

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on March 18, 2015 commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson - Chairman
Jim Woolf - Vice-Chairman
David Layton - Board Member
Daniel Hunsperger - Board Member
Fred Rice - Manager
B. Craig Smith - Assistant Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

David Layton MOVED to accept the February 23, 2015 minutes. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 2015 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the February 2015 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of March 18, 2015 Accounts Payable

Daniel asked about the Vibromax packer. Varsteel expense was for the decking on the Fruehauf trailer. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept March 18, 2015 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 18, 2015 Petty Cash

David Layton MOVED to accept the Petty Cash report. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 18, 2015 Financial Statement

The significant items were reviewed. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the financial statement.
SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Purchase of a New Weed Whip

Fred indicated that the current weed whip is not adequate. Duane suggested purchase of a Stihl unit from Vince Gray at Cowley. David has had good luck with an Echo make. Fred will purchase a new weed whip after looking at a few dealerships.

Employee Expression of Appreciation

The employees expressed appreciation for the Flames hockey game trip as well as the increase in wages for the new year.

Wilde Brothers Engineering Ltd. Belly River Storage Project

There is no new information on the study to report. The LIDAR for Payne and Romeril Lakes is not yet flown but is anticipated for the next few months. Dave suggested that once the new information is received that WaterSmart be contacted to run the scenarios in their software to look at the downstream benefits.

Emergency Response Meetings

Fred attended the Emergency Response meeting on Invasive species on March 12. This meeting was to look at remedial measures that could be used assuming mussels were detected in our systems. The March 17 meeting was sponsored by Irrigation Secretariat to assist development of emergency response plans for potential hazards within the districts. Some of these hazards could include farm sprayers or tanker trucks upsetting in canals causing chemical spills into the water, canal or pipeline breaches, impact with gas lines during ground disturbance etc.

Districts were encouraged to keep the plans simple focusing on what can be controlled. The District will be developing this plan over the next month.

AIPA Board Meeting April 2, 2015 in Taber

Duane and David expressed interest in attending the meeting depending on the weather and field conditions. Fred asked board members what they thought of the conference last fall and if something different might be in order.

Election

There have been 3 nominations submitted for the 2 positions and an election could be possible unless one nomination is retracted.

Folsom Bridge Agreement for the SE 19-4-27-W4

Fred would like a benchmark on the condition of the bridge as part of the agreement that may require an engineer's report and some legal advice for drafting the agreement. Jim would like to see the District talk to Folsoms and try to arrange something without the engineering and legal costs. It was suggested that the new culvert design suggested to Fred might be a less expensive option. It was determined that the first step would be to have Fred meet with Folsoms to express the UID concerns and try to determine a best course of action. Jim will be at the meeting for Board support.

County Bridges

No further correspondence has been received from the County since sending copies of the agreement assigning responsibility for the bridges to the County. The UID would be willing to work on the bridges on a cost plus basis if that was to come up. The UID does not want to set a precedent of doing these repairs if these bridges are the responsibility of the County. In discussions with other Districts the County has not yet made requests for repair costs.

Fred's Agenda:

The county has a grader being offered for sale for \$102,000. Fred asked the Board to think about this alternative for landscaping construction sites. A grader could reduce the work required by the 750C cat. There was some interest by the Board. Fred will find out when the tender offer deadline is.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. to get to the Annual Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Next meeting: April 20, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice