Central Iron County Water Conservancy District Board Meeting Minutes June 19, 2025



### **Board Members**

David Harris – Chair Tyler Melling Andrew McCrea Paul Nelson

### **District Staff**

Paul Monroe-General Manager Mandi Williams-Office Manager Tracy Feltner-District Operator Kelly Crane-District Engineer Jessica Staheli-Public Outreach Jeff Mckee-District Operator Christy Tullis-Billing Clerk Holden Miller-District Operator

#### Others in Attendance

Timber Bowen (Mountain Land)

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> •Board Member Harris called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Andrew McCrea the Pledge of Allegiance. Tyler Melling 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 20, 2025:

Board Member McCrea moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held April 17, 2025 and The Special Board Meeting held April 21, 2025. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 6:33 PM. (1:22)

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> •Timber Bowen (Mountain Land Supply)-was looking to get interest in PRV training. Their Watts rep is willing to come down and do training. He has talked to Enoch City and will talk with other entities. He would like to have it within the next month. •*The Board and Monroe voiced interest in having District Operators attend*.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ADJUSTMENTS APRIL 14, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 13, 2025: •Williams-Highlighted the standard payments and the billing. •McCrea-asked about the interest payment on the Bank of Utah, Bond Anticipation Note (BAN), or Construction loan for the Water Improvement Project (WIP). •Williams-highlighted the WIP payments to Munford for the 8-Mile Hills Water Line and a Phaze Concrete payment on 8-Mile Hills Water Tank.

Board Member McCrea moved to approve the payment of bills from April 14, 2025 through June 13, 2025. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 6:38 PM. (6:24)

•Williams-Went over the credits & debits.

**REVIEW 2025 FINANCIALS:** •Monroe-Said we are halfway through the year. He highlighted the service connections. He mentioned the projects that are going on in the District. He mentioned the master plan update, Pine Valley, Reuse Effluent Project, and Sunset Subdivision. Mentioned the Water Improvement Project. He mentioned how much has been spent and the first draw from Bank of Utah BAN.

Tracy Feltner arrived at 6:43 PM.

Williams-Said that the auditors suggested that the district to diversify financially. She has met with the branch manager from Cache Valley Bank, and they would like to open accounts with Cache Valley Bank once the loan is closed out. She mentioned that Bank of Utah has an interest-bearing checking account and Cache Valley Bank has offered to match that. She went over the benefits of interested earned and the safety of the sweep account at Cache Valley Bank.
Monroe- asked about opening a higher card limit on the credit card as it is too low during busy times of the year.
There was some discussion among the board members about the banking options.
Monroe asked for direction from the Board and said that the executive committee would have to be the ones that open the account.
The Board thought it was a good thing to explore further.
(23:18)

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING FINAL TAX RATES AND BUDGETS FOR 2025 AS PROPOSED BY THE
COUNTY AUDITOR: •There was discussion among the board members about the tax rate.
The tax rate the board discussed is 0.000349.

Board Member Melling moved to approve the Resolution Adopting Final Tax Rates and Budgets for 2025 as proposed by the County Auditor. Second by Board Member McCrea. Motion Unanimous at 6:57 PM. (25:42)

# REVIEW, DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AN AGREEMENT FOR THE MUTUAL CONSTRUCTION, SHARING AND TRANSFER OF A SECONDARY WATER SYSTEM BY AND BETWEEN ENOCH CITY AND THE CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:

•Harris-Said that he might have a little bit of conflict because he represents Enoch City •Melling said he didn't have any issues with this agreement. •Harris-Said that this will take pressure and keep the pressure off the culinary line in Enoch. •McCrea-asked if it would be used for effluent eventually. •Monroe-said yes. Monroe-said he wanted to highlight that the finance portion would earn a little more interest than where it currently is. He said it makes sense financially. •Timber Bowen-asked how this would be funded, and if the products would need to be made in America? Harris-Said this project isn't federally funded and won't have certain guidelines on where the pipe is manufactured.

Board Member Nelson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Mutual Construction, Sharing and Transfer of a Secondary Water System by and between Enoch City and the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 7:03 PM. (32:02)

<u>WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT</u>: •Monroe-The 8-Mile Hills Tank walls are going up and they are halfway done with walls. They are on schedule.

- •Cedar Highlands Tank- underway they are waiting on specs for approval from the engineer. They are about 3 weeks behind.
- Basin 71 Well and Waterline-Crane said he needs to check in with USDA.
- ■District Well #3 waiting.
- •8-Mile Hills waterline-there was an issue with valves, the supplier sent valves that were supposed to be above ground. The supplier and manufacturer came and got things switched out. We had to have the contractor come in and dig those back up.
- ■6000 N & 4000 N waterlines are completed.

### WATER CONSERVATION: AQUIFER RECHARGE, REUSE WWTP WATER:

•Monroe—Still hearing good things from Celeste Maloy's office on the bill that will help with funding for the Wastewater Treatment Reuse Project. Rep Rex Shipp is also going to put a bill in this next year for this same project. •There was some discussion among the board about recharge water rights, and whether we could recover some of that water that was put into the ground. At this point our water rights are only for recharge, not recovery.

**BASIN 14 (PVWS) PROJECT:** •Monroe- Things are looking good on the EIS side. The BLM has provided an updated schedule. July 18<sup>th</sup> is when the final draft will be published for review, and it goes through the state office and then the final decision is anticipated in November or December. There is nothing alarming, no additional modeling. (50:32)

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: OPERATIONS & PUBLIC EDUCATION:** •Monroe-Talked about the Sunset Subdivision and that Rocky Mountain Power called and said they may turn off the power this Saturday. He said we are taking precautions and said that the District has offered water and a way to the subdivision to get water from the tank if the power is shut off.

### Review, Discuss and Consider: Contributing to the Slow the Flow Campaign:

■Staheli-Mentioned that the Water Festival is on June 28th. She said that she had a conversation with Jill from Utah Water Ways and they talked about the statewide Slow the Flow Campaign and becoming a partner with them. The cost of that is \$6,500/year. It would help to get more conservation programs in our area. They do a lot with Localscapes program and other conservation programs. ■Monroe-Explained that Utah Water Ways was started by legislation within the last two years. ■McCrea-Asked what is the benefit of partnership? ■Monroe-Said the biggest benefit is a seat at the table to help shape policy. They did say they would prorate it this year. ■Staheli-Talked about the grant from the USDA Utah Pollinator Habitat Program and that the District was successful in getting that grant this year.

Board Member Melling moved to contribute to the Slow the Flow Campaign. Second by Board Member McCrea. Motion Unanimous at 7:34 PM. (1:03:15)

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:** \*Harris-Said he needs to find someone to be on the Cedar Beaver Watershed Advisory Council. \*Monroe-Said he could be a support. \*McCrea-Mentioned the one system approach to regionalize the water systems within the District, Cedar City and Enoch and the collaboration that is currently happening.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** •Crane-Said that they are in the middle of the master plan and is trying to figure out the tie ins with the different entities.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2025

Board Member Melling 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 McCrea. Motion Unanimous at 7:42 PM.

**Roll Call as follows:** 

Nelson-Aye

**Melling-Aye** 

Harris-Aye

McCrea-Aye

Board Member McCrea motioned to adjourn the closed session and resume the regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member Melling. Motion Unanimous at 8:15 PM.

Board Member Nelson motioned to adjourn the regular session Board Meeting. Second by Board Member McCrea Motion Unanimous at 8:15 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.