

Tuesday, May 22, 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 May 22, 2018, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the April 16, 2018 minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 2018 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 2018 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 22, 2018 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept May 22, 2018 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to May 22, 2018

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept May 22, 2018 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

... CARRIED

Jim suggested to update the budget for 2018, so we know how the decrease in funding and one time operational funding will affect our district.

2018 AIPA Inter-District Tour – June 6, 2018 Taber Irrigation District

Duane, Daniel and Jim together with Fred would like to attend the tour, however they will decide for sure just before May 30th.

Tour of the UID for Irrigation Council

Tour for the Irrigation Council and Irrigation Secretariat was offered by the UID for sometime in June 2018. As per Jennifer Nitschelm this month is very busy for them, the Board of Directors agreed to move the tour to the end of July, if possible. Fred will discuss it with Jennifer.

100 years of the UID

Fred brought up the question if the Board wants to prepare a celebration for the UID's 100 anniversary. Some ideas came out, but the Board members will think about it and the topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

UID's crossings on the environment canal has been damaged

The UID's crossings on the environment canal has failed this spring. All problems began when the environment canal was opened. As the water moved big chunks of frozen snow, the structures made of timber were damaged.

Fred was showing pictures and a video to the Board when he informed them about the issue. When our crew have noticed the problem, our District Manager contacted Alberta Parks & Environment immediately. Same pictures and video have been forwarded to them and the issue was discussed over the phone. The meeting with Dennis Mattis, Acting Operations & Infrastructure Manager followed up on April 25 and an email was sent on May 17 to the Alberta Parks & Environment. So far we don't know how they are planning to repair damages as the Alberta Parks & Environment are the owners of the structures.

Jim is thinking that it shouldn't be problem for us to repair the structures. Daniel's suggestion was to make like a bridge for the crossings and he thinks there are better alternatives for the timber with all the technology now.

Craig Smith made a MOTION that we are not taking responsibility for the damaged crossings;
SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Lynn Bishop removed fence on Peter Diebel's land

Lynn Bishop is a new owner of the Peter Diebel's property on SE 10-5-27-4. He ripped out the old fence together with the fence along the UID's canal where we have an easement and that fence was the property of the UID. The posts were salvaged but the wire was all tangled. Because we wanted to salvage the wire in good shape as well, it took our crew 4.5h to untangle it. Many questions brought up regarding this issue. Do we need to build new fence and charge all expenses to Mr. Bishop together with fee? Does this fence have a purpose now when there is no livestock? Will this happen again? Do we need to make a bylaw about damage? Fred will find more information from Irrigation Act and check the signed easement.

JD 240DLC

Hydraulic oil cooler has been replaced for JD 240 DLC by Brandt Tractor Ltd. This expense of \$8,589 was not in budged.

Manager's meeting

Fred attended the Manager's meeting on May 2nd, 2018. Even though Fred was not in favor of the meetings, he was surprised how informative and useful the meeting was. The Manager's meeting will be planned 3 to 4 times per year. Richard Phillips suggested to have a regular meeting for each district the same day every month. For most districts it is third week of the month, usually Wednesday.

AIPA MLA Meet and Greet event

On May 8th, 2018 MLA Meet and Greet reception was organized by AIPA in Edmonton. Fred was able to attend this event and represent our district. This event was a big success.

- A total of 21 MLAs (or their designated representative) attended
- Ministers present included Minister Oneil Carlier and Minister Shaye Anderson (Municipal Affairs),
- Eric Denhoff the Deputy Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks was also present.

Richard Philips from BRID gave a fantastic speech, exceptionally brought together districts key messages in his remarks and in addition stressed the importance IRP funding and the impacts of the recent flood events on irrigation infrastructure in some districts. His comments were well received by those in attendance.

Joachim Hengerer building a screen on a Lateral D4

Joachim Hengerer is building a screen on a Lateral D4 on his own expenses. The screen is self-cleaning and big enough for 32 cfs.

IRP #2331 Leveling Pond Emergency Overflow & Drain

Emergency Overflow structures were installed, landscaping and grass seeding completed and project is finished. Fred showed nice pictures from the work done.

Scholarship 2018

The UID has received four applications for Scholarship from Grade 12 from Cardston High School and none from Grade 9 from Spring Glen Junior High School in Hill Spring. After discussion the Board decided who the winner is. Award for the Grade 12 scholarship winner will be presented at the graduation event.

Phone and fax line info

Viera contacted TELUS for information about cheaper program for the UID. TELUS offered us to use same program for cheaper price, which will be \$85 monthly for phone and fax together. This is \$32 less than use to be.

Repaired UID's canal bank on Folsom Dairy land

The UID crew has repaired damaged canal bank by Folsom Dairy. Bank was damaged with heavy equipment when using it by the Dairy crew. Fred showed pictures from the work done and was asking the Board if we need to use crushed gravel on the top. The Board decided that it is not necessary.

The invoice for Folsom Dairy Ltd. was prepared and will be sent out.

Annual Acre Agreement

Riverside Colony and Larry Gibb signed Annual Acre Agreements and have paid the fee for 2018. Larry still needs to finish his dugout.

Minimum parcel irrigation acres

One owner of a minimum parcel is offering 10 irrigation acres from 40 acres for sale to the UID. However he is not considering to sell it for \$750 per acre as the UID offered price is. Letter informing minimum parcel land owners about this offer will be sent together with the invoice on July 1st this year.

Fuel reimbursement for Ditch Riders

Duane brought up the price to reimburse our Ditch Riders during water season for using their own vehicles and paying fuel. The rate has not been changed for long time and the price of fuel is up. After discussion the Board decided for \$0.60/km based on 18,000km per year which will be \$300 extra each month compared to last year.

Jim Woolf MOVED to pay \$0.60/km each month to each Ditch Rider; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

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



Chairman - Duane Nelson



District Manager - Fred Rice