

Monday, November 16, 2020, at 10:00 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 November 16, 2020, commencing at 10:00 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 – Office Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of October 26, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 26, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2020 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the October 2020 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of November 16, 2020 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the November 16, 2020 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 16, 2020

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept November 16, 2020 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

CIB Loan -district site visit

Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) staff and their technical advisors visited our district on October 28, 2020. Saad Rahali, CFA and Yining Yuan, Investment Associate from CIB, and two engineers from Clifton Associates came to discuss CIB Loan conditions and get more familiar with each district. Clifton Associates were hired by CIB to help with technical support and engineering analysis of the projects, however, they have no previous experience with the irrigation industry.
Fred and Duane answered all questions and the meeting seems to be very satisfactory for them.

AIDA AGM meeting

The meeting is planned for December 1, 2020. Fred and Duane will most likely attend the meeting.

Upgrading Fred's cell phone

Fred is looking into upgrading his cell phone as the recent one is more than two years old and the battery needs to be recharged quite often. We will look closer for options available and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Annual Rolling Three-year plan 2021-2024

The plan is ready for approval, however, we are waiting for the cost increase approval for the IRP#2298 Lateral B8 from Irrigation Council. Darin Wilde, our Engineer submitted information to Irrigation Council that the cost estimate for IRP#2298-Lateral B8 will increase approximately by \$97,000. Because we haven't received the answer yet, the Board decided to discuss the plan again at the next meeting in December and postponed the approval.

IRP#2298 – Lateral B8 project work report

The substantial completion of the project is finished for this year. We tied into the pipe at Dough French's property and everything is done to the top at Larry Lybbert's property. Old structures still need to be dug out and to be replaced. The landscaping will be completed in spring 2021. Even though it was not easy and working conditions were harsh, our crew managed to finish most of the construction just before the weather changed and a big snowstorm came.

Fred is supervising the project even with his injury, however, Jared Nelson is manager-in charge and he is doing a great job.

Lateral C 2020 Capital Project at Hengerer Farms

This project is our own Capital Project on Lateral C and Mr. Hengerer is participating with payments for all PVC pipe and structure. The structure is constructed by Arrow Creek Contracting. They prepared the footings and poured the concrete a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, the weather is not cooperating with us this year and due to very wet conditions, one part of the structure collapsed. A few days later we had a problem with the flood, however, the repair was done. Today our crew is plowing snow, preparing the workplace for pipelining, and construction is expected to be finished in two weeks.

Meeting with Deputy Minister Andre Tremblay on October 30, 2020

A meeting for all Irrigation District Managers and Chairs with Deputy Minister Andre Tremblay in Lethbridge took place on Friday, October 30, 2020. Fred and Duane attended the meeting.

The reason for the meeting was to discuss a 'no commitment second intake' for irrigation infrastructure investment projects.

We received the email that this intake is specific to projects that can be completed within 4 years or less, modernize (rehabilitate) existing infrastructure, and directly support potential expansion in the districts through water savings. Although initially, submissions were estimated to be required by the end of January, the revised deadline for the completed submission form is Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Fred's point of view is that we shouldn't apply for the second intake. There is a high risk for our district to proceed with the expansion since we are not able to acquire more irrigation water from the Belly River.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID does not want to participate in the second intake for the irrigation infrastructure investment projects until future storage on the Belly River is available for our district; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

Motion to appoint an auditor for the fiscal year 2020

Craig B. Smith MOVED that Skoein Professional Corporation be appointed as auditor for the fiscal year 2020; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Solar panels for UID's building

Fred contacted the Solar Seekers Inc. as the Board Members advised to get more information if solar panels would be beneficial for our district. Mr. Seely sent us a quote and an executive summary. The Board briefly discuss this option, however, they have more questions and need a deeper explanation, so we will invite Mr. Seely to the next meeting.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner needs to be canceled due to new COVID restrictions. BBQ next summer might replace this canceled dinner.

Christmas bonuses for employees

The Christmas bonuses for full-time employees and one seasonal worker has been approved by the Board as in previous years.

Duane Nelson MOVED to give a Christmas bonus to full-time and one seasonal employee in the amount of \$150; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

1996 Ford needs repair work

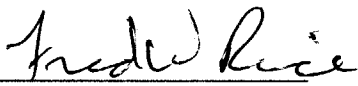
The 1996 Ford needs around \$2,500 of repair work for the main pinion seal and front axle seal. Fred was planning to go with CSL Ford in Cardston. The Board Members suggested the local mechanic Sonny Cherniavsky. Duane contacted him and he is willing to repair the equipment as soon as new parts will arrive.

Duane Nelson MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice