

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2017



**Board Members**

Brent Hunter – Chairman  
Paul Cozzens  
Spencer Jones  
Joe Melling  
Tyler Allred

**District Staff**

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

**Others In Attendance:**

Doug Hall  
Fred Duberow  
Robert Elder  
Roice Nelson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order. 6:36 pm  
John Juergens led the pledge, Tracy Feltner offered the invocation. (4:25)

**DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS:** ▪ None

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS HELD APRIL 27, 2017 AND MAY 10, 2017:** ▪ Joe Melling moved to approve the minutes from the meetings held April 27, 2017 and May 10, 2017. Second by Jones  
Motion Unanimous 6:39 pm (5:20)

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS FROM APRIL 21, 2017 THROUGH MAY 12, 2017.**

▪Monroe- (5:25) Note the fuel reimbursement to Cedar City. Paul Cozzens fueled the equipment that was used for the recharge project. Anything in blue is for the recharge project. The payment to Mel Clark is for the rock of the intake at the recharge project. (7:30)

▪Board Member Stratton moved to approve the payment of bills and the register from April 21<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Second by Melling.  
Motion Unanimous at 6:41pm (7:55)

**REVIEW 2017 FINANCIALS-**▪Monroe- (8:00) 6:42pm We just finished up our application for another \$100,000 grant from the Local E&I Soil Conservation District. We feel pretty good about it. Additional capital expenditures will be coming from the Water Development Projects line as Grimshaw is finishing up the District II. (9:40) Discussion of financials continues for a couple minutes. (11:40)

*Tyler Allred arrived at 6:45pm*

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** ▪Monroe- (11:38) 6:45 pm Paul Cozzens gave a presentation to the members the Home Builders Association. Cozzens has been instrumental in getting the word out to the public. (12:30) In addition I've been in contact with Eric Millis from Water Resources to see if they would like to tour the recharge projects that we've been working on. The State Engineer's office is monitoring our recharge project to see how successful it. I spoke with Nate Moses from the local Water Rights office about allowing Jones' to use water recharge water for irrigation. He thought that was a great idea. (15:15) ▪Hunter-water wouldn't always be available. ▪Monroe said he let them know that and we can figure out how to use water in the early spring to supplement farm. (16:55)

On the operation side of things, I think it is time that we purchase a backhoe. I've done a lot of research on leasing and it doesn't pencil out to be a good option for us financially. It would be a better option for us to purchase our own through State Contract or another option. (18:15)

▪Allred-will we put ourselves in a situation that we would need to hire another employee to run the backhoe, with everything that the operators are already doing. ▪Monroe-This will allow our current employees to work more efficiently and will not require a new hire. (21:35)

▪Stratton-I think the District would be wise to purchase a new backhoe that is under warranty. ▪Allred-I agree with Stratton, if we are going to buy one it should be new. ▪Jones-Can we bring this back to the next meeting with some prices that we can discuss? There are a few auctions that are as big as Ritchie Brothers and maybe we could look into finding a piece of equipment that has low hours. ▪Stratton-I think you can of course look at used equipment but you need to be mindful of the cost of repairs without a warranty. (27:20)

▪Monroe-I would like to express my appreciation to John and Tracy for the time that they have put in out at the recharge and would like to tell the board that I received a great compliment from Bert Pressett. He let me know that he has never worked with an operator that cares as much about his system as John does. I thought that was a great compliment and I know that Tracy works just as hard. I appreciate their willingness to go the extra mile in any way to benefit the District. (28:40) 7:04 PM

Doug Hall spoke for several minutes about a trip that he took with Paul Cozzens to view a future project that involves utilizing storm water for recharge out near Quichapa. The site would build a pond and create several other recreational opportunities. (32:53) Curtis Nielson demonstrated on the map where the area is located that Doug Hall is talking about. (36:50)

7:10PM Paul Monroe stated that Paul Cozzens did stop by the BLM today and they are very enthusiastic about the idea of having a migratory bird area. (37:40)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** ▪Roice Neilson-You might want to discuss some of the history on the area that Doug Hall was discussing. (39:00)

### **REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND CONSIDER A WATERLINE EXTENSION NEAR IRON SPRINGS BY FIDDLERS CANYON LLC:**

▪Justin Wayment-There is a new regulation that has come out in the city, stating that they have are responsible for the damage done in the event of a fire. So I have discussed with Frank Nichols and also Reed Erickson about extending the line from the dump main office and extending it out and allowing the animal shelter to have access to water as well. (41:30) Reed said that they won't meet until Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but they will be voting on it and he doesn't foresee the county having any issues with it. 7:18 PM (44:12) ▪Monroe-I think we should look into making that into a 12" line instead of the 8" that has been discussed. This would be around \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and that cost would be ours. (44:40) ▪Stratton-if you have the water to put into a 12" line would be better to do that. ▪Allred-That would be necessary for the fire

protection as well. Discussion continues for several minutes. ▪Wayment-do we have a buildup of impact fees that we can utilize on that pipe? ▪Hunter-Could we discuss splitting that cost with Frank Nichols? (52:15)

*Paul Cozzens arrived at 7:24PM*

**Board Member Stratton motioned to upsize the line from 8 inch to 12 inch and ask Frank Nichols if he would voluntary split the cost of that increase with cash or in lieu of impact and connection fees.**

**Second by Board member Melling.**

**Motion was Unanimous 7:29 pm (55:45)**

### **REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE CROSS-**

**CONNECTION ORDINANCE:** ▪Monroe explained that the clause about a misdemeanor was taken out. The District can shut the water off and those violating are subject to disconnect and reconnection fees. **Board Member Melling motioned to approve the Cross-Connection Ordinance. Second by Board Member Cozzens. Motion Unanimous. 7:32PM (58:20)**

### **AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:**

▪Monroe-Asked Curtis Nielson to give an update on the weir and the status. ▪Nielson-We are looking at June 1<sup>st</sup> for the weir to be shipped and it should arrive on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **7:34 PM (1:00:56)** Discussion on possible spillway lasts for several minutes. ▪Monroe-There is work started on the Phil Schmitt Pit. Curtis and I have discussed with them about putting in a data logger so that we can monitor the amount of water that goes into that pit.

▪Cozzens-there is some concern by one of the Cedar City Council members about the FAA being upset about the water being within 3 miles of the airport. ▪Hall-It sounded like the FAA would like some sort of wildlife mitigation plan in place. **7:42PM (1:08:11)**

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

**#2:** ▪Curtis-I have been harping on Grimshaw. I spoke with him right before the meeting. They promised that they would be out there tomorrow morning and would continue work on the following Monday and Tuesday. **7:44PM (1:10:07)**

**SUBSIDENCE MONITORING:** ▪Monroe- Nothing to report

**WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY:** ▪Monroe- **(7:44pm)** Nothing to report **(01:10:00)**

**WATER CONSERVATION:** ▪Monroe- **(7:44)**-Brent do you have your pivot with the bubblers going? ▪Hunter-Yes and Chad Reid has moisture monitors out in the middle of our field. ▪Monroe-this could ultimately make up a large part of our water deficit. ▪Hall-until the state recognizes the cost associated with farmers upgrading to more efficient systems, I don't see any farmers being financially able to move forward with those changes. **(1:15:10) 7:48 PM** Discussion on other conservation methods in parks and in alfalfa fields continues.**7:53PM (1:19:00)**

### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL WATER RIGHTS CHANGES:**

▪Melling- Said that at their last meeting, the Groundwater Management Plan Committee decided to write a letter to the State Engineer telling him that more direction is needed on what the committee can and cannot do. There have been change application that moved water from surface to groundwater. That adds to the depletion and is counterproductive to what we are trying to do. He has agreed to come down and meet with the committee in the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting in June will probably be cancelled. (1:21:30) ▪Monroe-The State Engineer did review a water right change application that we protested. The order previously said the applicant had to record and monitor the water that was diverted from his diversion structure. They now just have to monitor downstream which does not make sense. (1:22:55)

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:** ▪ (1:23:56)

**Next meeting date: June 15, 2017**

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** ▪ Nielson-I've been talking with Paul and letting him know that we are putting together a tracking system through Google Docs that will be shared with the board members so that you can access any of our documentation and field notes on each project.

▪Cozzens-I need to discuss some additional items about the recharge projects. We need to monitor closely the work that Phil Schmitt is doing. He needs to be made whole, he donates so much of his time and resources, we just need to see to it that we are paying him for the work that is done for our projects. I also received word that Western Rock has given us the right-of-way that we needed. 8:01 PM (1:27:39)

**Board Member Melling motioned to close the regular meeting. Second by Board Member Stratton.**

**Motion unanimous at 8:01 PM (1:28:00)**

**Roll Call as follows:**

**Cozzens-Aye**

**Melling-Aye**

**Jones-Aye**

**Allred-Aye**

**Stratton-Aye**

**Hunter-Aye**

**Board Member Jones motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session board meeting. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion Unanimous at 8:29 PM**

**Board Member Allred motioned to adjourn the regular session board meeting. Second by Jones. Motion Unanimous at 8:30PM.**