

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2018



Board Members

Brent Hunter – Chairman
Paul Cozzens
Tom Stratton
Spencer Jones
Tyler Allred
Joe Melling (by phone)

District Staff

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

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order. 7:07 AM

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: None (7:07)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL FROM AE2S NEXUS-FOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION STRATEGY GRANT FOR NEPA AND GRANULAR BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE WEST DESERT PROJECT:

- Monroe- Said he had Justin Wayment review this agreement again, Wayment said that for a contract this basic there is nothing that would cause a red flag. He referenced and went through some of their past projects.
- Monroe- Discussed some of the enticing parts that AE2S proposed. On page #2, the first bullet which states that AE2S would develop “a system and process for how CICWCD will work to further engage the project users and develop long-term commitments and participation for the Project.” They will be doing a risk assessment and will be creating plans for outreach and marketing among other things. (7:10)
- Monroe- Said that \$200,000 will be used for NEPA process. The obligation that the District will have is \$7000, and Monroe does not want to exceed that. (7:13)
- Monroe- Said that the only other change was the contract cost amount. AE2S agreed to \$7,000 upfront with \$1,500 on the backend if the grant is successful.
- Monroe- Said the dollar amount of \$8500 had not changed. He thought the \$8500 was worth for the risk for the rewards. They are looking at this as a big project for CICWCD’s current situation and it will help in the future. AE2S bears a lot of risk in burning a relationship with the District if they are not successful. (7:19)
- Monroe- Said that AE2S has been able to raise money by buying and selling out municipal bonds. They say that it is very successful because they gain public buy in for these small bonds. (7:20) He suggested that that they could work with CICWCD’s Municipal Advisor, Jonathan Ward. Ward thought that this plan might be a good option to open all doors. (7:21)
- Allred- Voiced his support of the agreement and thinks it’s worth the money.

- Hunter- Agreed with Allred and wanted this to start a relationship that could work through the extent of the project. (7:23)
- Cozzens-Voiced his approval.

- Monroe-Showed the board some more of the large projects that AE2S have worked on.

- Jones- Said that his only concern is the wording associated with the dollar amount.
- Stratton- Agreed with Jones, but said he agreed with Allred that they must spend money to make money.
- Jones- Said he was concerned that it does not state that the billing will stop at the \$200,000. Under Proposed Professional Fees #2 on the last page, he would like to have them take out the word “estimated” (7:26) and include the wording in the business plan to state, “not to exceed \$200,000”, rather than the estimated \$200,000.
- Melling-Said he agreed with the wording change. (7:28)

Jones made the motion to move forward with the Professional Services Proposal Agreement on the West Desert Grant/Funding and Business Planning Assistance with the understanding that Monroe will try to get the changes under the Proposed Professional Fees to include the wording “not to exceed \$200,000”. If the proposed changes can’t be made, they will still proceed with the agreement. Second by Tom Stratton. Motion unanimous at 7:29 AM.

Board Member Cozzens motioned to adjourn the special board meeting. Second by Board Member Stratton. Motion unanimous at 7:30. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 AM.