

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 9:00 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 September 10, 2014 commencing at 9:00 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 the July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the June 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the July/August 2014 Payroll**

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the July/August 2014 payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of September 10, 2014 Accounts Payable**

Fred indicated that the payment to DJ Rentals included the rental for the D3 project and that the amount the UID charges for the tampers on projects is in line with rental charges.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept September 10, 2014 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of September 10, 2014 Petty Cash**

Discussion about the need for new locks on the Headworks gates paid out of petty cash. Fred advised of vandalism again. There was discussion about how to prevent it including a trail cam. Robert has a friend who has looked into different uses and types of cameras and will contact him. Jim Woolf MOVED that the UID purchase a "trail cam" to catch who is damaging the gates. Robert Wynder SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept September 10, 2014 Petty Cash. SECONDED by David Layton. .CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to September 9, 2014**

The financials were discussed. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial report; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Pressure Surcharges on Pipelines**

Fred had a discussion with one rate payer and he indicated he would not be willing to pay more than \$2.00 per acre. Two other rate payers have phoned the office asking about the possibility and expressed total opposition to the surcharge. Scenarios were discussed using the latest projects D4 and D3 with a \$.30 surcharge per load and average PSI and \$1.00 per 10PSI. David wants the rate payers to look at the future benefits. Jim suggested that it start small and increase gradually. It was suggested that more information be gathered to make a presentation at the annual meeting including talking to irrigation companies and AARD specialists (Rod Bennett) to see what costs are and savings that could go to the water users because of pressure benefits.



### **Folsom Dairy Agreement**

After lengthy discussion about the issues including the meeting with Fred and Craig on September 5, 2014 the following actions will be taken – Fred will give Gary Bickman, the local MLA some of our documentation and will discuss the September 5, 2014 meeting – other Irrigation Districts will be contacted to see what their bridge policies are for accommodating canals that separate a land owner's parcel and owner access.

### **Report on the Visit to SMRID Demonstration of the Ditch Mower**

Fred, Duane and Robert went to a demonstration on August 7. They were impressed with the mower's ability to cut the cattails and mow the grass in the ditches. The cost of the mower is about \$15,000. Robert Wynder MOVED that the UID purchase a 3 metre Herder Mowing Bucket to maintain the canals and ditches. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

### **Report on the August 19, 2014 Water Storage Meeting**

Fred and Duane attended the meeting. There is no place in the Oldman Basin that a suitable dam can be built and very little storage possibility. The Districts were very disappointed in the study.

### **Lateral E**

Wilde Brothers Engineering Ltd. has received approval for the UID to use fusible pipe for the road crossings on a trial basis. There is a cost savings of about \$9,000 per crossings and there will be about 7 crossings. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID use the fusible pipe for the road crossings on the Lateral E project. SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

David Layton requested that the UID consider putting in a turnout on the SE 1-5-27-4 that could supply water to their campground if they decide to make this decision. David left the meeting while the Board discussed the issue. It was decided that it would be okay under the Other Purposes of the Water Licence to tie into the Lateral E pipeline when constructed if they paid for the installation, all parts, and installed a flow meter. There was discussion about how to charge for the service including a rural water delivery agreement as per the UID By-Laws for conveyance agreements.

### **Water Shut Down Date**

October 10, 2014 will be shut down date

### **Christmas Party – Place and Date**

November 21, 2014 was selected as the date for the party. It was asked if there should be a change for this year. A few locations will be looked into including staying in Glenwood.

### **Moving Funds into High Interest Savings**

David Layton MOVED that the UID move all funds in the general operating account that are not needed for normal operating into the ATB High Interest Savings. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

### **AIPA Annual Conference**

The date for the conference this fall is November 24 – 26, 2014. The Board Members who want to attend will advise at the October meeting

### **Rod Taylor Bridge and Transfer of the 1 Acre Water Right from the SW 6-4-27-4 to NW 6-4-27-4**

Rod had requested that the UID replace the existing bridge with a culvert on the NE 1-4-28-4 so larger equipment can access the west side of the quarter. Fred found the original agreement which stated that the bridge would be accepted on an as is basis once construction was completed. The possibility of access on the driving bank rather than replacing the bridge was discussed. Jim thought the bridge was wide enough for the larger equipment to use. The Board stated that the UID will not replace the bridge. Duane and Fred will discuss this with Rod. In response to the request to transfer the 1 acre water right to the NW 6-4-27-4 the Board suggested that Rod get the land that is presently in the SW 6-4-27-4 on the north side of the canal amalgamated into the title of the NW 6-4-27-4.



### **Insurance on Highway Crossings for Irrigation Works**

Western Financial was asked if the UID had coverage for the Highway Crossings. The answer is that liability issues are covered for a failure but the UID's irrigation works are not covered unless designated and paid for.

### **Ted Shipley Golf Course**

The land has been rezoned from Agriculture to Rural Recreational. As such, the UID cannot deliver water except under the Other Purposes change in the water licence. Other Irrigation Districts were asked how they charged golf courses – BRID - \$480 per course; MID - \$1,650 to the Magrath Course; SMRID - \$60 per acre foot with a minimum of \$600. More investigation and discussion is needed by the Board and Shipley before a decision is made.

### **Fred's Agenda**

#### **1. AIPA Board Meeting, September 22, 2014**

Fred and Duane are going to the meeting and others were invited if they wanted to go.

#### **2. Emergency Drain Beside F7 Turnout**

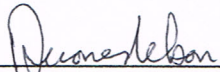
This would be a good place to drain excess water from spring thaw and flooding. Fred asked if the Board would like to explore the possibility of working with Hengerer Farms Ltd., Riverside Colony and the County of Cardston to build an emergency drain to the Belly River flat. There would be about 1,300 feet of 36" pipe needed. The Board felt it would be a good idea to initiate the discussion with the parties mentioned.

#### **3. Engineering Costs**

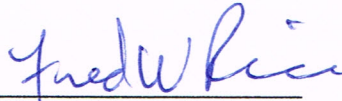
The engineering costs for the last 2 IRP projects were examined and the District is pleased with Wilde Brother's Engineering Ltd. in the quality of their work and their charges.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert Wynder MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 P.M.



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice