

Monday, June 17, 2013 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 Monday, June 17, 2013 commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of May 22, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger reported that he had looked at the Lateral B9 alternative and it would be too costly to change the existing plan. David Layton MOVED to accept the May 22, 2013 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 2013 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May 2013 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 17, 2013 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept June 17, 2013 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf

...CARRIED

Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to May 31, 2013

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May financial report; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Irrigation Technical Conference June 6, 2013

Fred attended the conference. A significant concern for the water sheds, reservoirs and the UID is the encroachment of the Zebra Mussel as an invasive species. Boats transport the mussel from the US, especially Lake Meade in Nevada. These mussels have the potential to cause blockages in the irrigation pipeline systems that are hard to deal with. Chlorine will kill the mussel. IPEX is expanding their Edmonton plant to produce a 54" and 60" pipe. The 60" pipe will cost \$800/metre but will be capable of handling about double the volume of water of the 48" pipe.

History Book

The pdf format of the history has been submitted to CreateSpace 2 times. There is one technical problem left to be worked out. The cover then needs to be designed. Once these things are done the book can be published.

AAMDC Insurance

Fred spoke with the Cardston County administrator and they are happy with their coverage by Jubilee Insurance. Jubilee is looking into some issues and then could come to look at the UID properties and give a firm quote.

UID Scholarships

David presented the Cardston High School scholarship to Alexa Woolf. The school would like us to have our material and information to them sooner so they can prepare the presentation better. This would give the UID better exposure. Duane presented the Glenwood Grade 9 scholarship to Marley Heavy Shield. It was suggested that a scholarship be presented at Glenwood and at Hill Spring in the future. There was discussion about a permanent plaque with the winners name engraved on it each year. Craig will talk to the school principals to determine the process and price of doing this. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID Grade 9 Scholarship be divided equally between the Hill Spring and Glenwood Grade 9 graduating students who successfully win the Irrigation essay competition for the future. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Irrigation Council Tour

The tour is scheduled for July 23, 2013. Council will tour the Mountain View District in the morning. A lunch will be held for the 2 Districts and then the tour of the UID will be in the afternoon with a meeting to be held at the UID office after the tour. Topics of discussion from the UID will be custom work with other Districts, water storage for the UID, and the transfer of water licence to the SE Water Cooperative. Sites for the tour will be the UID headworks, the Waterton/Cochrane diversion site and possibly Lateral D. The headworks fences need to be repaired and Fred will take care of this before the tour. Some discussion was held on possible ways to avoid vandalism at the headworks including surveillance cameras and signs indicating the area is under surveillance.

Lawn Mowing

Fred asked the Board if it would be okay to hire Ty Archibald to mow lawns for the summer. The decision was left up to Fred. It should be okay for July while Craig is receiving payments for water rates but after if he is just watching Ty mow he could probably do it.

AIPA Tour - July 30, 2013

AIPA is arranging an Irrigation tour for the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Environment and SRD along with a number of MLAs to help them better understand the benefits of irrigation. It is unknown at present if any of the directors of the irrigation districts will be invited.

Larry & Carol Lybbert

Fred spoke with Larry and Carol about their 7 acre foot water licence. It appears to be a done deal and is with the lawyers right now. He also discussed gravel. Their gravel is on the flood plain and will likely not be developed and would be subject to Environment and County approval. There was general discussion on the development of marketable crushed gravel. In the next month more investigation will be done to determine the market and sources. Daniel will talk to Robert Lybbert and Fred will talk to Jim Beck about how much they are supplying to the local market.

Fred and Duane to Sign Authorization to Access On-Line Accounts with ATB Financial

Fred has signed the papers and Duane will sign the next time he is in Cardston.

Brent Patterson Retirement

Brent Patterson is retiring from Alberta Irrigation at the end of June. He has been a positive force for good in the irrigation industry.

County Land-Use By-Laws

There are some of the new County land-use by-laws that deal with irrigation pipeline easements and fence set-backs. The wording of the by-laws is unclear. Some of the board members were concerned about increased intrusion on private land rights by different government departments.

David Layton – Gas Station in Glenwood

The economic development committee of Glenwood received a couple of proposals. One would require some financing and has asked if the Board would be willing to listen to a proposal from one of the applicants. It was agreed the applicant could make a presentation at the next board meeting in July. Questions about how much investment, security on the investment, how much will be invested by the applicant etc. were asked. Dave will invite him to the July Board meeting.

Fred's Agenda

There are 2 culverts needed on IRP Project 2162 in the SW 23-5-27-W4 that had not been included in the original engineering. The Board suggested that a steel culvert could be installed in one location and if possible we use a pipe in the location in the field. Fred to use his discretion as to what is needed.

Next Meeting: Between July 15 and July 23, 2013 – preferably on a rainy day (if there is one) as it will be haying season. Time will be 9:00 A.M.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 P.M. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice