

Monday, January 19, 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 January 19, 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 December 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel asked about the numbers on the dog training funding. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the December 17, 2014 minutes. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the December 2014 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the December 2014 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of January 19, 2015 Accounts Payable

Fred explained the IPEX repair coupler expense required to fix a break in our pipeline on D8 by ATCO Gas when they were repairing their line. The Board wants full cost recovery to be billed.

David Layton MOVED to accept January 19, 2015 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to December 31, 2014

The financials were discussed. It is estimated that there will be a small surplus by year end after amortization is added. Jim Woolf MOVED that the lower amortization rate be used for the preparation of the financial statements for 2014 and that any surplus that may be realized be transferred to the Restricted Fund for future needs to keep the irrigation rates as low as possible. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

After further discussion of the income and expense results for 2014 David Layton MOVED to accept the financial report; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Rod Bennett from AARD on Pressure Surcharges

Mr. Bennett reviewed the benefits the farmer receives from having pipeline pressure at the farm turnout. He will come to the Annual Meeting and review the same information with the irrigators. AARD is sponsoring an upgrade program through Growing Forward 2 for low pressure pivots that the UID will advertise in the mail out to the farmers for the annual meeting. Brent Patterson's private sector group is doing an update analysis of the economic impact of irrigation in Alberta. AARD has also developed a phone app that assists with irrigation scheduling.

Wilde Brother's Engineering Ltd. - Belly River Study

Darin Wilde presented an outline and estimated cost for the proposed review of possible locations on the Belly River for water storage. There was also discussion of off-stream storage, possibly in conjunction with Payne Lake. The Board gave approval for Darin to begin the assessment with on-going reporting to Fred with findings. If it is determined early in the review that there are not viable alternatives, the study will be stopped for review.

Emergency Management Plan for Dealing With Potential Water Contamination

It appears that most Irrigation Districts do not have a formal written emergency plan for dealing with potential contamination. Management will continue to look for emergency plans, including talking to Irrigation Secretariat.

Aquatic Invasive Species

EID comparable contributions to the dog training for detecting invasive mussels would be \$.075 per assessed acre which would be \$2,580 for the UID. David Layton MOVED that the UID contribute the \$2,580 towards the training program. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

A letter has been written to the Minister of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development requesting legislation be put in place requiring mandatory boat inspection for boats coming into Alberta. Letters have also been written and are being sent to municipal bodies surrounding the UID requesting they make the same request to AERD.

Folsom Dairy Expansion

The NRCB has approved the expansion. It appears conditions required by the approval, as long as they are implemented, should cover the UID concerns .

School Scholarship Awards

The UID will continue to contribute scholarships as in the past 2 years and will advise the schools of the opportunity.

Tires for the Western Star

Fred asked if the UID should purchase new tires for the Western Star or buy recap tires. The Board indicated that new tires would be best within reasonable prices – a quote for a new Chinese tire was \$370 each. Duane asked that Gerry Carter be contacted for a quote as well.

Audit

The audit will commence on January 22, 2015 and should be completed the week of January 26, 2015.

IRP Work on Lateral E

With the provincial budgets being affected by the depressed oil prices and possible cuts to budgets, Fred asked if the Board wanted to proceed with spring work in advance of funding approval. The Board felt it would be best to wait until the February meeting to make a decision in the event more information might be available.

Fred's Discussion with Larry Gibb

Fred discussed UID concerns with Larry about feeding locations in proximity to the UID canal. The situation will be monitored.

Alternate/Transfer Acre Resolutions

Jim Woolf MOVED that Resolution 1-2015, Alternate Parcel Irrigation Agreements, Section 25 of the Irrigation Act be approved. SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Jim Woolf MOVED that Resolution 2-2015, Transfer Parcel Irrigation Agreements, Section 26 of the Irrigation Act be approved. SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Item No. 13 – Wages; No. 14 – By-Laws on rates, remuneration, water conveyance; No. 15 – Budget were deferred for discussion in the February Board meeting.

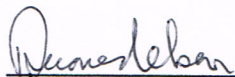
Fred's Agenda

1. Crushed gravel purchase – Fred spoke to RSC and was given permission to purchase 20 loads of ¾" crush for \$10 per yard.
2. Alberta One-Call for UID Pipelines – Alberta Transportation has requested that the road crossings for Lateral E be listed on Alberta One-Call. Fred wants to put the UID on Alberta One-Call for all pipelines in the District for the future. The ATCO gas break of Lateral D8 pipeline could possibly have been prevented if we would have been called to locate the line.
3. Pesticide Course – Fred would like to do his 10 credit re-certification at the Lethbridge College in February and wants to have Neil become certified at the tutorial course. The cost will be \$252 for Fred and \$420 for Neil plus his test. The Board agreed to this request.

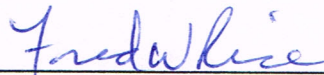
Next Meeting: Monday, February 23, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:45 P.M. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.

...CARRIED



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice