

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 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 Tuesday, May 20, 2014 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

Darren Tanner - ATB Investor Services

Darren visited the Board meeting to get the required signatures from the Board Members. Darren will need a copy of the signed April 14, 2014 meeting minutes as well as a letter with the Board Member signatures authorizing Craig Smith to make transactions with Darren for the UID ATB investments.

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of April 2014 Payroll

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the March 2014 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of May 20, 2014 Accounts Payable

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept May 20, 2014 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Reading and Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to May 16, 2014

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the May 16, 2014 Financial Report. SECONDED by David Layton ...CARRIED

Lateral B8 HFL Request re: Seepage issue; HFL request to pipeline a section of Lateral F (NW 16-5-26-W4; RSC Lateral F7 SE 6-6-25-W4 issue with some seepage

The Lateral B8 seepage issue will be included in the next 3 year plan update this fall. The pipeline request for Lateral F would be too costly to consider and was not agreed to by the Board. Lateral F7 is the result of increased irrigation as well as standing water in the ditch for a prolonged period. Some suggestions included installing a lower pump well to lower the level of the ditch as well as removing the check boards during the irrigation season so the water is not standing in the lateral for a prolonged period. Fred will try some options during the 2014 irrigation season and will monitor it with the ditchrider. It is possible that the problem falls to RSC as they appear to be building up the water levels to allow more water to go over their screen.

Hengerer Farms Ltd. Irrigable Unit Resolution

HFL has purchased land from Doug French and will not be selling the acreage portion. They have requested this be made into an irrigable unit.

David Layton MOVED to make Plan 0914274 Block 1 Lot 1 and Plan 0914274 Block 1 Lot 2 an irrigable unit. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Changing Lateral A Terminable Acres to Permanent Acres

Jim suggested it should be an all or nothing change for Lateral A. Robert opposed changing the acre classification to permanent. The owners knew that they were purchasing terminal acres when they bought the land and he is still concerned about the capacity of Lateral A. Robert Wynder MOVED that the Lateral A terminable acres remain unchanged. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Water Quality Report

The draft water quality report of irrigation districts shows the UID water quality for 2013 is moving from excellent to good and fair for some points of measurement. This could reflect an increase of livestock in one specific site area.

UID Investment Policy

Dennis Chinner of RBC has suggested that the recent move of some of the UID investments to ATB will create a breach of the UID investment policy statement. However, checking with the categories of the ATB investment portfolio it will remain within the 2004 guidelines. The policy could be revisited to update the investment strategy.

Folsom Dairy Expansion

Jim has not been able to meet with Jim Folsom to discuss the issues. Water sampling will happen when water is running in the canal. A number of contacts have been received from rate payers who received the letter from NRCB wanting to know what the UID's position is on the application for expansion. The Board would like a letter explaining the UID position to be sent to all rate payers who received the letter from NRCB as well as a response to be sent to the NRCB expressing the concerns that the UID would like addressed including some test wells between the manure lagoons and the UID canal to be monitored monthly.

Ditchriders

Jared and Steve have accepted the new salary offer which was implemented retroactive to April 1, 2014.

02 Dodge

Originally it was thought that the District could sell the truck to Steve with payments on a monthly basis but after discussion it was decided to make Steve the offer of either finding outside financing to purchase the truck now or for Steve to use the truck for the 2014 season with the District retaining ownership in lieu of the monthly Ditchrider truck allowance and then give Steve ownership of the truck in the fall after water season is completed. Fred and Craig will discuss the options with Steve.

Scholarships

There were 3 essays received from Grade 12 students and 1 each for Grade 9 students from Hill Spring and Glenwood. Of the essays for Grade 12 only 1 was received that met the conditions. Maryn Cherniawsky qualified for Hill Spring Grade 9; Jenae Hunsperger qualified for Glenwood Grade 9 and Hunter Rice qualified for Grade 12.

AIPA

The Alberta Irrigation Projects Association has requested that Districts write a letter to the Alberta Government encouraging them to adopt legislation that will prevent aquatic invasive species from entering Alberta waterways. A letter will be sent from the UID in support of this request.

Transfer of Irrigation Acres

An application from Linda Smith and Ellen Brooks has been received to transfer 13 irrigation acres from the NW 24-4-27-W4 to the SW 30-4-27-W4. This is in the interest of the UID so that water would not have to be supplied on the north side of the Environment Canal. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the transfer request be approved. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Water Licence Transfer Progress

Due to the priority of the 2013 flood in the Calgary and High River area Alberta Environment has not had a chance to proceed with this transfer. They will advise when the process can proceed.

Irrigation Technical Conference

Fred will attend the conference on June 5, 2014. Duane may want to attend as well. Registration deadline is June 2, 2014.

Village of Glenwood Economic Development

The Village would like UID representation at the unveiling of the mural on June 21, 2014. Fred and Duane will represent the District.

L&S Bishop Request

Lynn Bishop has requested that the driving bank be adjusted so he can farm right next to the Lateral F canal in the SE 1-5-27-W4. The Board is not in favour of the request.

Fred's Agenda

1. IRP 2158 - Lateral D3 Progress

The project is complete except to some fencing, landscaping and digging a couple of dugouts. Water was put in the pipeline and no leaks have been detected to date.

2. IRP 2162 - Lateral D4

Water was put into the pipeline and 2 leaks were detected and are being repaired.

3. Tool Box for the 2013 Dodge Truck

The tool box that Fred would like for the truck is around \$700 which he felt was too expensive. He will keep looking for a suitable tool box.

4. Tampers

One tamper had to be repaired requiring a new clutch and motor. Total bill is over \$1,000. Fred suggested the District may want to rent tampers for major projects and save ours for O&M work. It was also suggested to check out the rental rate to make the decision as well as ensure our rates are up to date for IRP work.

5. Road Builder Rates for the Excavators

Fred noted that there is only \$2.00 difference between the rate for the 200 CLC and the 240 DLC. He will check with road builders to see if there has not been some mistake in the printing.

6. Screener Rental

David Layton made a request to rent the screener for a small job he is doing. The Board agreed to rent it on the same conditions as with other rentals which include returning the screener in the same or better condition than when rented.

Next meeting: June 16, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice