



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Members in attendance: Brent Hunter (Board Chair), Rick Bonzo, John Black, Spencer Jones, Paul Cozzens, and Tim Watson. General Manager Paul Monroe. Keith Williams was excused from this meeting.

Others in attendance: Kelly Crane (District Engineer, Ensign Engineering), Justin Wayment (District Attorney) Doug Hall (CICWCD Conservation Advisory Board), Steve Platt (Iron County Engineer), David Miller (Iron County Commissioner), JD Frisby (Sunrise Engineering), Ida & Tony Ruch (Eagle Valley Estates Subdivision), Tracy Feltner (CICWCD Staff), Tracie Sullivan (The Daily News) and guest. Fred Rowley (Newly Elected Cedar City Councilman)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Brent Hunter

1. Declaration of abstentions and/or conflicts of interest by Board members

None

2. Consider approval of minutes from meeting of October 17, 2013.

No Corrections

Rick Bonzo motioned to approve the meeting minutes

Tim Watson seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 6:31 pm

3. Financial Report

a. Consider approval of adjustments and payment of bills from: October 15, 2013 through November 18, 2013

Brent Hunter asked about the check made to Southern Utah University which Paul answered is for our internship program for the fall 2013 and spring 2014.

Paul Cozzens motioned to approve the Invoice Register & Transaction Register Adjustments

Spencer Jones seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 6:34 pm

Paul went over the Transaction Register and addressed the \$25 One Time Paperless Bill Credits.

b. Budget Update

Paul informed the Board that the District is well below what was budgeted.

There are still some payments to go through but Paul feels strongly that we are

in very good shape for the 2013 year. Kelly Crane pointed out that we may be able to get things paid for the West Desert without taking as much from the PTIF accounts.

*c. 2014 Budget Overview-Part of Public Hearing
(Held with the Public Hearing Agenda Item #5)*

4. Iron County Belt Loop Project: Presented by Steve Platt, Consider approval of water use for the Belt Loop Project. Which will connect I-15 near Hamilton Fort to Highway 56 near the “Y”.

Steve Platt addressed the board. He expressed his thanks for the district helping to operate the Woods Ranch system.

Steve Platt informed the board that they are starting that project this week. They need water and Steve asked if the District would be able to donate the water (from Hydrants located near the project) for construction on the project. They would need approximately 24,000 gallons of water each day, for four days a week.

(1:28)

Paul informed the board know that for 6 weeks of work we would be looking at a total donated cost of \$260.00 if calculated at the District’s Bulk Water Rate.

(3:19)A total cost for 12 weeks of work will be \$520.00. \$260 in 2013 and \$260 in 2014.

Brent Hunter entertained a motion to approve the donation of water to the Iron County Belt Loop Project.

Justin stated that this ultimately would be a benefit to the District and that agreement could be done with a simple interlocal agreement.

Tim asked Kelly if there is any kind of Master Plan in place for this water pipeline and road. Kelly stated that yes they put the pipeline where it is because of this project. This is a 24” line that runs parallel along this project. (5:55)

Kelly also stated that the donated water would need to be metered and tracked.

Rick Bonzo made the motion to approve the donation of water to the Iron County Belt Loop Project for the requested 12 weeks, two six week projects. With the water used being metered and tracked. (6:46)

Paul Cozzens seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 6:47 pm

(Justin Wayment interjected that he checked on the law and we can provide the water for the Y Belt Loop with no worries.)

(Moved to agenda Item #6, #7 & #8 at 6:47pm before moving into Public Hearing scheduled to begin at 7:00pm.)

- 5. Public Hearing:** To discuss and hear public comment concerning the District's tentative budget for the budget year 2014, the declaration of surplus property located in the Eagle Valley Subdivision, and of Water Ordinance NO. 0-12-19-2013.

Rick Bonzo motioned to move into Public Hearing at 7pm (20:22)
Spencer Jones seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously at 7pm

Discussion on tentative budget 2014

Paul said that requests made at the last meeting have been included in this copy of the tentative budget.

(22:38) Rick B questioned the line item #4143.272 Subsidence Monitoring for \$5000.00 which Paul M. stated he hoped to add in some monitoring monuments in the "hot zone" areas where Grimshaw is surveying. Tim addressed the different kinds of monuments that would work and different ways to protect the monuments. He would also recommend getting brass which is very durable and have them customized for the district to deter any confusion on what or why the monuments are there. Rick asked how many monuments we would be looking at. Tim said that with \$5000.00 would probably get two maybe three at the most. Tim suggested talking with Doug Grimshaw about pricing. Commissioner Miller stated that the county has an ongoing budget year to year for improvement of existing monuments and said that there would be reason to believe that Iron County and CICWCD could work something out to supply material for these monuments. (27:15)

Brent asked if there were any other questions or concerns from the public on anything regarding the tentative budget.

Rick B. asked where we are at as far as employees. Do we foresee needing additional help? Paul stated that John Juergens and Tracy Feltner have told him that they have a good hold on things and that they would still like to have summer/temporary help. With the help of the interns we are doing fine in the office. Paul said that he has budgeted in funds for Mandi to continue her education, which will ultimately benefit the district.

Brent said that in all his time on the board this is by far the most conservative budget he has ever looked at, and he would like to congratulate Paul for his budgeting work.

Brent asked again for any additional public comment on the tentative budget. With no public comment, Brent moved onto the surplus of property. Mr. Ruch stated to the board that they bought a property in Eagle Valley Subdivision, and in a landlocked corner of his property is one of the Water District's abandoned well sights. Mr. & Mrs. Ruch have been in contact with the Water District about this property, Paul and Kelly have both traveled out to look at the well site. Mr. Ruch asked the board if the district would be willing to give up the property either by way of abandonment or let them purchase the property. He said that they have a water right that they would like to move into

that well, if it were possible. Brent told Mr. Ruch that he is familiar with that well and used the well in the past. Discussion about the well continues between Brent and Mr. Ruch for several minutes. Brent stated that this needs to move forward. Spencer asked that it be put on the agenda for the meeting in December, where we can discuss the surplus property in executive session. Brent asked if any other board members wanted to add anything. Or if anyone in the public would like to comment. With no public comment Brent moved on to the water ordinance.

Paul introduced and went over the water ordinance and said that this is going to be a strict book of rules for us to use in the district as a reference and to rely on when making decisions. *(Mr. & Mrs. Ruch Leave the meeting at 7:21pm)* Justin addressed areas that still need work and said that he and Paul are looking at. Brent asked if there were any public comments in regard to the ordinance. **(44:36)**

Rick Bonzo motioned to close the public hearing
Spencer Jones seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously to adjourn the public hearing at 7:25 PM **(45:25)**
(Upon adjournment of Public Hearing meeting moved to Agenda #9)

6. Aquifer Recharge: (7:50)

Brent addressed the land exchange between the District, Jones Family and Coal Creek Irrigation Company has been agreed upon and has gone to the city, but as far as the land owners things are well on their way to completion.

Paul had a meeting with Eric Millis the Director of the Division of Water Resources to discuss the future water plans of the Cedar Valley. Paul received what seemed to be a positive and supportive reaction towards our recharge projects up Coal Creek and out to Quichapa. They expressed an interest to help out where available. Rick stated that there have been some changes with the National Guard so there may be some need to make some new contacts. Rick also said that he is up there close to full time now and he will work to make those contacts, **(10:09)** and again that there is a very important need to stay in contact and let them know that we are still very much interested in going forward with the projects.

7. Wah Wah and Pine Valley:

(10:58) Spencer gave a brief overview of the water hearings held yesterday. Spencer says he believes that there is a lot of possibilities there and is looking forward to proceeding. Commissioner Miller addressed the board and stated that it needs to be said that the work the district is doing is very commendable. Commissioner Miller said that he commends Paul M. on his leadership and work with the engineers and others involved. He also stated that he feels very hopeful

and encouraged, it does seem that there will be a way that everyone can benefit from the work that has been done.

Brent Hunter thanked Commissioner Miller for traveling up north and supporting us. Paul C. expressed his approval and appreciation to our representation from our attorneys and all others whom attended the meeting. Brent told Paul C. that he appreciates him taking the time to support our district and represent our board. Paul M. added his thanks those who traveled and took the time away from their busy schedules and personal businesses to make an appearance at this and other meetings for the people of Iron County. (17:40)

We have finished up the test pumps and are very optimistic about the findings. We are still waiting to get more information back from the USGS on what the chemistry of the water shows.

8. Third Party Field Surveyor:

Doug Grimshaw is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done with the survey work. He doesn't anticipate additional funds, but is still working through some issues, and will need more time.

(19:42)

(Moved to Public Hearing Portion of the meeting. Item #5)

9. Master Plan Study: Update by Kelly (46:40)

Kelly suggested we modify the master plan to include the West Desert study and have some long term numbers and results from those tests that were done out there.

Kelly stated that he has been working with Bureau of Reclamations on a funding package that would match the funds that the District has already paid into the Master Plan. Spencer Jones asked if there would be any strings attached with the Bureau of Reclamations. Kelly said that while things are in the planning stages there are no strings, once you move forward into the project stages there are Federal Mandates. Spencer asked if we were to hold off would we miss the window to receive funding from the Bureau of Reclamations. Kelly said that the window is open right now and we need to take action. Rick questioned how close we are to being done with the tests in West Deseret. Rick also asked if this Master Plan will include the Enoch and Cedar City water systems. Kelly replied that yes those Master Plans are being included. Kelly said that the "matching funds" have already been spent by us so there would not be any additional matching.

The board feels if there are no obligations or strings that we should move forward with applying for the available funds.

Kelly thanked the board and said that he just needed the okay to move forward.

(Reporter Traci Sullivian and guest left at 7:34) (Commissioner Miller left at 7:35pm and returned shortly after)

10. Water Conservation:

Conservation Advisory Board: Update by Doug Hall at 7:35 pm.

(54:33) Doug reported on the QWEL certification training and also on the meeting held with Garth Green of South West Plumbing earlier in the day. Doug explained the various options of smart controllers for irrigation uses. Discussion about water pressure and time of day watering continues for approx. 10 minutes. Paul expressed his appreciation to Doug for all his work and efforts at 7:42 PM. (1:03) (Commissioner Miller returned at 7:37 pm)

11. General Managers Report:

a. **Water Rates and Fees:** We will review the Ordinance and Resolution again to be prepared to approve the changes in December.

b. **Old Meadows Ranchos:**

Mandi attended the CDBG workshop training and we believe that the Old Meadows Ranchos project would work well with the CDBG funding.

c. **CML Metals:**

Paul met with Keith Gilbert on Thursday to discuss the intent of the letter that was sent previous to this meeting and the issues with the water supply. Nickerson has totally rebuilt the pumps and the Mine is going to install a surge anticipator valve at the booster station to prevent the burning up of the pumps. Keith also said they would be willing to fix all leaks associated with the mine installation. Paul C. said that he would like to see in our long term plan the district look to supplying the mine from Basin (71).

WECCO: Paul and Kelly met with David Thayer earlier. They asked if there would be any interest in letting CICWCD drill a well in their area. Mr. Thayer was supportive and did not foresee any issues with the District drilling a well in that area.

d. **LDS Church Water:** Paul and Kelly met with the Water Resource Managers for the LDS church who are looking to put some water to use in around the Checkshani Cliffs/County Boarder area. Paul does not foresee an immediate use unless we were to have issues with the Checkshani water system. Brent asked how much water they are talking about. Kelly stated that it is close to 3000 ac/ft.

12. Request Closed Session: for legal and personnel matters

Rick Bonzo motioned to adjourn to closed session

Tim Watson seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously at 7:53 PM (1:13)

13. Adjourn

Motioned to adjourn Rick Bonzo

Seconded the motion to adjourn John Black

Motion passed unanimously at 9:08 PM