

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2019



Board Members

Brent Hunter-Chairman
Thomas Stratton
Spencer Jones
Terri Hartley
David Harris

Others in Attendance

Joan Meiners
Paul Cozzens
Jim Hinton-Cedar Highlands HOA (online)

District Staff

Paul Monroe-General Manager
Mandi Williams-Office Manager
Tracy Feltner-Water Operator
Jeff McKee-Water Operator
Sommy Achebo-Water Operator Intern
Jessica Staheli-Public Outreach
Kelly Crane-District Engineer (online)
Curtis Nielson-District Engineer
Justin Wayment-District Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: •Board Member Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Tracy Feltner lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Spencer Jones offered the invocation.

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: •None. **(2:18)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2020:

•Board Member Harris moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held June 18th, 2020. Second by Board Member Hartley. Motion unanimous 6:32 PM. **(2:40)**

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS JUNE 12, 2020 THROUGH JULY 9, 2020: •Williams-Went over the payment of bills. She highlighted

the billing cardstock payment. There was a payment for the 3500 diesel truck. There was a payment for a new router for the scada system in Chekshani. Payment to Jocelyn Communications for that new router setup. Payment to State Bank of Southern Utah for an annual bond payment. This bond payment was the final payment for 2008 Capital Water Purchase Bond. A payment was made to the Spectrum for the Chekshani public hearing. Transcon was paid for EIS work. **(6:45)**

•Board Member Harris moved to approve the payment of bills and the adjustments register from June 12, 2020 through July 9, 2020. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion Unanimous at 6:36 PM. **(6:59)**

•Williams-Went over the transaction register. She said there were some leak relief credits, paperless billing credits, and some other regular transactions.

REVIEW 2020 FINANCIALS: •Monroe-Said the water revenue is a little low, but it should probably catch up around October. The fuel and equipment line is a little higher due to some

work out at Quichipa that has required additional fuel. We have started pumping water to the south side, and then we will build a dyke/diversion structure in the lake. He explained the project for several minutes. We got word that we will still be receiving the full \$250,000 grant to work on our recharge projects. Professional, technical fee line we will most likely continue to increase. It is mainly the costs of Engineering fees. Monroe pointed out that Ensign has held off on invoicing because of waiting to see what grants that we receive. Monroe then discussed the grants line, which is where a lot of the money that was expensed through the Professional and Technical line will come back into the budget. He went over the capital side of the budget. He mentioned the truck and auto line that was already discussed in the financial report, he also included that there was a trailer purchased as well. (15:15)

CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ASSESSMENT AREA FOR THE CHEKSHANI CLIFFS AREA: ▪Monroe-Said we will actually have to consider the resolution on a zoom meeting on July 30th at 6:30. This is the date that we will announce the tally result. It will be held electronically. We haven't received any protests yet. (17:22)

PUBLIC COMMENT: ▪Commissioner Cozzens-Said they got the diversion structure put in out at Quichipa Creek. He explained the project to the Board. ▪*There was discussion in regard to another project near the airport that the city is doing.* ▪Monroe-Said we were approached by the Steve Platt to help work on the applications for a permanent right-of-way through SITLA. Steve felt like if we could help with those applications, the county could supply some equipment to help out at Quichipa. Monroe stated that it is a pretty favorable arrangement with the county to help us out. (22:20)

CHEKSHANI CLIFFS: UPDATE & DISCUSSION: ▪Monroe-Said Bob Holt is in the process of preparing to drill a well for the Chekshani. He went over a presentation. *Presentation discussion on locations lasted for several minutes. The Board felt like Paul should check into pricing on a 12" test well.* ▪Monroe-Mentioned that the seller of the well stated that if the water quality doesn't meet what we need, he would be willing to trade wells. Holt's current well has consistently met the water quality requirements. (45:50)

CEDAR HIGHLANDS: UPDATE & DISCUSSION: ▪Monroe-Asked Curtis Nielson to give an update. ▪Nielson-Said we have been working on the spring rehabilitation, the Orton's have been digging and trenching. We found one on the north side that was about 7 gallons per minute, and they've lengthened it, moving along, and we feel confident about the water. ▪Feltner-Said they are starting to do the liner and gravel pack. ▪Monroe-It looks like it is going to run about 10,000 gallons a day. We are currently meeting or exceeding the water demands for Cedar Highlands (50:45)

Jim Hilton joined the meeting.

SUNSET SUBDIVISION (BUMBLEBEE WATER SYSTEM): ▪Monroe-Said we have given Tyler Romeril draft agreement to the city for the emergency connection. They are going to get back with us on their changes. There is a business in that area, Henry's Place, that is currently

connected to the Sunset system. They have a contract with Sunset that will expire when the subdivision is 70% built out. Once it reaches that stage, they won't be able to supply Henry's Place with water. The owner of Henry's Place has reached out to the District to see if we would have the ability to supply them with water. Right now, this seems a little risky due to the demand they are currently using (around 20psi) and the fact that they have big plans for growth there.

▪Wayment-Briefed the Board Members on how and why Henry's Place was set up. He let them know that it is a non-profit business, and also gave an overview of their future plans. ▪Monroe-Discussed the actual location of Henry's Place, also showed where the actual connections would be for both Sunset Subdivision and Henry's Place. He also emphasized that his current view on providing water to Henry's Place would be that the District would not move forward with that unless the owner would be willing to put in his own booster pump station. There is no way to supply their needs without it. (56:51)

WAH WAH AND PINE VALLEY: UPDATE & DISCUSSION: ▪Monroe-Said we filed the Notice of Intent (NOI) on July 15th. The public scoping meeting will be on August 5th. This meeting will be held virtually at 6:30pm. The BLM will be conducting that meeting. We have wrapped up several studies and overall, the results have been favorable. Based on the filing date of the NOI, we should be finalizing the EIS on or around July or August of 2021. That report will be published and that will wrap up the environmental process. ▪Neilson-There will be a site visit to the West Desert on July 28th, we are going to be looking at the Sage Grouse areas. Monroe-Gave a synopsis of the new Sage Grouse plans, and also some of the research that he has done on his own. He was able to visit with the DWR to let them know that we can actually provide a better area for the Sage Grouse with our water project. The DWR was intrigued with that notion, and it will also save funds. (1:07:34)

AQUIFER RECHARGE: UPDATE & DISCUSSION: ▪Monroe-Said we have recharged about 3000 ac/ft over all the entities for the water year to date, which started in October of 2019. We had 1600 ac/ft Schmidt Pit, 719 ac/ft Western Rock Pit, 254 ac/ft Horse Alley, 187 ac/ft Quichipa, 120 ac/ft Airport Pit. Coal Creek is at an all-time low as far as water flows. (1:09:54)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: OPERATIONS & PUBLIC EDUCATION: ▪Monroe-We are going to build another head gate and diversion for the Western Rock Pit. This should help bring this system more up to date, we will also be installing a flume that should help with monitoring. (1:11:20)

WATER CONSERVATION: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: ▪Monroe-We are working on water checks. We are also working to promote Localscapes, for new landscaping on properties. ▪Hunter-Asked if we still have a relationship with Candance Schiabe. ▪Monroe-Answered that we still work closely with Candace. She still manages all of our water checks. She has all the software and we supply the employees that conduct those checks. (1:12:14)

DISCUSSION OF GROUNDWATER MANGAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL WATER RIGHT CHANGES: ▪Monroe-There have still been no final decisions on the plan. In my last conversation with Nathan Moses, he had still not been able to get in touch with Teresa Wilhelmsen for any updates. (1:12:47)

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: -Stratton–Would like to say that he is very impressed with the new Diesel work truck. **(1:13:32)**

ENGINEERING REPORT: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: -Neilson-Chekshani Cliffs project, we had 7 contractors pick up the qualification packets. We went through those today and they all met the qualifications. As soon as we can get the biological assessment approved with the Fish and Wildlife, we can have those 7 prequalified companies bid the project. **(1:15:55)**

Next meeting date: August 20th, 2020.

Board Member Harris motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed session for imminent litigation or acquiring real property and/or water rights. Second by Board Member Jones. Motion unanimous at 7:46 PM. (1:16:46)

Roll Call as follows:

Jones-Aye

Stratton-Aye

Hartley-Aye

Harris-Aye

Hunter-Aye

Board Member Harris motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Hartley. Motion unanimous at 8:10 PM.

-Board Member Harris motioned to move forward with items as discussed in closed session. Second by Board Member Stratton. Motion unanimous at 8:10 PM.

Board Member Hartley motioned adjourn the regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Harris Motion unanimous at 8:11 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.