

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2018



Board Members

Brent Hunter-Chairman
Joe Melling
Paul Cozzens
Spencer Jones

District Staff

Paul Monroe-General Manager
Mandi Williams-Office Manager
Tracy Feltner-Operator
Jessica Staheli-Public Outreach

Others in Attendance

Cory Dowe-Corollo Engineering
Carrie Jo Bucklin-Public
Dennis Bucklin-Public

Kelly Crane-District Engineer
Curtis Nelson- District Engineer
Justin Wayment-District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: •Board Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM. Cory Dowe led the pledge, Kelly Crane offered the invocation. **(1:40)**

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: None **(2:02)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE WORK MEETING AND BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 16, 2018:

•Board Member Cozzens moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting held August 16, 2018. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion unanimous 6:31 PM.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS AUGUST 11, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2018:

•Williams-Said there was a correction on the agenda, that the work meeting minutes should be removed from the agenda. There was a large payment made to Car ID for the truck boxes. There was an expense for a backup motor and pump in Chekshani from Cedar Valley Pumps. It is sitting on the shelf in case the pump fails since Chekshani is a standalone system. There were some data logger expenses for the recharge projects. There was a large expense for meters that were replaced at Cedar Highlands, from Master Meter. There were about 85 total meter registers that were replaced. The recharge data logger that was purchased is for Spring Creek to read the outflow. There are many other data loggers on our other recharge projects. **(6:24)** *The Board discussed for several minutes regarding the data loggers that are being used on different recharge projects.* **(9:10)** There was another expense for SCADA. There was another payment made to USPS for some additional postage expenses.

•Board Member Jones moved to approve the payment of bills and the adjustments register from August 11, 2018 through September 13, 2018. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 6:39 PM. **(9:73)**

REVIEW 2018 BUDGET: ▪Williams-Said our connection fees are at 75 new connections, the budgeted amount was originally for 40 new connections. The district's current property tax revenue amount was highlighted. There is going to be a reduction in the tax revenue that the District receives because of Union Pacific Railroads dispute of property taxes. For State Grants the District received over 160,000 and had not budgeted for any grant money. The interest rates are good right now in the PTIF accounts. The interest expense for the water right bond and the principle for that same bond is listed in the budget. Most of the revenue from taxes is going to come through in the next few months. (14:10) On page two, on the truck and auto line, the District did go over what was budgeted. The trucks themselves were under budget, but the lights, racks, and boxes put it over. It is anticipated that the boxes, racks, and lights will be able to be transferred to future trucks. The principle on the water right bond for State Bank was also highlighted. ▪Monroe-Said that the board should keep in mind the recharge costs and numbers as they moved onto the rest of the meeting. ▪Williams and Monroe discussed the loans. They transferred money from the District's checking account into the PTIF account. ▪Williams-Said that there was a cost from meters that were purchased from master meter. She highlighted a summary of the bond accounts. She also showed the board the Visa Statement. ▪Monroe-Said that there were some fraudulent charges on the district's card. So, the District had to get a new Visa card. (21:00)

Mandi Williams left at 6:50pm

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: ▪Monroe-Said that on the public education side. The next three presentations for the Water Advisory Committee have been scheduled. The first meeting will include presentations from the facilitator, Sage Platt, and Monroe. The State Engineer and some of his staff will speak at the meeting in October. Tyler Knudsen from UGS will speak in November about subsidence and groundwater mining. It is planned to have some geologists, economists, and funding presentations at later meetings. The first meeting is next week on September 27th. The meeting will be held downstairs of the CICWCD office at 88 E Fiddlers Canyon Rd. *The Board discussed moving board meetings into that location as well.* (24:43) ▪Feltner-Said they are working on the flume for Spring Creek. ▪Monroe-said the transfer of CHH has gone pretty smoothly. (25:40)

WAH WAH & PINE VALLEY: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COST RECOVERY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGMENT CEDAR CITY FIELD OFFICE AND CICWCD:

▪Monroe-Said that the cost recovery agreement is an agreement with the BLM that will help reimburse them for the time they have used on the Wah Wah & Pine Valley Project. The total cost amount is \$48,000. Their hours and rates are all attached in the agreement. Monroe said the District has the budget to complete this. He said it would be wise to complete the agreement, so the district can move forward to the NEPA process before the BLM new fiscal year October 1st and rates go up. Crane-Said that he thought it was a very fair agreement. *The Board discussed the possibility of writing a letter to recommend Paul Briggs for the Field Manager position at the BLM for several minutes.* (30:02)

▪Board Member Cozzens moved to approve the Cost Recovery Agreement Between the Bureau of Land Management Cedar City Field Office and the CICWCD. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 7:00 PM. (31:42)

WAH WAH & PINE VALLEY: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CEDAR CITY FIELD OFFICE AND THE CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:

▪Monroe-Briefly discussed the Memorandum of Understanding. He then went over the draft of the RFP. Once the District selects three consultant names, then the BLM will select one of those consultants to conduct the EIS. ▪Crane-Said the District also has a say in who becomes the consultant. We are currently going through the BLM's process. There are right-of-way processes that the District is currently going through as well. ▪Monroe-Discussed the timeline in regard to the surveys and grants that would need to be completed. The best-case scenario would be that this process is completed by 2021. The Memorandum of Understanding will be considered at a later date.

(39:39)

PUBLIC COMMENT: ▪None (39:53)

CONSIDER A PETITION FOR WATER RIGHT #73-2617 AND #73-3207, 1944

PRIORITY BY CARRIE JO BUCKLIN: ▪Bucklin-Said they just purchased land on 2300 W. It has a 1944 priority date water right on it. They don't really want to build a well. They want to connect to the CICWCD line. They are aware of the cost, but they have 1 acre-ft of 1944 priority water rights. They would like these water rights to be considered. ▪Crane-Said the water rights are 1944 priority, other than that, they are fairly clean rights. However, the challenge is that the District has a policy of 1935 priority date. Based on the water right, it looks like it was previously from Russel Reber, which the District had previously said refused the rights. There are other water rights available. ▪Bucklin-Said she has looked at some other water rights she could purchase. ▪Wayment-Said that the water rights could possibly go for around \$3000 per acre-foot. ▪Cozzens-Said it is hard for the district to change the precedent that they have already set. (45:25)

Carrie and Dennis Bucklin left the meeting.

▪Monroe-Said the Board might want to consider a change of policy, maybe people could give the district a water right and a portion of cash based on priority date. ▪Wayment-Said by making that 1935 priority right, the market for water rights rise on those priority rights. (48:28) *The board discussed this possibility or raising the priority date or changing the policy for several minutes.* (59:00) ▪The District will contact the Bucklin's, and let them know the thoughts of the board, but let them know there is no guarantee at this point. There will be more discussion on this possibility of policy change at the next meeting. (1:01:15)

POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT PURCHASE: ▪Monroe-Said that there was a gentleman who came into the District office and wanted to sell water rights. Monroe went over the various acre-feet and priority dates. The total purchase price is \$33,510. ▪The board voiced their approval of the purchase.

Board Member Cozzens motioned to purchase the water rights that were discussed. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous 7:32PM. (1:03:30)

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL WATER RIGHTS CHANGES:

▪Melling-Said that Kent Jones, the State Engineer will be at the meeting on October 25, 2018 at

noon. It will be at the Natural Resource Office. ▪Monroe-Said that after that meeting he will be speaking to the Water Advisory Committee. In the morning he may hold water hearing for Cedar City's Recharge Application and a few others.

▪Monroe-Said that he wrote a letter to the State Engineer in support of Cedar City's recharge applications. Monroe read the letter to the Board. Through the letter, the District would encourage the State Engineer to carefully consider the recovery section of their application. *The Board discussed the letter, water rights, and the State Engineer for several minutes.* (1:17:40)

▪Monroe-Said he wanted to receive the input from the board before sending the letter. He previously spoke with Nathan Moses and voiced his concerns. Moses thought that it would be a good thing to document the record, so the State Engineer can look at all the different issues. ▪The Board voiced their approval. (1:20:20)

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS ▪Wayment-Said that Hunter just signed the deed documents. Cedar Land Title has prepared the documents for the Cross Hollow Hills assimilation. There were some issues with one of the lots and the partnership of Cross Hollow Hills, but it was finally finished. Steve Carrol just needs sign the deed. ▪Monroe-Said that everything is all set up. Williams and Staheli have created all the accounts. Feltner and Jeurgans have all the meters, valves and hydrants set up and logged via GIS. (1:24:50)

▪Monroe-Said that he spoke with the Mayor of Cedar Highlands. It was positive towards Cedar Highlands taking the water system back. It might be in the long-term plan. ▪Feltner-Said that the drought years are taking a toll on the system we currently have. Switching may be a good option for the District. (1:27:40)

WATER CONSERVATION: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ▪None (1:27:58)

AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ▪Monroe-Said there is a request for a proposal for an engineering firm to handle the engineering at the Quichipa Pond. Ensign Engineering is working on the proposal and looking at the costs. He discussed the money set aside in the budget for the Recharge Projects. ▪Cozzens-Said he and other board members would like to go out and look the project before everything is finalized. *The board discussed the budget for several minutes.*

▪Hunter-Said he, Melling, and Monroe went and met with Russell Limb who leases part of the channel up by Rusty's. He would like to contract part of the Rusty's project. ▪Monroe-Said they are looking at doing a staging of 3 or 4 ponds. ▪Neilson-Said Progressive Contracting is helping give ideas and creating plans. ▪Melling-Said that that they should talk to the Division of Water Rights about the water that counts for the 20 acre-ft regulations. ▪Crane-Said that it is really dependent on risk and hazards. It would be called a regulating reservoir. ▪Hunter-Said they need to make sure the contracts are all black and white. (1:36:13) *The board discussed the gravel that is involved in the project and the contractor bids for several minutes.* ▪Jones-Said they need to look at the land leases before creating the RFP. (1:52:28)

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: ▪Cozzens-Said that Mark Burr from Primary Water was at a meeting with Parowan City. Dennis Cox did a presentation on the UM model. Then Mark Burr then went over to Enoch the next day. They looked at a fault line over by Parowan. They also looked at several wells in the valley. (1:55:40)

Melling stepped out at 8:25pm.

Hunter-Said that his well by Watson's was breaking suction. He had Bert Prestwich come put an acid substance in the well, and it fixed the well. He said this treatment is something we should consider for our wells when they start struggling. *The board discussed the wells for several minutes.*

Melling arrived again at 8:27pm.

Discussion continued for several minutes. ■Jones-Said he would like Crane to update the board on the West Desert Project at the meeting next month. **(2:04:46)**

ENGINEERING REPORT: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ■None **(2:05:05)**

Next meeting date: October 18th, 2018.

Meeting will be held in the CICWCD Conference Room at 88 E Fiddlers Cyn. Rd. Ste. A.

Board Member Cozzens motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed session. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion unanimous at 8:37 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

Hunter-Aye

Melling-Aye

Jones-Aye

Cozzens-Aye

Board Member Melling motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session board meeting. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 9:11 PM.

Board Member Melling motioned adjourn the regular meeting. Second by Board Member Cozzens. Motion unanimous at 9:11 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 PM.