

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting Minutes
July 18th, 2019



Board Members

Brent Hunter-Chairman
Tom Stratton
Terri Hartley
Spencer Jones

Others in Attendance

Trinity Pajón-Iron County Today
Paul Cozzens-County Commission
Linford Nelson-Cedar Highlands

District Staff

Paul Monroe-General Manager
Mandi Williams-Office Manager
John Juergens-Water Operator
Tracy Feltner-Water Operator
Jessica Staheli-Public Outreach
Jeff McKee-Water Operator

Kelly Crane- District Engineer
Justin Wayment-District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: ▪Board Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Kelly Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance. Justin Wayment offered the invocation. **(1:33)**

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: ▪None. **(1:41)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2019:

▪Board Member Hartley moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held June 20, 2019. Second by Board Member Stratton. Motion unanimous 6:36 PM. **(2:04)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS JUNE 13, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 9, 2019: ▪Williams-Said there were a few large payments for the Water Festival. One for the radio advertising and one for Funtime Inflatables. There was a payment made to Endress & Houser for a meter replacement at Bridal Path. There was a payment to Intermountain Environmental for the recharge data loggers. The State will be reimbursing half of that fee. There was a lease payment to Seven Shipp LLC, the new building owners of the CICWCD office. ▪*There was some discussion in regard to the new rent cost for the office.* ▪Williams-Said there was a semi-annual bond payment to State Bank. There was a payment to Transcon Environmental for EIS work. There was a Post office annual bulk mailing payment. ▪*There was discussion in regard to the different engineering charges.*

Cozzens arrived at 6:42 PM.

▪*There was continued discussion for several minutes in regard to the new lease agreement.*

▪Board Member Stratton moved to approve the payment of bills and the adjustments register from June 13, 2019 through July 9, 2019. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 6:47 PM. **(12:42)**

REVIEW 2019 FINANCIALS: ▪Williams-Went over the transaction register. There was nothing out of the ordinary. She went over the operational budget which is 58% through the year. The lease payment was highlighted again. Currently the conservation budget is over, due to the water fair and festival, but there are no large foreseen expenses that will be coming out of that line the remainder of the year. (14:43)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: ▪Monroe-Said that Jeremy Aquero from Applied Analysis came to speak to the Water Advisory Committee last month. He presented the updated CICWCD Economic and Fiscal Analysis. ▪Hartley-Said that she enjoyed the presentation and was reassured by the west desert project numbers they had figured in the analysis.

▪Monroe-Said they held the kick-off meeting with Carollo for the Financial Business Plan. Cedar City and Enoch representatives were present. All the entities and communities are going to have to come together and participate. There were good questions about managing the water and water rights which will help the project be successful. ▪Hartley-Mentioned that there needs to be efforts being put into community education about the West Desert. ▪Monroe-Said the Water Festival was on the June 29th. He thanked the festival sponsors.

▪Monroe-Said that on the operations side, there has been a lot of work done. The water operators repaired a pump this week and were lucky to have a back-up pump on hand. He thanked the water operators for their hard work.

▪Monroe-Said they received the wholesale agreement back from Cedar City. He said it is looking very nice; however, they will send it out to the board members for their review before looking at it at next month's board meeting. He highlighted the part that was structured to help with the West Desert funding. The city will collect the impact fees from this specific subdivision and pay it to the District who will hold it for the West Desert project. ▪*There was discussion for several minutes in regard to impact fees and the laws involved.* (28:16)

CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF PERSONAL USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY POLICY:

▪Wayment-Introduced the policy. New State law does not allow the private use of public property without a policy that permits the use. This policy permits CICWCD Staff to use public property such as a cell phone or vehicle for personal uses as long as it is not abused and is not costing the entity. ▪Jones-Said that he would like to talk about it a little more before passing the policy as long as it is not an issue. ▪Cozzens- Stated that the law took effect July 1st. ▪Jones-Suggested that they approve the policy now, and then look at it again next month to possibly amend it so that the District will be protected moving forward. (34:01)

▪Board Member Jones moved to Adopt the CICWCD Rules and Regulations for Personal Use of Public Property Policy. Second by Board Member Hartley. Motion Unanimous at 7:08 PM. (34:25)

WATER RIGHT ACCEPTANCE POLICY DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL: ▪Monroe-Suggested that discussion be postponed until a full board is present.

▪**Board Member Hartley moved to table the Water Right Acceptance Policy. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 7:10 PM. (36:20)**

▪*There was brief discussion in regard to the water right appraisals done by the District and Cedar City.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: ▪None. (38:47)

WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: ▪Monroe-Said Biological and Cultural surveys will begin in the next few weeks. The alignment is basically nailed down for Pine Valley. It will stay along the roads, mostly along the Avon Road and Antelope Road to avoid more turns in the pipe. This will also help lessen environmental impacts. They are also working through the groundwater modeling on the EIS. Don Barnett is working with the District as well on this modeling. He has helped narrow the scope, so that there are only studies done on the areas that we are working in. ▪Crane-Said that biological surveys are also in the works. ▪*There was brief discussion on the timeline progress of the EIS.*

AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: ▪Cozzens-Went over some of the recharge numbers. In total it is estimated that about 9990 acre-feet was added to our recharge projects this year. There was a lot of success seen with the recharge this year. By using LEPA as well he figured we are saving about 400 additional acre-feet. Every recharge facility is now backed up by data loggers, with the exception of the Western Rock Pit which had a cable break. ▪Jones-Mentioned that these recharge numbers should be presented to the State Engineer for the Groundwater Management Plan.

Linford arrived at 7:30PM

▪*There was continued discussion for several minutes in regard to having the recharge and conservation numbers available for the State Engineer. (1:01:41)*

WATER CONSERVATION: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: ▪Staheli-Said USU Extension held a field day last week where they looked at data and information from their Ag Efficiency experiments. (1:02:19)

DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: ▪Monroe- Stated they are looking into the reverse osmosis systems for Chekshani Cliffs. It may be a possible solution for the system. It would most likely add about \$54 to the customer's monthly bill in Chekshani. They are also looking into grants for the system, and they are looking into extending a pipe to Kanarraville as well. There is still a lot of confusion about what may be causing the corrosion. Lots of sampling has been done. Drilling a new well is still being evaluated as well. Maybe the better water is deeper. ▪*There was discussion on this topic for several minutes.*

▪Linford Nelson-Said that he owns water rights and a well up in Cedar Highlands. He would like to make an agreement the District to share the well. He would trade the water rights in a spring for his well. There was an agreement drafted in past years for this subject; however, it was never

agreed upon before. There would be a possible line running from his well to the District tank. He would like the District to invest in the line. He said that he has the easements ready for the pipe. He would assign the easements to the District if it was agreed upon. *▪There was discussion for several minutes in regard to the layout of the pipe Linford proposed.* ▪Nelson-Said that he would be willing to add the right of first refusal for the District. *▪Discussion continued for several minutes in regard to the possibility of an agreement between Nelson and the District.* ▪Monroe-Said that when this idea was brought up again months ago, they asked that Nelson bring the agreement towards the Board so that they can consider it. *▪There was discussion for several minutes in regard to the restrictions on water in Cedar Highlands.* ▪Jones-Asked if Nelson's proposal was in writing. ▪Monroe-Said that there is only the original agreement from years ago and some ideas that have floated around. ▪Jones-Asked if Nelson would be willing to put into writing what he would like to do so that the Board could review it. ▪Nelson-Said that he is willing to sign the agreement they have; however, there are a few things in the agreement that he was concerned with and would like to change first.

▪Wayment-Asked about the sources that the District currently has, how well they perform on a low water year. ▪Juergans-Said that last year when the water was low in the springs, they took the water from the well and let it go above the springs and recharged the springs. The well has a metal/sulfur taste and smell, but recharging was effective in purifying the water. ▪Linford-Said the capacity of his well should be about 60 gallons per minute if he had a larger pump. ▪Crane-Said that there is a grant application in currently to help redevelop the CICWCD springs. ▪Linford-Said that the Board needs to consider the lots up there that still could be built on. *▪There was discussion in regard to outdoor watering CC&Rs.* ▪Jones-Asked Linford again if he would be willing to sign the agreement as it is currently written. ▪Linford-Said that he would look at it outside while the Board goes into closed session to discuss.

Board Member Hartley motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed session. Second by Board Member Stratton. Motion unanimous at 8:14 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

Stratton-Aye

Hartley-Aye

Jones-Aye

Hunter-Aye

Board Member Stratton motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 8:33 PM.

Linford arrived again at 8:33 PM.

▪Hunter-Said that the Board talked the agreement over in closed session, but they do not want to make a decision without more of the Board members present. ▪Nelson-Said that he was concerned with the part in the agreement concerning Nelson connecting to the District system. ▪Wayment-Said that could be an issue, because those extensions Nelson would want to make off

of the pipe would have to be made to certain standards. ▪Nelson-Said that he needs access to that line because he owns the property the line is going to be on. ▪Monroe-Said that he can connect, but it needs to be connected to our standards. ▪Nelson-Suggested clarification that would allow connection as long as it is up to District standards. ▪*There was discussion for several minutes in regard to Nelson's concerns. The option of Nelson paying for the line extension was discussed as well.* ▪Monroe-Said that Nelson needs to meet with him to discuss the agreement and put things discussed at the meeting in writing. ▪Nelson-Agreed with Monroe and mentioned that the agreement he reviewed outside during closed session is the same as he was referring to.

Linford left at 8:42 PM. (1:49:32)

DISCUSSION OF GROUNDWATER MANGAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL WATER

RIGHT CHANGES: ▪Monroe-Said the committee is meeting with the State Engineer in a few weeks to discuss the GMP Plan.

▪Crane-Said he is happy that we are seeing great success this year in water recharge; however, he stressed the importance of the Board keeping the long term in mind. There is still a serious need for water in the basin due to the previous deficit. (1:53:09)

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: ▪None. (1:55:35)

ENGINEERING REPORT: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: ▪None. (1:55:55)

Next meeting date: August 22nd, 2019. ▪*There was discussion in regard to changing September's meeting.*

Board Member Stratton motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed session. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion unanimous at 8:50 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

Stratton-Aye

Hartley-Aye

Jones-Aye

Hunter-Aye

Board Member Stratton motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 9:24 PM.

Board Member Jones motioned adjourn the regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Hartley. Motion unanimous at 9:24 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 PM.