

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 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 Wednesday, May 22, 2013 commencing at 10:00 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 April 22, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger asked if Fred had a chance to talk to Larry Lybbert about gravel and licence. Larry has been on vacation so contact had not been made. Fred will follow up. David Layton asked about gravel issues but noted that it would be discussed later in the agenda. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 22, 2013 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of April 2013 Payroll

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the April 2013 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of May 22, 2013 Accounts Payable

It was noted that Doug Wilde indicated he would deal with the Price & Comin audit assistance payment. Robert Wynder MOVED to accept May 22, 2013 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger

...CARRIED

Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to April 30, 2013

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the April financial report; SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

...CARRIED

Dennis Chinner - RBC - Investment Review

Dennis attended the meeting at 10:15 a.m. He reviewed the investment performance of the past 12 months. The funds generated a 3.59% rate of return for 2012. Dennis suggested that some of the high interest savings funds be put into GIC's for a better interest rate. He reviewed the performance of the principal protected notes and suggested selling 3 of the notes and investing in alternative instruments. After discussing some new funds as potential alternatives and also discussing currency purchase options, Dennis left the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Fred discussed his investigation of the gravel crushing possibility which might offer a better return. It was agreed that finding a source of gravel, looking into markets for sale of product, and commercial activity as per Section 7(1) of the Irrigation Act should be investigated further before committing any funds to it. David reviewed the possibility of investing in a fuel tank that could be leased to parties that would be interested in setting up a fuel outlet in Glenwood as another alternative. After discussing liability, commercial activity as per Section 7(1) of the Irrigation Act, potential return on investment, and other issues it was tabled pending further investigation. Robert Wynder MOVED the High Interest Savings Funds be put into One (1) year term deposits, the RBC Principal Protected Series 69 and 25 and CIBC Series 50 be sold and 50% of the proceeds be invested in the Canoe 'Go Canada' Nor Amer Mth Inc fund and 50% of the proceeds be invested in the BMO Monthly Dividend fund. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

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Great Canadian Barn Dance Conveyance Agreement

The Kunkels indicate they will maintain the present agreement.

Irrigation Technical Conference June 6, 2013

Fred will attend the conference.

South Eastern Water Cooperative Licence Transfer

The Cooperative accepted the UID's pricing proposal for transfer of 222 acre feet of water licence. Fred talked to Roger Hohm of Alberta Agriculture and they have agreed to assist with the preparation of data and information for the public meeting. They can have the information ready by the end of August. The process of advertising, holding the public meeting and plebiscite will follow.

Auditor Proposal

Skioen Professional Corporation submitted an audit service proposal to the United Irrigation District. He agreed to a three year pricing agreement. Robert Wynder MOVED that the proposal be accepted. SECONDED by David Layton. 4 in favour; 1 opposed. ...CARRIED

Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Efficiency Program

There is a grant of up to \$5,000 per farm to upgrade a pivot system to a more efficient low pressure system to qualifying farmers. A letter was sent to some of the irrigators in the District who may benefit from the program.

History Book

Fred and Craig did informal discussion with irrigators they had contact with and the general feeling is to go with the soft cover publication given price issues. Craig will proceed with the full colour soft cover book publishing. It was decided that \$25.00 would be an appropriate price if all the costs are covered.

AAMDC Insurance Quote

AAMDC provided a comparison quote on insurance with the present carrier policy. The price is about \$5,000 less. More checking is being done to ensure it would have all the coverage required by the UID before considering any changes.

Grade 9 and 12 Essay Competition

Essays from 2 Grade 9 students and 4 Grade 12 students were submitted. The Board voted to give \$125 to each of the Grade 9 students. Duane excused himself from voting unless there was a tie vote and Jim did not vote because of his daughter being involved in the competition. Duane called for a vote on each essay and the voting selected the essay of Alexa Woolf as the winning Grade 12 Grad. David Layton will present the award to Alexa Woolf at the graduation ceremony in Cardston on May 30, 2013; Robert Wynder will present the award to Casen Barfuss at the Hill Spring Graduation ceremony on June 20, 2013; Duane Nelson will present the award to Marley Heavy Shields at the Grade 9 Graduation Ceremony on June 7, 2013. It was decided that for future essays the Board would like to assign a specific topic on Irrigation for the students to address. They would also like to not have names on the body of the essay so they can judge without any bias as per the name of the student.

Three Year IRP Plan Adjustments

The financial agreement signing will be delayed due to one irrigation district not submitting their signed agreement yet. Fred had concerns about changing the Lateral B9 plan. Daniel indicated he was looking at different arrangements and was talking with Brian Smith of New Way Irrigation about alternatives. He will let Fred know what they come up with. The projects will be delayed due to financing cutbacks.

Irrigation Council Tour

Irrigation Council wants to do a tour of the Districts as they have 2 new members on council. Their proposed date for the UID is July 23, 2013 in the afternoon. The Board is hesitant to commit as they are unsure of their schedules for July.

Fred's Agenda

1. The JD 750C dozer has been repaired. The problem was with the hydraulics and the transmission. Brandt had to make 7 trips to get the repairs completed and Fred is concerned that the repair bill will be high.
2. Fred checked with White Lake Colony and SouthWest Concrete on crushing prices. To crush 100,000 yards, White Lake's price was \$3.90 per yard and SW Concrete was \$4.00. Questions were asked about the situation between RSC and the County and if the County was looking for other crushed sources or other pits.
3. Fred noted that a letter had been received from the County indicating that an application had been made to put a manufactured home on the SE 30-4-27-W4 (the fish farm land). He had indicated to the County that the owner would need to have their own highway access and not use the canal right of way due to points of delivery potential damage.
4. Robert asked about a gate into the property of Whitford at Cochrane Lake being locked and was this within his rights. Mark Smith had provided a gate for fishermen when he owned the pit. A map was looked at and it appears that it is on his property. However, he has built some outbuildings and planted some trees on the UID's easement for the lake.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 P.M. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice