

**Monday, February 21, 2017 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 February 21, 2017, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson - Chairman  
Daniel Hunsperger - Vice-Chairman  
Jim Woolf - Board Member  
Brandon Gibb - Board Member  
Fred Rice - Manager  
B. Craig Smith - Assistant Manager  
Viera Ducky - Assistant Manager - Training

**Discussion and Acceptance of the January 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the February 21, 2017 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the January 25, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes**

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the January 25, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the January 2017 Payroll**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the January payroll, SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of February 21, 2017 Accounts Payable**

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept February 21, 2017 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to February 21, 2017**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statement as of February 21, 2017. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.  
...CARRIED

**Audit - Skoien Professional Corporation**

Hakon Skoien, the auditor, reviewed the audit with the Board of Directors. The statements were discussed and the differences between 2015 and 2016 were explained. Mr. Skoien noted that it was a clean audit. The Opinion of the Auditor: In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Irrigation District as at December 31, 2016 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPPO).

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the audit as presented. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. ...CARRIED

**Highway Crossing Repairs**

Fred updated the Board of Directors with the present status of the crossing dispute. Syn-Cor Directional Ltd.'s offer was not acceptable and the UID made a counter offer. At this time the counter offer has not been responded to. Brandon suggested that the UID should engage the services of a lawyer to show due diligence in resolving the problem and in covering the potential for liability to the District in the future. Jim noted that there are no guarantees that we would win in court if it came to that end. The Board decided that Fred should discuss the issues with a lawyer - Tom Maclachlan - as we have used him for other purposes - to see what direction the UID should take in the matter. Fred will investigate the alternatives for the next Board meeting. Fred also suggested to the Board that he would like to install a buried service valve on the south side of the crossing to shut off the water when it is not in use. He also noted that IPEX has not provided the letter of support promised. Daniel suggested that steel pipe be pushed through the crossing but there would be disadvantages as well with corrosion etc.



The final decision of the discussion is that Fred will contact a lawyer. He will also contact IPEX to see about the letter of support and the pipe will not be ordered until some of the other issues are resolved.

### **United Irrigation District 2017 By-Laws**

**a. By-Law No. 1-2017 - Remuneration**

The By-Law was read the First Time by Craig Smith. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Brandon Gibb SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read Second Time by Daniel Hunsperger.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read the Third Time by Brandon Gibb. ...PASSED.

**b. By-Law No. 2-2017 - Rates**

The By-Law was read the First Time by Duane Nelson.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read the Second Time by Craig Smith.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read the Third Time by Daniel Hunsperger. ... PASSED.

**c. By-Law No. 3-2017 - Water Conveyance Fees - to holders of Water Licence**

The By-Law was read the First Time by Brandon Gibb. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ....CARRIED

Read the Second Time by Jim Woolf.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Brandon Gibb SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read the Third Time by Daniel Hunsperger. ... PASSED.

**d. By-Law No. 4-2017 - Household Purposes Agreements**

The By-Law was read the First Time by Duane Nelson.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Brandon Gibb SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read Second Time by Daniel Hunsperger.

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Brandon Gibb SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read the Third Time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED.



**e. By-Law No. 5-2017 - Water Conveyance Fee to Users Without a Water Licence and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw**

The By-Law was read the First Time by Craig Smith.

Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.  
...CARRIED

Read the Second Time by Daniel Hunsperger.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED...CARRIED

Read the Third Time Brandon Gibb.  
...PASSED.

**United Irrigation District 2017 Budget**

Jim Woolf discussed the issue of running a deficit and if there was a need to show funds being transferred from the Restricted Fund to cover a deficit every year. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the 2017 Budget as presented. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.  
...CARRIED

**Annual Meeting, Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

The meeting will be held at Hill Spring Community Hall at 1:00 P.M. The Regular Board Meeting to be held March 22, 2017 in the morning prior to the annual meeting at 10:00 A.M.

**Neil Allred - Pesticide Recertification Course**

Neil is attending a recertification course today that will give him 6 credits. He will need an additional 9 credits within the next 3 years to maintain his certification.

**MLA Meeting - March 8, 2017 in Edmonton**

Daniel has been contacting other small districts to see if anyone can attend this meeting. Daniel will attend if the weather is favorable and he is not having calving issues. There may be 30 MLA's attending and it would be good to have 30 representatives from the irrigation industry as well.

**Daniel Hunsperger Report of AIPA Executive Board of Directors**

Daniel noted that representatives from the Eastern Irrigation District are involved in the Invasive Species Committee and they want to increase the number of water bodies being monitored. The committee needs funding. The AIPA has adequate funds to contribute for the 2017 year but the irrigation districts will be asked for funding in 2018 in the amount of \$.08 per assessed acre for increased sampling of invasive species. The committee is also desiring to purchase some decontamination units in the future with their funding. This funding will be in addition to the Water Quality Testing assessment of \$.09 per assessed acre that the Districts are presently funding.

**Rod Taylor Bridge**

Rod approached Fred with concerns about the condition of the bridge. He has had silage trucks crossing the bridge with weights in excess of the bridge capacity. The discussion of the Board gave consideration to the severance issue for Rod given no other access to the west property except by the bridge and the District's responsibility of maintaining the bridge with excess weights being transported over the bridge. A number of alternatives were discussed including Rod's participation in maintenance. Fred will do more investigation of the condition of the bridge. There was a suggestion to look at rig mats.

**JD 750C Repairs**

Major repairs are needed to get the 750C ready for the next season. Fred has picked up \$500 worth of parts to this point and there are other parts needed for around \$1,500. There will also need to be major welding on the unit. It was suggested to contact Monty French to see if he could do the welding.

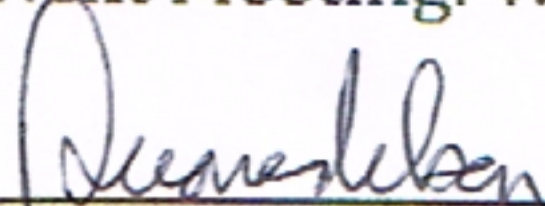



**Fred's Agenda:**

1. Riverside Colony has the installation costs built in to the RPH quote for the pivot infrastructure. The UID will charge RSC for the installation of the structure.
2. Fred noted that he and Brandon are still looking at replacement trucks for the 2006 Sterling. The cost for what will be suitable will likely increase to \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

  
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Chairman - Duane Nelson

  
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District Manager - Fred Rice