

**UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:00 am  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson - Chairman  
Jim Woolf - Vice-Chairman  
David Layton - Board Member  
Craig Smith - Board Member  
Robert Wynder - Board Member  
Fred Rice - Manager  
B. Craig Smith - Assistant Manager

**Discussion and Acceptance of January 23, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Jim asked if Ed Sinnott of Pincher Creek had been contacted about pension – yes he had. He suggested that Jack Stone also offered pension options. Fred noted that the counterweight for the JD 240DLC had been installed and seems to be working well. He also showed the board the torque multiplier that had been purchased to install the counterweight.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the January 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of December, 2011 Payroll**

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the January 23, 2012 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of February 22, 2012 Accounts Payable**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept January 23, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of February 22, 2012 Petty Cash**

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the Petty Cash report. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Audited Financial Statement**

Lindsay Kaupp of Mercer Wilde Moltz reviewed the audit for 2011. Fred asked her to see if Operations and Maintenance improvements such as the Lateral B8 pipeline are included in the Irrigation Works costs. She will look into it. She will also review with Doug Wilde the issue of Irrigation Council formulas for irrigation districts in calculating financial performance, especially in light of reduced equipment recoveries when doing pipeline construction when this in fact creates water efficiencies.

David Layton MOVED to accept the audit statement subject to possible changes in reporting the O&M irrigation works improvements. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**By-laws for 2012**

**a. By-Law No. 1-2012 – Remuneration**

The By-Law was read the first time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the second time. David Layton SECONDED.

...CARRIED

David Layton MOVED to read the third time. Robert Wynder SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time and passed.

**b. By-Law No. 2-2012 – Rates**

The By-Law was read the first time.

Discussion – a copy of rates charged by other irrigation districts should be on hand at the annual meeting as there is anticipated concern by rate payers with the increases.

Craig Smith MOVED to read the second time. David Layton SECONDED.

4 in favour 1 opposed ...CARRIED

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED.

4 in favour 1 opposed ...CARRIED

Read the third time and passed.

**c. By-Law No. 3-2012 – Water Conveyance Fees – to holders of Water Licence**

The By-Law was read the first time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. David Layton SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time and passed.

**d. By-Law No. 4-2012 – Household Purposes Agreements**

The By-Law was read the first time.

Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

David Layton MOVED to read the third time. Craig Smith SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time and passed.

**e. By-Law No. 5-2012 – Water Conveyance Fee to Users Without a Water Licence and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw**

The By-Law was read the first time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the second time. David Layton SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time and passed

**Budget for 2012**

The budget for 2012 was reviewed in light of changes to rates. There is concern with pipeline construction and lower equipment cost recoveries creating a possibility of negative net income.

**Revisit of Wage Policy for 2012 and Pensions**

The employees countered the Board offer of a 4% increase for 2012 with a 3% cost of living increase and a 4% matching RRSP pension contribution. The board had concerns with a 7% increase in light of the tight budget. David would like to see some sort of incentive based increase that rewards employee innovation that

improves operations with increased revenues or decreased costs. Jim suggested a bonus system up to a certain amount based on employee loyalty, attitude and innovativeness. The decision was to delay final decisions until the next board meeting.

**February 27, 2012 Meeting with Irrigation Council**

Duane and Fred will attend the meeting.

**SouthGrow Meeting, March 1, 2012**

Fred will attend the meeting.

**Irrigation Water Quality Meeting, March 2, 2012**

No one will be attending.

**Maturing GIC**

Jim, Fred and Craig will make a decision on re-investment of the maturing GIC with advice from Dennis Chinner of RBC.

**Larry Gibb Request to put a pivot on Section 32-3-27-4**

He will need alternate acres from Lateral A lands. He will be making a proposal to the Board.

**Annual Meeting Report**

The report needs the chairman/managers report. Otherwise it is ready once the finalized audit report is provided.

**Fred's Agenda:**

1. IRP 2162 has been progressing well. About 2 more days of pipelining, 1 day for a major structure and 2 - 3 weeks of landscaping and miscellaneous structure work. Don Gross was not happy with some of the materials used at a turnout location - this was temporary material and was dug out and replaced with cement around the structure. An email was received from Roger Hohm stating IRP construction policy after his discussion with Don Gross.
2. The main laser is broken. Mountain View Systems indicates it cannot be repaired. The cost of a similar replacement is \$5,695. The board felt that Fred should try to make the repair or see if he can find a less expensive replacement on-line.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Jim Woolf MOVED the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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Chairman - Duane Nelson

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District Manager - Fred Rice