

Monday, January 22, 2018 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 January 22, 2018, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Daniel Hunsperger – Vice- Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Craig B. Smith – Board Member
Brandon Gibb – Board Member
Fred Rice – Manager
Viera Ducky – Assistant Manager
Duane Nelson – Chairman – Absent
Public in attendance – Lloyd Smith

Discussion and Acceptance of the December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the December 18, 2017 minutes; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the December 19, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the December 19, 2017 minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the December 2017 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the December 2017 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of January 22, 2018 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept January 22, 2018 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 31, 2017

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept December 31, 2017 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

... CARRIED

UID's portfolio update

Dennis Chinner, Vice President & Investment Advisor from RBC Dominion Securities Inc. was invited for meeting to update and inform the Board about our investment portfolio. Mr. Chinner gave us general information about situation on investment market first and after that he reviewed the status of the UID Investment. The UID's funds are in high quality investment with 100% principal guaranteed and current yield from our investments is 2.91%. The Board is satisfied with investment return and not planning big changes.

Mr. Chinner also offered to make an informative presentation about Succession Planning for those farmers in our district which are interested.

IRP Project #2298 - Lateral B8 was approved as a closed system by Irrigation Council

The UID received a Letter from Irrigation Secretariat with information that Irrigation Council reviewed and approved installing a closed pipeline system which will result in cost increase to the previous cost estimate.

Letter for Jim Folsom

Letter informing Mr. Folsom about the Board Decision regarding transferring 6.8 irrigation acres on SW 28-4-27-W4 was prepared and presented to the Board. Letter was approved and will be send.

By-Laws 2018

The Board of Directors discussed all By-Laws for this year. As a result almost all of the rates will be increased, but not significantly.

Board Directors Remuneration fee will stay same as previous year.

Craig Smith MOVED to increase irrigation rate for permanent and terminable acres by \$0.50 and the minimum parcel charge increase by \$15; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to increase United Irrigation District fees for water conveyance to Village of Glenwood and Village of Hill Spring by 7%; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. One member opposed.

Household Purpose agreement fee will most probably stay on same level as last year, but it is still subject to change.

The rural water use supplied fee to the Great Canadian Barn Dance Group will be increased by 5%. This fee still needs to be discussed as some members were for 7% increase, others for 5% because there is no waste of water from the lake.

Rural water use fee for Municipal, Commercial/Industrial, Management of Fish and Recreation will be increased by 7%. Water conveyance charges for Campgrounds will be \$500.

By-Laws will be discussed again and approved during next meeting as this time one member was absent, therefore By-law can't be passed.

A drip irrigation system

A drip irrigation system is going to be installed in the District on Hengerer Farms land - 155 acres + 23 additional acres. This system has never been used in our district and as Brandon pointed, it is a future in irrigation with climate change and water shortage. The drip irrigation system is very common in USA, especially in California. It can save more water than pivot does and is very efficient. Brandon would like to have a tour and see the installation and how the irrigation is working in the future. On the land with 23 acres, the drip system will cross some of our pipes and Fred will discuss this matter with Mr. Hengerer.

Fraud issues

Fred brought up to the Board if they are aware about any fraud issues or concerns as this is one of the questions from auditor for 2017. No concerns were raised.

Craig Smith asked how we measure our gravel pile and screen rock for inventory. For now it is just estimate and we should consider to buy a loader scale. Fred will look for prices.

200CLC trading off and prices of new machines

The question if to trade a new machine or not was discussed again. Some of the Board members are for buying new equipment some are not. This time only the best option was considered.

Brandon suggested to ask John Deer for free Maintenance package at offered price.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to trade 200CLC and buy a new John Deere 210G for \$187,813.00, 3 years and 3000 hours warranty, 4 years interest free with quick attached bucket even if maintenance package is not free. Craig Smith SECONDED. Three in favor, one opposite.

Audit 2017

Auditor Hakon Skoien is coming tomorrow on January 23, 2018 to start with the audit. Materials for review from the auditor's list are prepared.

AIPA meeting - Daniel Hunsperger's report

- A correspondence with Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Alberta, Mr. Oneil Carlier was discussed -good conversation about irrigation and economic benefits
- AIPA Water Conference - next conference is planned for January 28-30, 2019 in Calgary.
- Inter-District Tours - Taber Irrigation District is organizing a tour this summer and anybody from other districts can attend
- List of proposed reservoir development - Daniel brought up again the UID's preliminary study for Water Storage on Belly River and he will prepare for presentation for next AIPA meeting on March 26
- Irrigation District Elections and Local Authorities Election Act were discussed
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- MLA tour - no tours are planned for MLA members unless they will ask for one

Mileage fee paid to Ditch Riders for 2017

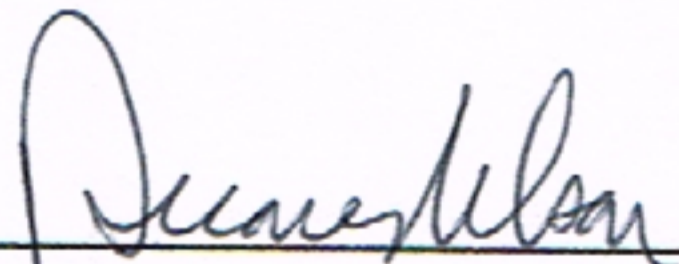
Fred reported to the Board how much kilometers Ditch Riders Steve Lybbert and Jared Nelson made during water season and how much we have paid them. They drove more kilometers this summer because of rationing water and Board agreed to pay the difference retroactively.

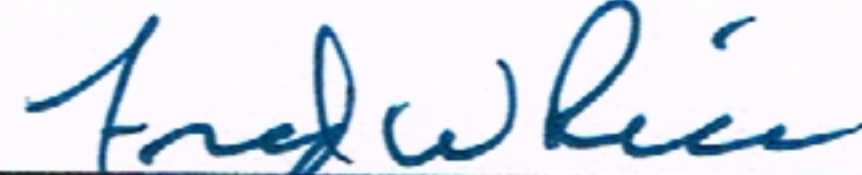
Fred's agenda:

- Tech Conference will be held on March 1, 2018 and our Ditch Riders Jared and Steve will attend the conference
- Fred mentioned two rate payers which are late with their payments and if fees are not paid before March 1, 2018, they will be subject to Rate Enforcement report. Board asked to send them last notice with statement.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 20, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.


Chairman - Duane Nelson


District Manager - Fred Rice