

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2018



**Board Members**

Brent Hunter – Chairman  
Joe Melling  
Paul Cozzens  
Tom Stratton  
Tyler Allred

**District Staff**

Paul Monroe – General Manager  
Mandi Williams-Office Manager  
Tracy Feltner-Operator  
Jessica Staheli-Public Outreach  
  
Curtis Nielson- District Engineer  
Justin Wayment-District Legal Counsel

**Others in Attendance:**

Cory Dow- Corollo Engineering  
Julie Deforest- The Spectrum

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM  
Cory Dow led the pledge, Curtis Nielson offered the invocation. (3:49)

**DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS:** None (4:05)

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:** •Stratton has taken a new position at Southwest Plumbing. He might have to abstain from potential conflicts in the future. (4:48)

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS HELD MAY 2018** • Board Member Cozzens moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held May 17, 2018. Second by Board Member Stratton. Motion unanimous 6:33 pm

• Board Member Melling moved to approve the minutes from the special board meeting held May 25, 2018. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion unanimous 6:35 pm

*Justin Wayment and Tracy Feltner walked in at 6:36pm.*

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS MAY 11, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2018:**

•Williams-Said that it was mostly regular payments. They were able to save 50 dollars a month by cancelling the Century Link account that is no longer needed. There was a large order for envelopes. There were a few large fire hydrant deposits and refund. (8:54) There is also a new computer that we had budgeted for on the reports.

**Board Member Melling moved to approve the payment of bills and the adjustments register from May 11, 2018 through June 15, 2018. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion Unanimous at 6:37pm**

Williams- Said that the newsletter Shelby made helped cut down on costs, because a lot of customers are signing up for paperless billing and autopay. (12:00)

**REVIEW 2018 BUDGET**- ▪Williams-Said the District is halfway through the fiscal year. There were some different office expenses because of remodeling and moving offices.

▪Monroe-Said that on the revenue side the District is looking very good. The budget had stated there would be 40 new connections, and there are currently 43 new connections. The District is growing. The District had also budgeted no revenue for grants but received about 161,000 dollars recently for grants. (15:09)

▪Monroe-Said the water operators are changing some of the meters and making some changes to a few of the recharge projects. (16:52)

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**: ▪Monroe-Said the Water Festival is coming up on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The District excited to tell people about the rebates, both the agricultural rebates and the smart water controller rebates. (18:63) There are already 8 applications for the LESA pivot system rebates. One of the LESA pivots is already in motion. (20:21) ▪Monroe-Said that when producers convert from a wheel line to the LESA pivot is when there is about 30% gain in efficiency. Changing from an older pivot to the new LESA system is about 20%. (22:54)

▪Monroe- Stated that he was asked to sit on the Prepare60 & the Ag optimization committee. He wondered if the board is supportive of him serving on those committees. ▪The board voiced their support.

▪Monroe-Said that the District recently brought on two new temporary hires for the operations side. ▪Hunter-wondered if the back-hoe that the District is leasing is being utilized. ▪Feltner-Said that the operators are using it a lot and it has been a great resource. (24:00)

▪Monroe-Told the board about the Board Member Training on in Washington County. (27:30)

▪Williams-Said if the board members can't make it, she will set one up with the auditors for next year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: ▪None (28:00)

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL TAX RATE FOR 2018 FOR CICWCD**: ▪Monroe-Said the proposed tax rate received from the auditor is .000551. This does not increase taxes, but it is a rate to keep our prices consistent. When property values go up, the rates go down. The growth this year is estimated to be \$54,000. (30:24)

▪ **Board Member Stratton moved to approve the final tax rate. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion unanimous 6:58 pm**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS AND/OR TRANACT WITH THE CICWCD PTIF ACCOUNT** ▪Monroe-This is a new State requirement, approval of this resolution authorizes Brent Hunter, Paul Monroe, and Paul Cozzens to access the PTIF accounts. (32:00)

▪ **Board Member Melling moved to approve the Resolution to Authorize Individuals to Access and/or Transact with the CICWCD PTIF Account. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion unanimous 6:59 pm**

**WATER CONSERVATION: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION 2018-6-21-01 WATER RIGHT EXCHANGE POLICY FOR WATER CONSERVATION**

**THROUGH DEVELOPMENT:** ▪Monroe-Talked about the program from Jordan Valley called Local Scapes. (33:00) In the previous exchange policy resolution the District said there would be no turf in the front yard. But we have adjusted to a restriction on all the grass. ▪Cozzens- Stated that homeowners can increase the look of the houses with zero scaping. (35:50)  
▪Monroe-Said Candace from USU Extension showed that turf grass in Iron County needs 19 gallons per square foot. On average homeowners use 30 gallons per square foot. The new tiers are based off of that 30-gallon rate. Enforcing that rate would be done through the money the customer would spend to use more water. (39:54) Monroe-Said that the District is anticipating lowering the rate from 5000 down to 3500. District employees have mapped it out, and we want to incentivize people to have the smaller lawns. (42:42)

▪ **Board Member Stratton moved to approve the Water Right Exchange Policy for Water Conservation through Development. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion unanimous. (42:33)**

**PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM IN CEDAR VALLEY:** ▪Monroe-Said that this is a model that takes the value of water rights and systems to be fair with our customers. Kelly Crane and Curtis Nielson have been working on creating it.

▪Discussion continued between board members from 44:00 to 45:54 in regard to keeping impact and connection fees in conjunction with the value of water rights and the value of water systems.  
▪Monroe-Said it is basically a model to rank water systems to help us make it equal and to help the board make decisions. (49:18)  
▪Neilson-Said that the District engineers have tested the model with Cross Hollows and Old Meadows and it should be a good tool for the District. The Board gave the go ahead to use the model in observing and reviewing subdivisions as they want to join the District.

**AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:** ▪Monroe-Said he thinks the best of water from widening the channel might be to provide the water to an agricultural producer, so that they will no longer pull the water out of the groundwater well. (56:11)

▪Discussion continued between board members from 7:20pm to 7:34pm in regard to brainstorming ideas on widening the channel to reduce settlement from the Cole Creek up in the canyon down to Quichipa Lake. (1:06:46)

**WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY:** ▪Monroe-Said that a few issues came up with the AE2S company that is trying to help us receive a grant for a financial and business model. One issue is that this grant cannot go towards NEPA. One option the District can pursue is financial model alone. The other is to pursue the financial model with a comprehensive Water Needs Assessment for the basin. If we are successful, then next year we can go after new funding set aside by congress called the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) act. This funding has money in it for valleys with subsidence issues. The District needs to create the business financial plan, and then we will qualify to apply for the WIIN grant next year. The data all needs to be gathered and put into a report. Cedar Valley as grown on average 2.5%

historically. The responsibility of the board is to look 50 years into the future. ▪Monroe- Stated that he wants to reduce the money to \$350K instead of \$400K on the grants.

**(1:15:16)**

The board agreed that Paul Monroe will continue to work with AE2S, and that the amount should be changed from \$400K to \$350K.

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

▪Hunter- Said the committee had a meeting with the State Engineer and staff. ▪Melling- Said that the engineer would take the information or “Plan” the committee created and look over it. He suggested that the “Plan” would likely become a tool and an appendage to his GMP. Kent Jones suggested a public meeting in the fall around September. He looked at changing boundaries on along HWY 56 and around Enoch where the greater water declines in the basin are. The committee needed more time to think about the boundaries especially the one around Enoch.

**(1:18:19)** ▪Hunter- Said the State Engineer seems satisfied and is working well with the committee.

The board continued discussion from 7:45pm to 7:50pm in regard to the time the State Engineer is giving the committee to fix the groundwater problem. **(1:22:00)**

▪Monroe- There is some local water right changes. There are some applications in the Kanarrville area that are moving water right locations. Historically the board has drafted a protest for this. ▪The board discussed from 7:53pm to 8:07pm in regard to protesting the water right changes. ▪Hunter- Said that they should protest in order to be consistent. **(1:41:02)**

### **ENGINEERING REPORT:** ▪None **(1:33:15)**

**Next meeting date: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

▪Wayment- Said that there are some people who want to lease 12-acre feet of water to the Water District, requiring a right of first refusal. He will bring an agreement next month for the board to look at and approve.

**Board Member Cozzens motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed Session. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion unanimous at 8:12pm**

**Roll Call as follows:**

**Hunter-Aye**

**Stratton-Aye**

**Allred-Aye**

**Cozzens-Aye**

**Melling-Aye**

**Board Member Stratton motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session board meeting. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion Unanimous at 9:48 PM**

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

**Motion unanimous at 9:48 PM**