

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2017



Board Members

Brent Brent – Chairman
Paul Cozzens
Spencer Jones
Joe Melling

District Staff

Paul Monroe – General Manager
Mandi Williams-Office Manager
John Juergens - Operator
Tracy Feltner-Operator

Curtis Nielson– District Engineer
Justin Wayment-District Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

Gary Player
Ryan Hatch-ULGT
Curtis Tonks-ULGT

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairman Brent called the meeting to order. 6:36 PM
Spencer Jones led the pledge, Joe Melling offered the invocation. **(1:00)**

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: None **(6:20)**

Consider Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting Held November 16, 2017 • Board Member Cozzens moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held November 16, 2017. Second by Board Member Jones.
Motion unanimous 6:39 pm **(2:11)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS FROM November 11th, 2017 Through December 14th, 2017:

•Williams-There are multiple items paid for the recharge project. We have purchased and installed the Conex box to house our big generator. Bradshaw Electric installed tank heaters in Cedar Highlands.

20 Year anniversary dinner payments are highlighted. Payments made to Intermountain Environmental are for the purchase of 3 Stingray Portable Data Loggers that will be used on our Recharge projects to monitor the flow of water.

Our contract with Rocky Mountain Power for the Mine booster pumps has expired. We were paying an 80% minimum contract.

Board Member Melling moved to approve the payment of bills and the adjustments register from September 15, 2017 through November 10, 2017. Second by Board Member Jones.

Motion Unanimous at 6:41pm (5:25)

REVIEW 2017 BUDGET- ▪Monroe- on the financial statement, our Water Revenue is \$477,000 which is 20% over what we had budgeted. The Property Tax we are at 106%. Fee in Lieu of taxes are also known as PILT. These are the funds that we receive for our Federal Government lands, both lines are higher than we had budgeted for. We had budgeted thinking that we would take a loss with all the projects we were working on, but we will more likely break even. It has been a great year in all regards.

Included in your binder are graphs that I will be included each month for a visual outlook on what is happening with new connections and other line-items. 6:47 PM (11:05)

Consider Approval of 2018 Budget: ▪Monroe-(11:48) the only change that has been made since our public hearing is under the capital side of the budget. I added additional funds to the West Desert Water Right Acquisition Line, which is not finalized yet. Also, we have added funds to the 40 Year Water System line. I felt that it would be wise to plan for anything unforeseen. **Board Member Jones motioned to approve the 2018 Budget. Second by Melling. Motion Unanimous at 6:50 pm. (13:50)**

Consider Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule: Board Member Melling motioned to approve the 2018 Schedule. Second by Jones. **Motion Unanimous at 6:51 pm. (14:34)**

Consider Approval of 2018 Holiday Schedule: Board Member Cozzens motioned to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule. Second by Jones. **Motion Unanimous at 6:51 pm. (14:34)**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: ▪Monroe-Our goals within the District for 2018 include starting to put together a outreach program and try to ramp up our Public education on the West Desert and Recharge Projects. I think our goals are very obtainable, there are good things in the works and good things coming. On the Operations side this last month John and Tracy have put in the Data Loggers, we are putting in for some new meters and a meter reader. The 20 Year Anniversary dinner was such a great success, it was wonderful to hear words of encouragement from those organizing, founding members who were able to attend. 6:53 PM (18:13)

PUBLIC COMMENT: ▪ None 6:55 pm (19:08)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CICWCD Standard Details, Construction Specifications, Design Specifications: ▪Monroe-The Division of Drinking Water is the regulatory arm of the State have been swamped for some time. They are now allowing that an entity with specific standards that are aligned with our State Drinking Water Rules, will be able to approve new construction and development. We will basically do our own approvals, on our systems. ▪Brent- If this is approved tonight, does the state review it to make sure that our plans are up to their standards and authorized by them. ▪Nielson-Yes, we will send the plans in for all three of our systems and once we receive those authorizations we can become more efficient in new construction. 7:00pm (23:56)

Board Member Jones asked that we table the CICWCD Standard Details, Construction Specifications, and Design Specifications. 7:00PM (24:35)

Consider Approval of Insurance Provider for the District: •Wayment-When this process first started I talked with Commissioner Adams. I let him know that we cannot be both a Special District and a Local District. There are complete definitions of each type of District. I have gone through all our organizational documents. We were not formed by the county. We were formed by the Courts by petition. Basically, at that point I informed Commissioner Adams that we do not fall under the Special District Code. The Commissioners thought that since they appointed who sits on the board, that they had jurisdiction. I informed them that they do appoint our Board Members, but there is a very specific reason for that. Water Districts should not be subject to immediate politics, they are subject to long term politics. Our projects are long term water projects. We are talking about 50 to 100 Year projects.

I have looked over the side by side comparison. ULGT provides a lot more benefit for the District than UCIP does, for less money. We have to be aware of the cost and what the benefits are. There is only a cost difference of \$203.00, but ULGT provides legal advice and training that would otherwise be another cost for the District. In reality the savings overall is saving more than a thousand dollars a year just in training. (31:20)

Ryan Hatch, with the Trust, took a few minutes just to clarify some questions about directors and officer's insurance which is covered under the General \$5M Policy.

Board Member Jones motioned to contract with the Utah Local Governments Trust as our Insurance provider. Second by Board Member Cozzens at 7:11 PM

Motion Unanimous at 7:11 PM. (34:40)

AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: •Monroe-We have installed the data loggers, Curtis has data from those that he will be presenting. •Nielson-The loggers are ultrasonic and measure on the bottom. We have them set up now to read every hour, but we have the option to measure at different times. I am interested to see if the ice is affecting these numbers. We took the data and converted that information and put it into a spreadsheet. 7:15pm. Nielson's presentation of data last for several minutes, with discussion by the Board Members. 7:18pm •Monroe-the real benefit of this, is this is the exact data we need to provide to the State Engineer. (41:05) •Brent-What about the Quichipa project. The only thing I worry about out there is when we get all this water, will it all percolate. I think it is a good idea to get out there and punch some holes at the bottom of the dyke where we put that water. This is a good precaution that could ultimate save us problems in the future. If we drill these holes we would be able to see the materials that are out there. (45:01)

Discussion by the Board continues for several minutes.

7:28pm •Hunter-I am not saying to drill wells, just punch a hole, if there is clay down 10 feet we need to know. •Jones-Spence Bowman can possibly do a core test for us, he does the geothermal heating and cooling for the schools around this area, it would save us money as well.

Conversation and discussion lasts until 7:29pm (53:04)

Paul will work with the Engineers to put together additional information and costs and revisit this topic at next months meeting.

AQUIFER BALANCE & WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: None

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING: ▪Monroe-We went out and retrieved the data from the monuments. The first seven we have been monitoring since 2014. There has been a change of 4 inches in the Enoch Graben since 2014. It hasn't reached into the houses there.

Paul reviewed the subsidence numbers with the board for several minutes. 7:32PM (55:47)

▪Steve Woolsey wrote a letter to us just stating that the work he has done is matching the work that was done by Doug Gimshaw. Steve is excited to work with us, and excited about the work we want done. (57:05)

WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY: ▪Monroe-We have installed a weather station and checked well levels. We will continually monitor those. With the installed weather station we will be able to have our own data. 7:34pm (58:20)

WATER CONSERVATION: ▪Monroe-We are just moving along in our conservation efforts for center pivots and the LESA method. I will be spending more time with legislature in the upcoming session.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL WATER RIGHTS CHANGES:

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT: ▪Monroe-We met as a committee last week, and continue to work on our plans.

I would like to focus more on some local water right issues down in the Kanarrville area. I would like the District to help gather data out there. 7:36pm (1:00:31) ▪Brent-gave an update on Bob Holt 7:37pm

▪Monroe-There are some lawsuits in that basin with Todd Lloyd who wants to take his shares with the irrigation company and change them to water rights to use in his own private well.

▪Jones-they are pushing for a jury trial on that. ▪Monroe-My thoughts are that we may not want to intervene, however, I certainly don't want to see any more surface water rights be granted to use as ground water. 7:42 pm (1:06:28)

Spencer Jones would like to state for the record that his father in law is a board member for the Kanarrville Irrigation/Water Company. He stated, I don't know anything about water rights or water right numbers; I don't have any financial involvement. 7:44PM (1:07:57)

Next meeting date: January 21, 2018

ENGINEERING REPORT: ▪None

Board Member Melling motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed Session.

Second by Board Member Jones.

Motion unanimous at 7:47pm

Roll Call as follows:

Cozzens-Aye

Jones-Aye

Melling-Aye

Brent-Aye (1:08:00)

Board Member Cozzens motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session board meeting. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 8:07 PM

Board Member Cozzens motioned adjourn the regular meeting. Second by Board Member Jones.

Motion unanimous at 8:07 PM (1:42:20)