

Monday, February 24, 2014 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 Monday, February 24, 2014 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 the January 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

David Layton MOVED to accept the January 20, 2014 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of January 2014 Payroll

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the January 2014 payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of February 24, 2014 Accounts Payable

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept February 24, 2014 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Reading and Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to January 17, 2014

No report available. QuickBooks printer problems.

Presentation/Approval of Audit

Hakon Skoien of Skoien Professional Corporation presented the report on the 2013 audit. In the opinion of the auditor the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2013. Jim Woolf asked if the amortization had to be as high as the rates set out in the audit notes and Mr. Skoien indicated that the Board of Directors could adjust the rates within reasonable limits. Craig will discuss this with Mr. Skoien and come with a recommendation for the next meeting. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the 2013 audit as presented; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Presentation from Darren Tanner of ATB Financial on Investments

Mr. Tanner presented an analysis of the present UID investments with RBC and made some recommendations including the invitation to invest with ATB Financial. Recommendations included putting the liquid investments into a High Interest Savings Account rather than a money market account as interest is higher with no management fees. The deposits with ATB are 100% guaranteed by the Province of Alberta. He discussed 3 different alternatives for the long term investments including the Compass Balanced Growth, Compass Conservative and Compass Conservative Balanced Funds. The transfer fees from present investments would be minimal and likely picked up by ATB. The Board tabled a decision seeking more information and study of present investments.

Resolution for Restricted Fund of Surplus

Jim Woolf MOVED that \$100,000 of the 2013 surplus be set aside in a restricted District Capital fund for future capital requirements. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED the motion. ...CARRIED

Review of the Mountain Irrigation Districts Meeting January 29, 2014

Jim and David attended this meeting held at the UID office. David discussed issues dealt with at the meeting including storage – possibly increasing Payne Lake capacity, possible diversion of some of Payne Lake storage back into the Belly above the UID headworks providing water in shortage situations, looking at adjusting the rules of the Irrigation Act to allow smaller districts to do work for other districts, cooperation between the 4 Mountain districts for things like equipment, management and book keeping. Andy Strang is going to look into the model of SMRID, TID, RID, MID working together for the delivery of water from the St. Mary's Reservoir. Jim and David felt that Aetna and Leavitt are already proceeding with possible amalgamation and that MVID might also become involved. They did not know when another meeting would be held to continue discussions.

2014 Budget Approval

The 2014 budget was reviewed. Jim Woolf prefers that the whole restricted fund surplus not be transferred to cover the estimated deficit if possible. There may be income from sale of Water licence if approved. Possible capital purchases that would not affect the income/expense include the new bucket for the JD 200 excavator and a new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the 2014 budget be adopted. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Discussion of the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

Fred noted that Al McEwan had suggested a penalty for anyone caught stealing water on the weekends at the last annual meeting and was told that the Board would discuss it. The question was asked what the remedy was for this problem. Fred indicated that the policy was that the turnout for the person taking water without permission would be chained and that person would need to come to the Board to get water back.

Folsom Dairy Expansion Request

Fred visited the site since last meeting. He requested drawings from the original expansion plan proposal from the County of Cardston. The drawings show the engineered plan for the berm on the west side of the UID canal and a culvert going across the canal to divert any contaminated affluent. These plans were forwarded to the NRCB and discussion is scheduled between NRCB, the UID and the Folsoms. For the record, the UID is opposed to the new expansion until previous terms are met.

'96 Ford Tires

Fred noted that the 96 Ford needs 6 new tires. The Board advised that Fred should proceed with the purchase of the new tires.

Changing Terminable Acres to Permanent Acres

Fred asked the Board if their intent from the January meeting was to do a blanket change of terminable acres to permanent acres. Robert would like it to continue to be on a case by case basis assessing each individual situation. Fred and Craig will prepare a list of all terminable acres along with a map for the April Board Meeting for decision making purposes.

Standoff Colony Application to Transfer Irrigation Acres to the McNeil Land

Standoff Colony is in the process of applying for transfer of 148 irrigation acres to the newly purchased McNeil land in order to install a pivot system. Fred advised that the application has not yet come in. The land was previously classified for irrigation purposes.

Standoff Colony Application for a Rural Water Agreement for a Proposed Feedlot

The Board discussed the policy and by-law for intensive livestock operations. The by-law will be reviewed in this regard for the next meeting along with recommendations of numbers and systems for intensive livestock operations that will be affected. The Board generally agreed to provide the water under the other purposes sections of the amended water licenses.

Water Licence Transfer Update – Public Meeting/Plebiscite

The public meeting has been advertised and will be held immediately following the annual meeting on March 19, 2014. There was discussion of having only 1 polling station at the UID office for the April 2, 2014 election and plebiscite. It was decided to have 2 polling stations – 1 at the Hill Spring Community Hall and the other at the UID office on April 2.

Ordering More Copies of the UID History Book

The Board decided to order another 50 copies of the History Book.

Irrigable Unit Resolution

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the irrigable unit resolution for Craig & Colleen Smith be approved.
Robert Wynder SECONDED. ...CARRIED

AIPA Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is set for March 31, 2014 at Vauxhall. Duane will represent the Board with Fred at the meeting.

Glenwood Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team Request for Donation

Daniel Hunsperger asked if the Board would be willing to make a donation to the team for the March 7/8 zone competition at the Glenwood School. The Board did not want to get involved in these types of requests suggesting that the District already contributes to the schools with the scholarship fund. Four were against the request and 1 for the request.

Fred's Agenda

1. Fred had Headwaters Equipment out to look at the 200CLC bucket and extension. They only offered \$2,500 for the bucket and would take the extension on consignment. Fred does not like the type of bucket they are selling. It was suggested to advertise the bucket for sale on Kijiji.

Next meeting: March 19, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 P.M. SECONDED by Jim Woolf

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice