

## **UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**Monday, November 19, 2012 at 9:00 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, November 19, 2012 commencing at 9:00 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 October 22, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Dave spoke with Bart Leavitt of Leavitt Irrigation District and they would like to meet with our Board. Their next meeting is in January. Dave will talk to Bart and see about them coming to our next meeting or arranging a time in January. Some land owners have been contacted about participating in the Lateral E project - Jim Layton, Ryan Torrie and Daniel Layton. No firm commitments as yet. Dave requested a small change in the October 22 minutes to reflect that the equipment could be used for added work when there was not sufficient work in the District in order to keep the rates lower. The change will be made.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 22, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

#### **Discussion and Acceptance of October 2012 Payroll**

David Layton MOVED to accept the October, 2012 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

#### **Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of November 19, 2012 Accounts Payable**

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept November 19, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

#### **Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of November 19, 2012 Petty Cash**

No petty cash activity for November.

#### **Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to November 16, 2012**

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept November 16, 2012 financial report. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

#### **Representation from South East Alberta Water Co-op**

Harold Halvorson attended the meeting at 9:25 A.M. The cooperative is looking for an additional 200 acre feet of water licence to meet the increased demand for shares. This would maximize the current capacity of their infrastructure. They could possibly get more water through another Irrigation District's conveyance system but they would prefer to have more licence. Fred indicated that in his discussions with Alberta Environment a sale of water licence would have to come through water savings in the UID rather than surplus water not used. The report used in the "change of purpose" of our water licence indicated that there was 5,637 acre

feet of water efficiencies saved so we would be okay. Mr. Halvorson made an offer for the Board to consider. The Board indicated they would like to look into the current price of water trading as well as have time to talk to irrigators to see how they felt about another sale. They would also like to have the cooperative pay for any costs associated with a plebiscite. Harold Halvorson left at 9:45 A. M. It was decided that Fred and Craig would look into prices for water licence transfer and each Board member would contact 5 irrigators to see what they would think of a sale.

### **Irrigation Act Review**

There was some discussion on Section 11 "Transfer of water licence" in light of the previous discussion. Fred encouraged each Board member to review the section.

### **Date for Annual Meeting and Election By-Law**

It was decided that March 20, 2013 would be the date of the Annual Meeting and the Election date would be April 3, 2013. Nominations will close March 20, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.

United Irrigation District By-Law No. 6-2012 – Election for 2013

Read for the First Time

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

United Irrigation District By-Law No. 6-2012 – Read for the Second Time

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

United Irrigation District By-Law No. 6-2012 read the Third Time. ...PASSED

### **Christmas Party**

The party will be held Friday, November 30, 2012 at the Glenwood Community Hall with Tina's Café catering at \$15.95 per person. It appears that at least 30 people will be attending. Fred suggested that we guarantee 35 people in order to have adequate for everyone.

### **Employee Bonuses/Gifts**

Fred suggested that a gift of something like a safety jacket might be appropriate for the employees. After discussion it was decided to maintain the \$75 bonus for seasonal employees and \$150 bonus for full time employees.

### **County Land Purchase Update**

The agreement was reviewed. The Board suggested contacting the County to see if they would agree to accommodate a subdivision of the present UID title and zoning to industrial to allow selling the east 2 acre block in the event of interest by commercial parties. This will be looked into.

### **Three Year Annual Rolling Plan**

The plan was reviewed. Daniel suggested reviewing the Lateral B9 project and suggested a possible change. This will be considered for the 2014/15 plan, reviewing the alternative for possible efficiencies and improvement during the next year. Two Three Year projects added – Lateral A1d (D. French/R. Wynder/L. Gibb) and Lateral A1 (C. Wynder/R. Wynder)

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Three Year Annual Rolling Plan. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

### **Alberta Irrigation Projects Association Conference**

Fred, Jim, Robert and Craig will attend. Gordon Zobell has requested that someone take his place as the representative for the RID, UID, MID, AID, LID, RCID and MVID in the next term. Names suggested were Andy Strang of AID, Gordon Card of MID. Dave Layton said he may consider it but would prefer the other two representatives be encouraged to represent the Districts.

### **Purchase of a Plasma Cutter**

Brad Archibald advised Fred and Duane that a plasma cutter is not likely the best machine for cutting pipe as previously thought. He suggested a band saw. Daniel has many years experience in using this process and will help select an appropriate tool.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that an appropriate band saw be purchased instead of the plasma cutter. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

### **Old Man River Watershed Council**

This council has requested the UID contribute to this association at the rate of \$.03 per assessed acre. Fred suggested that Shannon Frank, the Executive Director, be invited to the next meeting to explain their purpose and projects. It was suggested that we talk with Keith Francis or LeRon Torrie who sit on the council as well.

### **History Book**

The book is being reviewed by Board members. Additional information has been added from Kirt Woolf. Once the review and changes are made we can send the research back to Corrine Brook-Allred for a final proofing.

### **Water Licence "Irrigation for Crops" Letter**

Wayne Williams of Alberta Environment called in response to our objection letter and indicated that this phrase should not have been added to the licence and was a misuse of words that was not the original intent of the licence. He indicated that it would not be taken out but that the District did not need to worry as the "Other Purposes" amendments would cover all other uses of the licence and it is not just for crops. Fred spoke with Dave McGee at a meeting about this phrase being added. Dave suggested we get it removed. He is looking into it for us. We will proceed further when we get his feedback.

### **Fred's Agenda:**

1. O & M work on Lateral B8 complete. If weather permits and the lateral is not covered in snow, cleaning Lateral A1 from Curtis Wynder's to Gibbs will be undertaken.
2. There have been a couple of complaints of excess water runoff from the flood irrigation on SE 36-4-28-W4 and getting on adjacent landowners property. For the record, a letter will be written and taken to the Doherty's reminding them of the duty to take reasonable care of the water as per the Irrigation Districts Act, Section 187.
3. Mitch Merrill indicates that the court case with the Halls is near completion.
4. IRP audit for this year will be looking at all the projects done on Lateral B.
5. Lateral D4 project - 600 meters of pipe installed this fall. Have run into a bit of water. It appears there will only be about 200 meters of water problem in the next stretch. It is hoped that this work can be done in February to minimize the water problem. We are taking our some structures and doing some backfill now.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

David Layton MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 P.M. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

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Chairman - Duane Nelson

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District Manager - Fred Rice