

Monday, July 21, 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 Monday, July 21, 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 June 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane noted that he and Fred had not met with the Pitchers since last meeting. David Layton MOVED to accept the June 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the June 2014 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the June 2014 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 16, 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 July 21, 2014 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to July 18, 2014

The financials were discussed. Income from invoiced water rates is now included. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the financial report; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Alita/Doug Pitcher Turnout

Fred said that a letter had been sent with the motion from the June 16 meeting quoted but the Pitchers have not yet responded. It was noted that some easements were not put in place on these lands at time of installation. Dave indicated he would like to see a layer on our mapping software for easements.

Pressure Surcharges on Pipelines

Fred reviewed the Static and Load pressures as provided by Wilde Brothers Engineering Ltd. for the points of delivery on Laterals D4 and D3. There are two Irrigation Districts charging \$0.31 per psi and one is charging \$1.00 per 10 psi at present among Irrigation Districts in AIPA. Fred suggested that charges would likely need to be based on the load pressure estimates to be fair. Jim thought it would be better to charge on the most likely available pressure for most of the time and not the minimum. It was suggested that pressure gauges be installed at the points of delivery to determine actual pressure during times of draw down. Duane would like this to be discussed with rate payers and with the other Irrigation Districts to determine how it might be implemented. Dave requested that calculations be made under different scenarios of surcharges in order to have better decision making information for future discussion. He also suggested it might be a good idea to buy back past upfront pressure advantage capital contributions from rate payers in order to have a uniform surcharge throughout the District for the future. Action items include contacting other Districts to gather information, talking to the rate payers, and calculating potential income scenarios.

Folsom Dairy Agreement

Fred talked with AESRD about load capacity on the bridge from original designs but they say these have been archived and are not available. Jim would like Fred to contact Kathleen Murphy again and request these designs be accessed from the archives before paying a structural engineer to do the calculations. Folsom's are holding back on signing the agreement at this point.

Bruce Wynder

Bruce phoned Fred and thanked the United Irrigation District for setting up the pasture enclosure on the main canal for cattle drives.

Lateral E

Fred spoke with Darcy Barfuss and he is agreeable to building a settling pond at the head of Lateral E. Fred also noted that the Alberta Transportation will not allow fusible pipe to be installed for the road crossings under a secondary highway as was done previously by BRID. This will result in higher costs for the crossings. Wilde Brothers had the higher amount built into the estimates.

AIPA Annual Conference

The date for the conference this fall is November 24 – 26, 2014.

Fred's Agenda

1. June Flood Damage

Fred outlined the damage to the District conveyance systems from the flood in June. He estimates it will cost about \$25,000 in O&M work to do the repairs. Most of the areas affected will be repaired in the fall after water delivery season is complete.

Duane asked if they were stocking fish in Dipping Vat and Robert indicated that they are not. Robert noted that Lateral A had overtopped last weekend. It was because of some pivot problems and some being turned off without notice.

Dan noted he had lost water for his pivots on Friday. A number of factors contributed to the water shortfall – Jared on vacation, adjustments with Lateral C.

Fred noted that the Government is going to spend \$18 million to repair the Kananaskis golf course. The amount budgeted for IRP in 2014 is \$19 million.

Next meeting: No August meeting. September 15, 2014.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice