

Monday, November 16, 2015 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 November 16, 2015, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
David Layton – Board Member
Brandon Gibb – Board Member
Fred Rice – Manager
B. Craig Smith – Assistant Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 15, 2015 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2015 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the October 2015 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of November 16, 2015 Accounts Payable

Jim questioned about the cost of renting tampers for the IRP project. Fred indicated a new tamper could almost be purchased every other year for the amount paid in rental cost and could be looked into for the future. Noted the large payment to IPEX for IRP 2263 pipe cost. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept November 16, 2015 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 16, 2015

Noted that the fall work on IRP 2263 had not been entered into the accounting that would add another \$100,000 in equipment work. The bottom line after operating expenses to the end of the year and amortization adjustments will make the financial position close to break even. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Review of UID Investments

A summary of the investments was discussed at the request of the Board from the October meeting. The RBC investments are down by -.82% for the year. The ATB investments have realized a 1% gain since June 2014. Some of the RBC savings could be invested in a GIC at a rate of 1.7% for one year. Daniel felt part of the savings could be put in the GIC, however, the Board desired to have Dennis Chinner and Darren Tanner attend the December meetings to discuss the alternatives going forward. This will be arranged.

Cameras for the Leveling Pond and Cochrane Lake

David looked at 2 different cameras. UWAY of Lethbridge would offer \$499 per camera if 2 cameras were purchased. There would be additional costs for a security box and possibly an antenna if needed. There would be additional costs of the Telus or Rogers cell coverage that would broadcast a text picture at specific intervals. The cell coverage cost could range from \$15 - \$40 per month but could be arranged for only the months needed from May – October. There were questions about the strength of the cell signal from each location. Fred will check the locations for cell signal strength. If the signal is adequate the 2 cameras could be purchased at year end.

AIPA Convention in November

All directors will attend the convention in Lethbridge on November 23 – 25. Darin Wilde will be presenting the Belly River storage capacity study at the AGM on November 23. Daniel will have an executive meeting directly after the AGM as the new small district representative. Remuneration for Board members attending will be as per the by-laws.

Three Year Rolling Plan

The plan was reviewed. Fred has added a proposed Year 3 project on Lateral A1e from Hans/Lorrie Michel property through Folsom, Spring Glen Park and to Mark Merrills. Jim questioned the need for this project as to usage and affected acres. Fred noted that there are some seepage issues and the fact that the ditch is on the top of a hill and could have problems in the future. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Three Year Rolling Plan as presented; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. ...CARRIED

Solar Optix Meeting

David indicated that there was not enough information yet and asked that the discussion be deferred to the December Board meeting.

Christmas Supper and Party for 2015

Board members were reminded of the supper on November 27, 2015 at the Hill Spring community center at 7:00 P.M. Helen Walburger will cater the meal.

Water Licence Transfer to the South East Water Co-Op

The public notices have been published in the papers. The one month period for questions and objections will be November 22 for the Temple City Star ad. Direction for proceeding if there are no objections has been requested from Alberta Environment and Parks. There were questions about the timing of the payments feeling that at least \$300,000 should be up front. Originally the Board had agreed to payment over 5 years but that was 3 years ago. This will be discussed with the cooperative. There was also a question of payment for the extra 22 acre feet that will go back to Environment. Minutes of the meetings with the cooperative will be reviewed to see if there was any specific direction on these questions.

Signing Authorities at the ATB

David Layton will go to the ATB in Cardston and sign the account documents before the end of the month. There is a Proposal for Financial Services for the UID from ATB Financial. It has the same benefits of no service charges but offers interest payment on balances in the general account. David Layton MOVED that the UID accept the Proposal for Financial Services; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Alberta Environment and Parks- Signage for Cochrane Lake

Two quotes for 36"x48" signs have been received – about \$350 per sign. These signs are likely too big and would incur wind damage. A 24"x32" sign would cost about \$80. David indicated he has signs for his campground that he bought from Amazon on-line and suggested this be looked into. Jim felt the signs did not need to be so big and suggested we make them as small as allowed. More investigation will be done before purchasing the signs.

Employee Christmas Bonuses

Jim Woolf MOVED that the same amounts be gifted to the full time and 2 part-time employees as in previous years. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

UID Office Closure for Christmas Week

The office will be closed after work on December 22, 2015 and will re-open January 4, 2016.

Pipe Cost for IRP 2263

Fred indicated to the Board that the cost of the last pipe for the project was close to \$160,000. The project is about \$120,000 into 2016 funding and could increase to \$145,000 if the structure is built before year-end.

Date of Annual Meeting and Election for 2016

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the Annual Meeting Date be set for March 16, 2016 and the Election Date be set for April 6, 2016 if needed. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Audit for the 2015 Year

David Layton MOVED that Skoien Professional Corporation be appointed auditor for the 2015 operating year. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Fred's Agenda:

1. Eight to ten bundles of posts have been ordered from James Fiddler and should be coming this week.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice