

Central Iron County Water Conservancy District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024



Board Members

David Harris
Tyler Melling
Tyler Allred
Andrew McCrea
Paul Nelson
Terri Hartley
Spencer Jones

District Staff

Paul Monroe-General Manager
Mandi Williams-Office Manager
Jessica Staheli- Public Outreach
Kelly Crane-District Engineer
Curtis Nielson-District Engineer
Justin Wayment-District Attorney
Tracy Feltner-District Operator
Jeff McKee-District Operator
Tyler Glover- District Operator
Christy Tullis-Billing Clerk

Others in Attendance

none

CALL TO ORDER: •Board Member Harris called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Andy McCrea led the Pledge of Allegiance. Terri Hartley offered the invocation.

DECLARATION OF ABSTENTIONS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS: •None.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 21ST 2024:

Board Member Melling moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held March 21st, 2024. Second by Board Member McCrea. Motion Unanimous at 6:34 PM. (2:46)

PUBLIC COMMENT: •None.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS MARCH 15, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2024: •Williams- Highlighted the payments to Dorsett, HD Fowler, Iron County Building and Zoning, Utah State Engineer for the distribution systems, and Wheeler Machinery for the yearly lease. She mentioned that Transcon Environmental has been taken over by Eocene Environmental Group, the District will still work with the same people. Williams-Went over the Credits & Debits Register. There were paperless billing credits, a couple of disconnections, and fire hydrant meter rentals.

Board Member McCrea moved to approve the payment of bills from March 15, 2024 through April 12, 2024. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 6:58 PM.

REVIEW 2024 FINANCIALS: •Monroe-Highlighted the water revenue, pumps within a well and VFD's. On the capital side he talked about what was budgeted and what has been spent. He

talked about the lining of the tank at Cedar Highlands. District 2 well pump failed, so Bert Pressett pulled it, and it is ready to be replaced. Northridge well had a chlorine line break inside the well house and spill on the VFD panel. ▪McCrea-Asked if we are buying the VFD's through Bert? ▪Monroe-Said yes, that is who we buy it through. ▪*There was some discussion among the Board Members about this.* ▪Monroe-Talked about the surface seal at the Sunset well, waiting on state approvals. He talked about the Water Improvement Project, the cashflow and the bank of Utah checking account. He mentioned the USDA loan, and that they said the project needs to be complete before the USDA will give us the funds. ▪Nielson-Said the environmental process is completed, and we are just waiting to get it signed off. The National office has it, and it is usually a 30-day process. He anticipates the 1st part of May to start on the 4000 N line. The tanks are designed and approved through the State. We want to bid as quickly as we can but be thorough. (26:03)

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF BULK WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT FIRST ADDENDUM BETWEEN CEDAR CITY AND THE DISTRICT:

▪Monroe-Talked about the current agreement with Cedar City for 4B Ranch Subdivision. They are looking at 2 additional phases, so we need to amend the agreement to add the additional phases. ▪Hartley-Asked if the rates stayed the same or if they will increase? ▪Monroe-said it would be tied to the bulk water agreement so they would increase based upon our fee resolution. He went over the different rates. ▪*There was some discussion among the board about the fees.*

Board Member Hartley moved to approve the bulk water service agreement first addendum between Cedar City and the district. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 7:02 PM. (31:04)

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASING POLICY: 2024 UPDATE:

▪Monroe-Said he went through this and had Wayment look through it. ▪Wayment-Said this purchasing policy came from UASD. Most of it is a reflection of the state code. There were some things added and he took out things that would better fit the District. ▪McCrea-Asked what a non-preferred bidder is? ▪Wayment-Said it is not a local bidder. ▪*There was some short discussion among the Board Members about the policy.* ▪Monroe-Said the reasoning behind this update is the District is trying to follow state statute.

Board Member McCrea moved to approve the purchasing policy. Second by Board Member Hartley. Motion Unanimous at 7:08 PM.

WATER CONSERVATION: AQUIFER RECHARGE, REUSE WWTP WATER & SUBSIDENCE MONITORING:

▪Monroe-Highlighted the aquifer recharge and talked about updated the Schmidt diversion. We are pumping from Quichapa Lake to the Jones pivots.

REUSE WWTP WATER: CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A \$1-MILLION UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD GRANT AGREEMENT:

▪Monroe talked about the strings that are involved when taking this money. There is a 3-year annual reporting period. ▪Melling-Said the only challenge would be measuring yield. ▪Monroe-Said the proposed project is to deliver water to Clarks pivots, and Clarks would have to help us quantify how many bales they have. ▪Hartley-Asked if this money would go into building a pond and a pipeline or just a pipeline? ▪Monroe-Said we don't know where the storage would be and the

total cost of storage, but it could go towards a pump station and a pipeline. ▪*There was some discussion among the board members about this.* ▪Melling-Said that years ago, the city did a study on wastewater reuse for municipal irrigation it didn't make sense at the time. He said that now, it looks like they can do it a lot cheaper because of technological advancements. The city could potentially use its money to partner with the District to use winter effluent for ag and use summer water to help the city. ▪Monroe-Said the district received the same grant as Cedar City, but it is just less funds. He said he sees two options. The first is to get a completed project designed which would include an intake, pump station and a pipeline to the Clarks pivot or somewhere else. The second would be to partner with Cedar City. Enoch will have to consider the same thing. ▪Melling-Said that he would be inclined to follow Enoch's lead and coordinate with them, as far as the District is concerned. ▪*There was quite a bit of discussion among the board members about this.* (58:15)

Board Member McCrea moved to approve the \$1-Million Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Grant Agreement. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 7:30 PM.

WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: ▪Monroe-Discussed the following projects:

1. Sunset – No more discussion, as he went over this in the financials.
2. Basin 71 – Said we will talk about this in the closed session.
3. Pipelines- We anticipated breaking ground May 1 as long as approval is complete through the USDA.
4. Tanks- Nielson updated us on the tanks. Sunrise has finished the design; the next steps will be contractor bidding and more USDA approvals.
5. Wells – Monroe said we will be tying in the improved Vandenberghe (Sunset) well soon. and eventually be doing a new well in Basin 71.
6. Cedar Highlands-Monroe said we will talk about this in closed session.

Staheli-Said we would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony for the maintenance building. The date will be Monday, April 29th at Noon. (1:02:55)

BASIN 14 (PINE VALLEY) WATER SUPPLY PROJECT: ▪Monroe-Said there are meetings set up with the state of Utah and Beaver County on May 3rd. Starting the process of putting together the commissioned study. Had conversations with Eosine (previously Transcon) and we will start moving towards the final draft of EIS. (1:04:39)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: OPERATIONS & PUBLIC EDUCATION: ▪Staheli-Said that we have a booth at the Spring Home & Garden Show on April 19th & 20th. The Water Festival is in June.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT: ▪McCrea-Said Cedar City is about to complete the well in the canyon. Drilling first well in the north watershed in June. (1:05:47)

ENGINEERING REPORT: ▪ *None.*

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 16, 2024

Board Member McCrea motioned to close the regular session and go into a closed session for contracts, imminent litigation, or acquiring real property and/or water rights. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 7:38 PM.

Roll Call as follows:

Melling-Aye

Nelson-Aye

Allred – Aye

McCrea-Aye

Harris-Aye

Hartley-Aye

Jones-Aye

Board Member Melling motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume the regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member McCrea. Motion unanimous at 8:33 PM.

Board Member Melling motioned to adjourn the regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Allred. Motion unanimous at 8:33 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 PM.