development will continue to evolve through that period of time. At different stages, they want more information. We've got most of the information that we need at this point. (01:14:23) We will continue to work with them and keep moving forward. David Brown interjected at 7:42PM ▪Hunter-7:43PM What are we looking at as far as the staff of the BLM office right now? Are we anticipating any turnover? (01:17:00) ▪Crane-I think we have a pretty favorable group right now. Right now we have a great facilitator in Michelle Campeau. 7:45 (01:17:30) ▪Monroe- We received approval for the Right-of-Way

Grant (SF 299) from the BLM for the test wells in Pine Valley. We were thankful to the local BLM office and their help on this process. (01:18:40)

Monroe-Discussed the CIB meeting and funding options. They took our full minutes. We talked about two different wells in those minutes. We had the public hearing for those test wells. They had the wrong minutes for the board packet and it was frustrating. They tabled it for next month. We're going to Monticello next month for that. 7:47PM (01:20:00)

WATER CONSERVATION: ▪Monroe-we were able to have a short demo on our new app that is being put together by Smart Utility Systems. They have the data for the app and it looks really good. It is going to be a very valuable tool. Customers can compare their usage to the district as a whole and to their previous usages. It should be out to the public in about two weeks. (01:21:05)
Our water checks are going to start at the first of June and we are going to try a different approach this year. We have identified the highest 10% water users from our district and the other entities. We will be contacting them to see if we can do a water audit at their houses. 7:49PM (01:21:30) The Water Festival is July 30th this year. It will be similar to last years. The firetruck was a big hit last year. (01:22:37)

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT: None- 7:49PM

Board Member Cozzens stated that the presentation made on Monday was very sobering. When will we get the presentation with the voice over? ▪Paul-I just barely got it from them. ▪Cozzens- I think it is very important to get it out to the public. The more people that see it, the more buy in we're going to have. We're going to have to make some difficult decisions. I think it is important to get it out on social media. ▪Paul-It will take some time to edit it, but I'll do that. I invited the media to that, but none of them showed up. (01:24:35)

Next meeting date: June 16, 2016

**Board Member Cozzens Motion to move from regular session to executive session
Second by Board Member Hunter 7:53 PM**

Unanimous at 7:53 PM (1:26:47)

Justin Wayment reentered the meeting during the closed session at 7:56PM

Tim Watson arrived at the meeting at 8:34PM during the closed session.

Roll Call:

Paul Cozzens-Aye

Rick Bonzo-Aye

Spencer Jones-Aye

Brent Hunter-Aye

**Board Member Jones motioned to adjourn executive session back to regular session Second
by Board Member Watson at 9:06 PM**

**Board Member Watson motioned to adjourn regular session board meeting Second by
Board Member Jones at 9:07 PM**