

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 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 Wednesday, March 20, 2013 commencing at 10:00 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 February 21, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the February 21, 2013 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of February 2013 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the January 2013 payroll, SECONDED by Robert Wynder ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of March 20, 2013 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept March 20, 2013 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf ...CARRIED

Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to February 28, 2013

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the February financial report; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Annual Meeting

Annual meeting today at 1:00 P.M. at Hill Spring Community Centre

IRP Funding Reduced

The March 7 Provincial Budget reduced the IRP funding to Irrigation Districts by 12.5%. There will be some additional funding prior to the March 31, 2013 year end - the Provincial money will be \$55,611 and the District's 25% will be \$18,537.

Revisit of the Annual Budget

There is a significant deficit as per the 2012 audited financial statements as to be calculated according to the Irrigation Council guidelines. There was considerable discussion on alternatives. Jim Woolf calculated a "what if" scenario of having raised rates by \$.25 per year since 2003. His calculations indicated that the rate payers have been saved \$9.50 per assessed acre by not having this happen during this time period. Jim Woolf Moved that the January 2013 rate by-law be rescinded and that the rates for irrigation and terminable acres be increased by \$2.00 per acre accordingly. Seconded by David Layton. ... 2 votes in favour; 3 votes against ...DEFEATED
More discussion will be held with the rate payers at the annual meeting.

STEP Program 2013

The March 7, 2013 Provincial Budget eliminated this program. The UID will not hire a summer student in 2013.

Irrigation Secretariat Letters

Two letters were received from Irrigation Secretariat reminding Irrigation Districts to be maintaining turnout including painting, replacing faded water line warning signs, and fencing canals and turnouts to prevent livestock damage. They were also advising the Irrigation Districts to ensure that Occupational Health and Safety Standards on IRP projects were being maintained.

Fred's Agenda

1. AIPA Board Meeting, Taber, March 25 at the Heritage Inn at 10:00 A.M. Duane and Fred will attend.
2. It was decided that the UID will not attend the Water, Agriculture and Environment Conference April 16/17 in Lethbridge
3. Fred and some of the Board Members will likely attend the Irrigation Technical Conference in Lethbridge June 6, 2013.
4. The NW Irrigators Tour will be August 19 – 23, 2013 in the Twin Falls, Idaho area. Fred would rather wait to attend in another area.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 A.M. SECONDED by Robert Wynder

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice