

**Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on May 21, 2020, commencing at 9:00 A.M

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Nicholas Barfuss – Board Member
Craig B. Smith – Board Member
Fred Rice – District Manager
Viera Ducky – Assistant Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 20, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 2020 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the April 2020 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 21, 2020 Accounts Payable

Invoice for AML Pro all materials locator and AIDA association fees were discussed and reviewed. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May 21, 2020 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to May 21, 2020

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the May 21, 2020 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Direct deposit or cheques for Directors Remuneration

Fred asked the Board of Directors to switch the payment of Director's Remuneration from cheques to direct deposit so it will be simpler for auditor and us. The Board Members decided to continue with cheques.

Letter for ratepayers

Viera prepared a letter to be sent out with the invoices explaining the options to pay in this critical time of Covid-19. The Board made a few corrections and approved the letter.

AML Pro All Material Locator

AML Pro-PVC pipe detector was purchased on April 30th and personally delivered by Spatial Technologies from Calgary. Quick orientation for basic stuff was explained to Fred and Jared. If we need more information, we can contact them at any time, however they recommended to take part in course in Michigan when it will be possible. The course is free, but the UID would have to pay for travel.

UID's investments

Two GIC from UID's investments matured in RBC Wealth Management, so Fred moved them into another GIC as recommended by Jessica Josh from RBC Dominion Securities. These were short term funds.

AIDA Inter-District Tour 2020 at the UID

The AIDA has confirmed that the tour is cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

Dugout for Bar Double M Ranching Ltd.

Custom work for Mitch Merrill - building a dugout is completed. It was cheaper than expected as we

didn't haul away much clay, most of it was used to line banks of the dugout. To build a dugout was one of the conditions on Lateral A for Annual Acre Agreement. The Agreement was not signed yet.

Scholarship 2020

The UID received 10 application from Grade 12 students at the Cardston High School and 2 applications from Grade 9 students at the Spring Glen Junior High School in Hill Spring for Scholarship 2020. After discussion the Board decided about the winner from Grade 12. They couldn't decide about the winner in Grade 9 so they divided the scholarship between both students. As graduations being cancelled this year due to Covid-19, cheques and certificates will be mailed out to all winners.

Employees' evaluation

The Board Members went in camera and discussed Fred's evaluation with Fred.

Fred, as a District Manager will complete evaluation for all employees. The evaluation will be made annually.

Jim Woolf MOVED that paragraph in District Manager's job description will be changed and Fred has authority to spend up to \$3,000 for any single purchase needed in the district; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Fuel pump

Darren Butler found out that the switch mentioned before has to have explosion proof connection, so the cost will be higher than firstly expected. Estimate for the switch is about \$900. He already ordered the parts for repair.

Water samplings

Janelle Villeneuve, Water Quality Specialist from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry asked the UID to help with samplers from AID and MVID.

The UID is willing to help with samples from MVID and arrangements were made. On a sampling day Locke Marshall from the MVID will collect their water samples early in the morning and deliver them in a cooler with paperwork to our Headworks where he can lock it until our Ditch rider Jared Nelson will pick them up on his way to do water samplings in our district. When he collects all of them, he delivers all samples to Lethbridge.

Belly River washed out bank

Belly River has changed course and is eroding the riprap above our diversion, close to our Headworks. The owner of the land around the Belly River, where the bank is washed out, is the United Irrigation District.

Fred was in communication with Marlin Kennedy, Water Act Technologist from Government of Alberta in order to obtain a permission to repair the river bank. According to him, we need to fill out an application online at OneStop web site, the work can only be done from August 16 to August 31 without consultation with First Nation. We were not able to fill out the application as we can't proceed without a disposition number and First Nations consultation assessment information.

If situation becomes emergency, other steps need to be followed.

When Board reviewed the pictures from May 6th and May 20th, they assessed that the situation is critical and we need to protect our Headworks. The longer we will wait, more damage can be done and the cost will increase.

Duane suggested to contact the Minister of Agriculture as he had expressed previously, that he wants to eliminate "red tape issue".

Craig pointed out that it can be a problem as we are cutting into Provincial government.

To repair the riverbank, we will need Riprap rock Class 3, which are not available in our district. Fred asked if he can order rocks form Drain Brothers Construction Ltd. and stockpile them close to the bank so we are ready whenever the repair can be done. According to their quote, it would cost us around \$22,000.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to order Riprap rock Class 3 for repairing the washed-out bank of the Belly River close to our Headworks; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED
Fred will try to contact Minister and submit a written application after consultation with our Engineer Darin Wilde.

Town of Hill Spring wants to use UID's canal as a walking path

The Town of Hill Spring asked for permission to use our canal as a walking path. They were supposed to deliver a letter with request but we haven't received it so far.
Some of the Board members asked about our liabilities and some of them don't agree at all with this option. Fred will ask SMRID as they have an experience with public using some of their canal as walking path and we will wait for formal request from the town. The request will be discussed again.

IPEX – pipe prices are going to increase 6% from June 15, 2020

Jonas Buller, Sales Representative from IPEX informed us about price increase for the PVC pipes. As we are planning to finish IRP#2298 – Lateral B8 in the fall this year and to start with IRP#2340 – Lateral F7 next year, Fred asked if he can order PVC pipes so we can save on early purchase.
The Board agree to order all pipes for this year project Lateral B8 if we can pay for it at the time of delivery. We would order pipes for Lateral F7 with same condition, however we doubt it can be possible. Fred will contact Mr. Buller.

Cardston County – loader at the Riverside's gravel pit

Cardston County will have a loader at Riverside Colony's gravel pit from June 15 to June 19 and Fred would like to haul some gravel so we have some on hand in our yard, around 15-20 loads. One load is about 8 yards.
Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to buy and haul about 15-20 loads of gravel as suggested by Fred; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

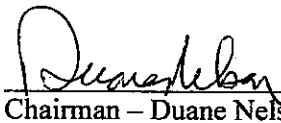
St. Mary River canal washed out

Just for the Board information, the canal that goes to Milk River #5 drop washed out severely on Tuesday and the canal has been shut off. It will take probably most of the summer to repair it.

Custom work for Bruce Wynder

Bruce thanked for the custom job we did for him on the turnout.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 P.M.
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice