

Monday, June 17, 2019 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 June 17, 2019, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May 21, 2019 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2019 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May 2019 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of June 17, 2019 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept June 17, 2019 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to June 17, 2019

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept June 17, 2019 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

... CARRIED

Bylaw No. 5-2019 Water Conveyance Fee to Users without a Water Licence and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw Amended

Jim did some research on fees for water, sewer and electricity for campgrounds in Southern Alberta. Many of them have their own well or pay \$3.50/m³ for city water or pay \$5000 per year for example.

The Board feels that fees for campgrounds are fair and equitable, the change was done only in section f) where word "Recreational" was removed.

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

Read the Second Time by Daniel Hunsperger. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

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

Two Board members voted for it by phone.

Vaughn Smith asking for water for construction of the Prairie Picks Campground

Mr. Smith is not planning to open his campground until next year, however he is asking for irrigation water for construction and to water new trees on the property this year.

Jim Woolf MOVED to charge \$450 this year to Vaughn Smith, which is a minimum charge for Commercial/Industrial rate; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Mitch Merrill – new pivots

Mitch Merrill is planning to put up 3 new pivots this fall. One pivot will be covered by Annual Acre Agreement, the other two will be partial assessed acres. Mr. Merrill would like to buy all assessed

acres available for sale to cover the rest of it. He needs about 73 acres at least. The UID has currently only 20.77 acres for sale.

SMRID is pulling out from RMA 1 & Irrigation Districts meetings

The District Manager of SMRID Terence Lazarus informed Fred that they are pulling out from the meetings. LNID will be non-participant as well. Fred thinks our district doesn't benefit from it either. Duane had a conversation with Jim Bester, Reeve of Cardston County regarding the meetings. He sees few positive impacts from the meetings:

- to meet together and discuss the issue
- he feels that the UID is the most economically & effectively running district
- he suggested to speak with Mr. Murray Millward, CAO of Cardston County and set the day for meeting with the Board of the UID

Fred is planning to attend the next meeting on June 19, 2019.

Celebration for the 100th year of the United Irrigation District

The Board of the UID decided to celebrate the 100th year of the district. We will prepare and do a float for Canada Day in Hill Spring on June 29th and in Glenwood during Pioneer Days. The celebration will take a place on August 22nd at Spring Glen Park from 6pm to 9pm. Details will be discussed during next meeting in July. Viera will prepare and send invitations to all ratepayers.

Cardston County wants to remove the fence line on the old railroad track

The Cardston County wants to remove the fence going down to Brandon Wynder's property to help with the snow removal. We are a little bit worried that after removing fence, all the snow will be pushed into our canal which can cause problem in spring, but this ditch is usually drifted and full anyway. Part of the south side of the fence is almost gone, the north side is still in good condition. Fred suggested to remove part of the fence and put braces in place. The Board advised to speak with Brandon Wynder and do whatever is the best for him and the UID.

Cardston County stealing water from our ditch

It came to our attention that Cardston County was pumping water from our canal without permission. We offered them to pump water for \$450 according to our bylaw but they refused it and told us they can get water from environment canal for free. As per our knowledge, they don't have their own water license and this is actually happening illegally. One suggestion from the Board was to take a picture when water will be pumped from our canal again and send it to County with the bill. Another idea was not to disturb good relationship with them.

Phone app for infrastructure of the UID

Jim Woolf expressed interest in using a phone application that would allow him to see the UID infrastructure on his phone. Jollin Charest, Manager at Basin Water Management Section from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry offered to help. Since the infrastructure information is owned by the UID, .kml file can be prepared to overlay the UID infrastructure layer on the google map to see district pipeline and canals for example. The Board would like to discuss this offer in more details, so we will invite Mr. Charest and Mr. Nalder for next meeting.

Dam Safety meeting

The meeting is planned for June 24th; Fred will attend.

Dan Henrie's offer to sell assessed acres

Dan Henrie wanted to sell 53.34 irrigation assessed acres to the UID. Fred was speaking to him about the decision from last meeting, but we didn't get any response since from him.

2019 AIDA Inter-District Tour of Wester Irrigation District

Fred, Duane and Jim attended the event on June 4th. The tour was quite interesting. Besides other places, the WID showed attendees the proposed site for reservoir.

Camera system for the yard

We have received Quotation from Communications Group for two cameras and installation in amount of \$4,500. Fred will look more for cameras which also tracks movement and the topic will be discussed again.

Scholarship 2019

Daniel Hunsperger will present the Scholarship award at SGJHS for Grade 9 winner on June 19th.

Al McEwen has been shutting water off for night

Fred found out that our ratepayer Al McEwen was shutting water off for the night without notifying Ditchrider Jared Nelson. It was causing issues at Macleod's corner and also causing problems for Jared to adjust the water level. Fred and Daniel talked to him and improvement is in process.

Claude Taylor wants to sell 1 assessed acre


Mr. Taylor wants to sell 1 irrigation assessed acre to David Hunsperger. The Board agree with the sale and Viera will prepare all paperwork.

Fence between Bruce Wynder's & Darcy Barfuss' lands

Fred was talking to them and the Board advise to have a meeting with both of them together to discuss and find out what they both want.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.


Chairman - Duane Nelson


District Manager - Fred Rice