

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  
Spencer Jones

**District Staff**

Paul Monroe – General Manager  
Mandi Williams-Office Manager  
Jon Juergens-Operator  
Tracy Feltner-Operator  
Jessica Staheli-Public Outreach  
  
Kelly Crane-District Engineer  
Justin Wayment-District Legal Counsel

**Others in Attendance:**

Cory Dow-Corollo Engineering  
Gary Bruno  
Gary Player  
Roice Nelson  
Dennis Cox

**CALL TO ORDER:** •Board Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Start time was delayed due to work meeting.

Tracy Feltner led the pledge, Tom Stratton offered the invocation. (00:28)

**DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS:** None (00:36)

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 21, 2018:**

•Board Member Melling moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held June 21, 2018. Second by Board Member Cozzens. Motion unanimous 6:40 pm.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS JUNE 16, 2018 THROUGH July 5, 2018:**

•Williams-Said there were several charges to “Cart-a-Crete” from the recharge project, she also covered some of the expenses for the Water Festival. She mentioned the invoice from the yearly Audit and that the Auditors will be at the board meeting next month. (1:59)

•Board Member Cozzens moved to approve the payment of bills and the adjustments register from June 16, 2018 through July 5, 2018. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 6:42pm

**REVIEW 2018 BUDGET-** (2:31)

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2018-7-12-01 COMMITMENT TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NO. BOR-CO-18-F010:**

•Monroe-Said that this Resolution is for the acceptance of the Bureau of Reclamation Funding opportunity No. BOR-DO-18-FO10. The District and AE2S gained support for this project from many different groups, including locations outside of district boundaries. •Crane-Said that AE2S summarized the desire to create a true business plan on how to move forward with receiving the grants. •Cozzens-Wondered if they should get a letter from Senator Lee. •Monroe-Said that they still could receive a letter from Lee, but they are trying to finalize by tomorrow. (5:34)

**•Board Member Stratton moved to accept the Adoption of Resolution #2018-7-12-01 Commitment to the Bureau of Reclamation Funding Opportunity No. BOR-CO-18-F010. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion Unanimous at 6:45pm**

**Roll Call as Follows:**

**Allred-Aye**

**Cozzens-Aye**

**Melling-Aye**

**Stratton-Aye**

**Jones-Aye**

**Hunter-Aye at 6:47pm**

•Williams- Said that the agenda had a misprint on the financial portion. It should say July 5<sup>th</sup> not July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** •Monroe-Said that The District had the Annual Water Festival on June 30<sup>th</sup>. He thanked district staff, board members, and Ensign and Corollo engineers. There were three booths from the district. (8:20)

•Staheli-Said that they recently had a meeting with Sage Platt who has agreed to be the moderator for CIRPAC. Staheli and Monroe took the recommended committee member list from the Board and reviewed it with Sage Platt. More people have been added to the list in order to gain a wider demographic view. The list will be narrowed down and invitation letters will be sent by the end of next week. •Monroe-Said that CIRPAC will be used to educate the community about our water situation. (10:01)

•Monroe-Said the water operators and summer hires worked hard to put in a new weir at Phil Schmidt's Pit. •Cozzens-Said that was some erosion on the Schmidt pit on the East side. There needs to be some repairs where the edges are sloughing off. Someone needs to help finance the situation. This is something he thought that the board should consider helping. (12:27)

•Cozzens-Said that there is quite a bit of tail water coming from the Cedar City Recharge Project.

•Melling and Monroe-Said that they talked to Paul Bittmenn about the putting in a measuring device by the weir. (14:51)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** •None (15:07)

**WATER CONSERVATION: DISTRICT WATER RATES AND POLICY: DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF CONSERVATION RATES**

•Monroe-Said that Shelby Ericksen had created a tier system in conjunction with water right exchange policy. The tier system goes off of the amount of water rights that are transferred over to the district. When a developer wants to bring .8-acre feet, then the tiers have a 20% reduction on their water gallon usage compared to the regular rate schedule that is currently being used. (16:55)

*Those that were in attendance of the Work Meeting left at 6:54pm  
Paul Cozzens left at 6:56pm*

▪Monroe-Said that next month The District will advertise and go through the public process in order to follow these tiers. *(The Board discussed from 6:58 to 6:59 regarding different options for a conservation tier rate.)* (20:14) The board was in favor of using the rates that the district staff creates and then advertising for the public hearing that will take place at the next Board Meeting.

▪Hunter-Said they had a field day at his farm. There were a few presentations about Center Pivot conservations systems. There isn't a lot of data so far, but they had some data from other locations. The Dragon-Line System and the LEPA system were showcased. Hunter said it was a successful event. There were many farmers and many government employees present at the event. USU Extension said they want to do a similar event again next year. (23:34)

**AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:** ▪Crane-Said that he is preparing a RFP to look at the BLM pond, The BLM authorized expansion a few weeks ago. The engineers are soliciting a designer to design a plan. ▪Monroe-Said the expansion was approved on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. The BLM still will have to do prairie dog and migratory bird studies. ▪The Board said that they are supportive of this project. (26:26)

**WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:** ▪Kelly-Said the project slowly continues to make progress. They made a trip out with Allred a few days ago to look at the weather station. ▪Monroe-Said they have been talking with attorneys and it doesn't look like the District can use a basin-wide pool of money. They might have to have a basin-wide household fee instead. (28:00) ▪Monroe-Said they are continually working and having conversations on finance the project. (29:30)

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL WATER RIGHTS CHANGES:** ▪Melling-Said that the committee became aware that the plan draft needs to be done in early spring. He said that the State Engineer's office seems very willing to look at our tool-box to make their decision. He thinks the committee needs to make a timeline to create everything and gather information. ▪Jones-Said he was not at the GMP Meeting today, but he was with the UM presenters. (33:00)

**WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS:** ▪Juergens-Said there were some small valve problems at Chekshani Cliffs. Juergens said Rural Water is coming out to Cedar Highlands to help us clean out the lines. ▪Monroe-Said that the District is a part of Rural Water and they have a good technical support system. ▪Allred-Wondered if The District is still going to run Cedar Highland's water if the become a municipality. ▪Monroe-Said yes. ▪Jones-wondered if the board should talk about selling them the system. (36:56)

▪Crane-Said Chekshani Cliffs has had some issues with calcification. The engineers are looking at some different filtering systems. There are a few different companies coming to look at the system and decide the best options. ▪Stratton-Suggested filtering should be done at point of use. It is a lot cheaper. ▪Jones-Said that the calcification might affect the district's lines not just the

homeowner's lines. ▪The Board discussed from 7:19pm to 7:22pm regarding filtration by homeowners rather than changing district lines, and the well drilling that has been done. (43:00)  
▪Crane-Said that there has been some serious spring water reduction at Cedar Highlands. They are trying to treat the well at Cedar Highlands and get it running. He said that the lower springs are producing more water than can currently be captured. There is an option to develop the lower springs in that area as well. To redevelop the lower springs, it would be an estimated amount of \$70,000. Spring development is always a variable option. After the options are explored, we will need to have a process to decide with the board on what to do. The current options are either fixing the spring, filtering the district's current well, or installing a pipeline from Linford's well. (46:44)

*Tyler Allred left at 7:26pm*

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:** ▪Hunter-said he had a meeting with Curtis regarding the project near Rusty's, and there needs to be a meeting with Russel Limb. Hunter wanted opinions about the presentations from the work meeting. ▪Jones-Said he wants to look into the presentations more. ▪Stratton-Agreed with Jones. He said that it is always good to learn. (49:30)

*Justin Wayment came in at 7:29pm*

**ENGINEERING REPORT: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION** ▪None (56:00)

**Next meeting date: August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Board Member Jones motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed Session. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion unanimous at 7:36pm**

**Roll Call as follows:**

**Hunter-Aye**

**Stratton-Aye**

**Melling-Aye**

**Jones-Aye**

**Board Member Melling motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session board meeting. Second by Board Member Stratton. Motion Unanimous at 7:56 PM**

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