

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on June 24, 2020, commencing at 9:00 A.M

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Nicholas Barfuss – Board Member
Craig B. Smith – Board Member
Fred Rice – District Manager
Viera Ducky – Office Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the May 21, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2020 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the May 2020 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of June 24, 2020 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the June 24, 2020 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to June 24, 2020

Jim suggested keeping expenses on purchasing assessed acres on separate account as a capital purchase as well as for revenue.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept June 24, 2020 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Belly River erosion

Big rocks Class 3 – about 400 tons were delivered and stockpiled on the Belly River's bank. Fred noticed even more erosion when river flow was lower as the buffer effect from higher river flow around the island didn't happen because the river was flowing only across the island and directly hitting the bank and washing it out.

We have been in communication with Mr. Edward Evenson, Forest Officer from Environment and Parks Agriculture Centre. To apply for permission to repair the riverbank, we need DLO No. for Headworks (Department Licence of Occupation). The UID does not hold a disposition for the infrastructure that is in place at NE 13-3-28-W4, our Headworks. The AEP held the number DRS820073 for this project which was rehabilitated in the 1990s. The DRS stands for Departmental Registered Site and as the UID is not the department, it can't be transferred/assigned to the UID. Therefore, the UID needs to apply for our own DLO No. for this repair and the future, but the repair work needs to be delayed for now.

Fred talked to the Deputy Minister Andrew Tremblay and Acting Chief of Staff Carolyn Stuparyk and our concerns were forwarded to Jennifer Nitschelm.

Fred was also discussing this issue with our engineer Darin Wilde. He contacted the company which can help with all applications – Bear Track Environmental Services and the quote for the cost is about \$8,000. Duane's suggestion was to contact Mr. Joseph Show, MLA for Cardston-Siksika for help before we will go with Bear Track Environmental Services.

Darcy Barfuss custom work

The UID built a pad for a new hay shed for Darcy Barfuss. Nick pointed out that the UID did a good job.

IPEX – pipe order for IRP#2298-Lateral B8 and IRP#2340-Lateral F7

Fred contacted Jonas Buller from IPEX to order all PVC pipe needed to finish IRP#2298 – Lateral B8 this year. The UID will get the price before the increase, but we can pay for the pipe at the time of delivery which will be this fall. IPEX didn't agree to preorder pipe for IRP#2340-Lateral F7 as we plan to start with this project in 2021.

The Board suggested to contact Mr. Buller again and offer to pay for the Lateral F7 pipe now if we can still get the price before the increase. It should be about \$235,000.

Hengerer Farms pipeline

We ordered the pipe for Mr. Hengerer which will be around \$229,000. Engineer Darin Wilde found out after engineering that new inlet needs to be purchased and Mr. Hengerer agrees to pay for the structure if the UID will install it. Darin asked PRECON for a quote and this time the price is very high, about \$47,000. Fred and Darin are looking for a cheaper solution as this is not an option Mr. Hengerer will accept. If we will not change the structure, it will make a lake on the other side of the land.

Bar Double M Ranching

Mitch Merrill has two pivots installed, the pipeline is in and the third pivot is ready but not installed yet. Mitch came to pay his custom work invoices, he signed Annual Acre Agreement for 127 acres and paid it.

Cochrane Lake was plugged with the water weeds this spring

One gate at the Cochrane Lake was plugged with the water weeds and Ditchriders were not able to open it, which caused problems with water delivery. Most likely it was caused by all the wind we had this spring. Fred designed and the crew built a stop log to go in the structure and clean it out. When the stop log was in, water was pumped out and the crew started to clean it. It took about full 3 hours for 3 men to clean the structure, there was about a round bale of weeds, but the gate is working now.

QGIS installed

Jeff Lowry from Wilde Brothers Engineering came to install QGIS on Viera's computer. He also installed a Dropbox, so Jeff, Fred, and Viera can share all changes in QGIS at the same time. In the future, he will always update information on the mapping program when a project is finished.

DEF pump for 2013 Dodge

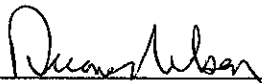
Fred informed the Board that the DEF pump was broken and we deleted the DEF instead of replacing the pump on the 2013 Dodge. The cost was \$2,208 and the bill was charged on a credit card.

IRP funding for 2020

The Agreement for IRP funding for 2020 was signed and delivered to the Irrigation Secretarial but we didn't receive money yet.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020, at 9:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice