

Monday, November 19, 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 November 19, 2018, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 29, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the October 29, 2018 minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2018 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the October 2018 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of November 19, 2018 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept November 19, 2018 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 19, 2018

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept November 19, 2018 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

... CARRIED

Water Sharing Agreement

Mr. Chris Gallagher from TID and Mr. Gordon Zobell from RID attended our Board meeting to discuss the Draft of the Water Sharing Agreement.

First they summarized the history and the current process for establishing water sharing framework. Main Canal Agreement was used as a template for the draft. To prepare the agreement is a whole process on which Chris, Gordon and Terrence Lazarus from SMRID are working together. Gordon mentioned that the UID has special circumstances and asked the Board for ideas. Chris also explained the Irrigation district reduction schedule attached to the draft as this is used just as a tool to calculate reduction (%). The calculation will reduce irrigation, but irrigators will be still able to keep operations. The Agreement needs to be customized in order to use it as a tool to save irrigation water and not to cut off irrigators.

Duane explained where the UID is comparing to other Irrigation Districts when taking water from the rivers. As a result of the UID not having a storage on the Belly River, once the water is gone, we are unable to use it. Fred suggested to exclude Belly River from the agreement. Other suggestion was to get some credit for the UID on the Waterton Reservoir. The UID has a second priority on Belly River although we have just junior license on Waterton Reservoir.

As Brandon pointed, even though we have usually enough moisture in spring, our high elevation doesn't help to keep the moisture in the ground. He recommended to remember how the agreement will affect us in 10 or 20 or maybe 40 years as well.

Fred explained how the UID was rationing irrigation water last couple of years and how we are cooperating with Mountain View, Leavitt and Aetna ID.

The UID has a unique situation, it is not a special treatment.
Chris will include new suggestions into a drafted agreement before the Water Sharing Agreement Meeting scheduled for December 11th.

IRP 2298 – Lateral B8 updates

Fred gave an update and showed some pictures to the Board about the work on the Lateral B8 project. We have already tied up on existing line last Friday. Digging out the cement line by our crew costs us some money but also saved us a time for digging in new pipeline. Mr. Hengerer will donate some dirt to the UID to fill the ditch. He can still use old 21" concrete line if he wants to or we might use it in the future for riprap or crossing. The old concrete line leaked, however it was not noticeable on surface but water following the pipe.

Three Year Rolling Plan

The Plan was reviewed. Since reduction in government funding for this year and following years, our current project on Lateral B8 will not be finished early than in spring 2020. Some engineering is planned on project IRP 2340 Lateral F7 next year, but work can't start earlier than in 2020. There are two Proposed Year 2 Projects – Lateral A1e and Lateral D1. Fred has added a Proposed Year 3 project – Lateral F Drain Proposal.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the Three Year Rolling Plan as presented; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Vaughn Smith's offer to sell Irrigation Assessed Acres

Vaughn Smith offered to sell 65.77 Irrigation assessed acres back to the UID due to Proposed Land Development and use the land for a campground.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept to buy 65.77 Irrigation Assessed Acres from Vaughn Smith; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Craig Smith abstained from voting as the proposed campground will affect Craig's operation. Daniel Hunsperger opposed, he thinks we should stick to the original offer to buy Small parcel irrigation assessed acres only.

The UID will still provide the irrigation water to the campground and conveyance fee for campgrounds will be applied. Viera will send a letter and the agreement to sign to Mr. Smith.

Funding transfer from savings to purchase Irrigation Assessed Acres

Fred asked to make a motion to transfer money from savings to purchase Irrigation Assessed Acres in this fiscal year as we didn't plan for it in our budget for 2018. Jennifer Nitschelm recommended this.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to transfer funding from saving account for the purpose to buy irrigation assessed acres; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Craig Smith abstained from voting.

2019 AIDA Recognition Award

The UID has no nominees for the award at this time.

CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) – application for SRM Permits (Specified Risk Material)

Mr. Mark Herhald contacted us to fill out the application for SRM Permits. The UID is just supplying spot for the Cardston County but it is not our responsibility. The UID will not fill out the permit and Viera will contact Mr. Steven Beavens from County and Mr. Herhald.

Christmas bonuses for employees

The Christmas bonuses for full time employees and four seasonal workers as in previous years has been approved by the Board.

UID Office closure for Christmas Holidays

The office will be closed after work on December 21, 2018 and will re-open January 2, 2019.

Appoint Auditor

Craig Smith MOVED that Skoien Professional Corporation be appointed as auditor for the 2018 operating year; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Election By-Law No 8-20018 and date of Annual Meeting

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 20th, 2019 and the Election if needed to be held on April 10th, 2019; SECONDED by Duane Nelson...CARRIED

UID Investment updates

The Board of the UID would like to invite Mr. Daren Tanner from ATD Securities Inc. and Mr. Dennis Chinner from Chinner Wealth Management Group to our regular meeting to provide update about the investments. Viera will arrange it.

AIDA Annual General Meeting on November 13, 2018 and AIDA Executive Meeting on November 5th, 2018- Daniel Hunsperger report

Question about Reservoir ranking were discussed because they have been changed. Daniel Hunsperger has finished his function of representing small districts on the executive on the AIDA. Gordon Zobell sent an email thanking Daniel for a great job he had done during this time. John McKee will represent us on the executive this coming season and Mr. Zobell will act as an alternate if required.

UID Crossings on environment canal

The crossings supposed to be repaired sometimes in spring 2019 as per Dennis Matis from Alberta Environment & Parks.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice