

Monday, September 18, 2017 at 9:30 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 September 18, 2017, commencing at 9:30 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the July 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the July 17, 2017 minutes; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the July 2017 Payroll

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the July 2017 payroll; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the August 2017 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the August 2017 payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July 31, 2017 Accounts Payable

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept July 31, 2017 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of August 31, 2017 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept August 31, 2017 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of September 18, 2017 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept September 18, 2017 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of September 18, 2017 Petty Cash

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept September 18, 2017 Petty Cash; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

... CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to September 18, 2017

Craig Smith MOVED to accept September 18, 2017 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

... CARRIED

Annual Acre Agreement

We had some interest for irrigating more acres that are currently "not assessed" acres with an Annual Irrigation Agreement.

These are the farmers and their land:

Jim Folsom - 14 acres on A1E Lateral, SW 28-4-27

Larry Gibb - 127 acres on SE 8-4-27-4

Mitch Merrill - 127 acres on NE 8-4-27-4

Riverside Colony - 127 acres on NW 32-5-26-4

Daniel Hunsperger – possibly in the future

All lands need to be reclassified again for irrigation. The UID will suggest to farmers to use the land for cereals rather than for alfalfa to use less irrigation water. The Board of Directors requested to build a dugout with the capacity for 1 day of pumping for pivot for an Annual Agreement to be granted on land supplied by Lateral A.

If the UID has not enough water for irrigation, acres under the Annual Acre Agreement will be the first to shut them off. Jim can see a problem running 4 pivots instead of 3 with amount of water. Brandon Gibb, based on his experience, explained a scheduling program again as a solution which we will probably need to use in the near future.

Jim Woolf made a MOTION that we do not use flood irrigation under the Annual Acre Agreement. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

Emergency overflow for Leveling Pond

The project still doesn't have an environmental approval, however as per Fred's information, it should be signed soon. Fred has preordered a pipe for the project.

The UID Tour for Irrigation and Farm Water Branch Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The Tour was held on August 9th, 2017 and we can say it was successful. Brandon suggested to reorganize another tour to include the farm or farming practices in the area.

AIPA Conference

The AIPA Conference will be held on November 20-22, 2017 at the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. We haven't receive agenda so far.

AIPA last meeting – report from Daniel Hunsperger

Daniel informed Board members about following topics discussed during last AIPA meeting:

- Review MLA Tour – the Tour turned out very well together with a BBQ followed.
- Aquatic Invasive Species Update – AIPA is looking for cutting cost by \$30,000. Most likely will be actioned by reducing samplings starting from July instead of April.
- Teleconference with Joe Peters – Power Intervenor.
- Conference update.
- Reception planning for Ron McMullin.
- Next AIPA meeting scheduled for November 6th.

Meeting with Blood Tribe Land Management

The UID was invited to do a presentation about Water Storage Proposal on Belly River during a Blood Tribe Land Management meeting on July 24, 2017. Our Engineer Darin Wilde was presenting the proposal together with Duane Nelson and Fred Rice. As per Duane, the presentation failed to meet expectations and support.

Meeting with Cardston County

On August 28th, 2017 another presentation about Water Storage Proposal on Belly River was presented by Fred Rice during a meeting with Cardston County. As per Duane Nelson, Fred did very good job and response was very positive. Daniel Hunsperger will suggest at the AIPA meeting, that presentation can be presented to other districts if they are interested. The UID will ask for letter of support from those Irrigation Districts which can benefit from the proposed water storage.

Growing Forward 2 Transition to Canadian Agriculture Partnership

The letter from Basin Water Management was forwarded to all Board members for suggestions. No new ideas came through.

Letter from Spring Glen Elementary School

The UID has built the Bus lane for Spring Glen Elementary School in Glenwood and donated some of the work. A letter from Principal, Mr. Kelly B. Thomas was received as to say thank you to our manager Fred Rice and the UID staff for all work provided. An article in Temple City Star newspaper also mentioned great job from the UID.

Irrigation Rehabilitation Program: Inter-District Allocation Formula

The UID is content with the existing Inter-District Allocation Formula, but SMRID wants to make some changes. We will wait until the AIPA meeting before we will respond.

Cochrane Lake bank repair and cost

East shore and little bit of the North side of Cochrane Lake repair has been already finished under the O&M. Big rocks were purchased from Fred's company and that way the UID saved a significant amount of money to repair washed out shore of Cochrane Lake.

The UID rented screening bucket from Fred. He is unsure about the charge for it and will look into it.

Riverside Colony - bottom of Lateral F15 and F4 pipeline through Feed Lot

Lateral F15:

The UID is looking for the solution for Emergency overflow from Leveling pond.

Fred suggested two solutions:

1. Clean the open ditch this fall. This will cost the UID approximately \$24,000. In this case the Riverside Colony needs to build several bridges along that ditch.
2. Install a closed pipeline. Fred was asking RSC to provide funding for pipe instead of building bridges. The estimated cost for this pipe is around \$100,000. RSC is willing to participate on the payment only and is asking the UID to participate more.

The Board suggested just to clean open ditch.

Lateral F4:

Riverside Colony is working on the new Feed Lot on NE 33-5-26-W4 above the water pipeline of the UID. They have already stripped dirt off in this area and are asking for permission to build a concrete feed bunk above the pipeline. As the UID has an easement 30m wide along the pipeline, District's best interest is to move the pipe.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to inform RSC to move the pipe or to install new pipe and the UID will install it at RSC expense. A new easement will follow. SECONDED by Craig Smith.

Fred needs to have a meeting with Riverside Colony again and discuss the issue.

Mirror slideshow by Jim Woolf

Jim Woolf presented to the Board Directors some pictures from St. Mary River close to Babb in Montana as he took them while travelling in this area. On the pictures we can see how much water is being taken from the river and Jim pointed that soon situation will be very critical and more water storages will be needed.

Al McEwen has concerns about stealing water from our pipelines

Mr. McEwen, the rate payer, approached Fred with concern about stealing water from our pipelines

without permission or informing our Ditch riders, because he didn't have enough water to irrigate his own land. After discussion the Board came with conclusion that it was actually not stealing, it was more miscommunication between Ditch rider and rate payers.

Hengerer Farms - Lateral F4

Seepage problem on Lateral F4 was raised again as Mr. Hengerer requested a meeting with Fred. He is asking to install a pipeline and offered to participate with ¼ cost of pipe.

Fred's suggestion for solving this problem is to bury 6" weeping tile with ½ mile drain.

Brandon see it as temporary solution for the problem. Daniel suggested to include this project into new seepage control plan and after approving it, we can continue with it as an IRP project.

Jim pointed that we need to be very careful about the solution as there can be even some spring and pipeline will not fix the problem.

Duane, Fred and Brandon will discuss the issue again with Mr. Hengerer.

Riverside Colony - wreck in our canal

Fred informed Board about an accident happened on Saturday September 2, 2017. Big truck carrying barley semi-flopped into our canal and barley blocked water flow in the canal. Fred diverted water from there as soon as he can to prevent further damage. Canal was cleaned that day and only some "touch up" work needs to be done.

Water usage at the Cochrane Lake turnout from the Environment canal

The UID has used approximately 8,530 acre feet of water from the Environmental canal as of September 18, 2017. We have used more than ever before, because of very dry and hot summer.

Preparation for fire

On September 11, when forest fire in Waterton Park was spreading rapidly to grasslands towards Hill Spring and Glenwood, Cardston County asked the UID for help. Fred with our crew have prepared extra turnouts to be used to fill out water truck much faster. Turnouts were already removed on Friday. Fred was also ready to help any time with our equipment - 750C.

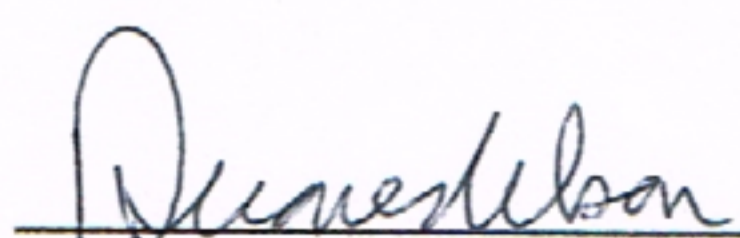
Duane Nelson attended Glenwood Council Meeting

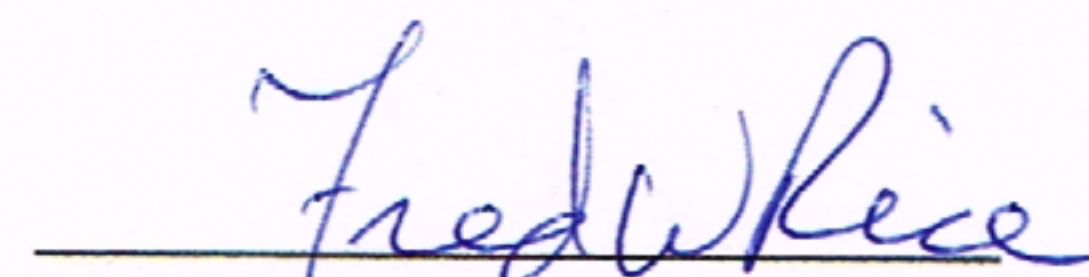
The UID has a Water Conveyance Agreement with the Village of Glenwood for delivering irrigation water to the village. Duane attended regular Glenwood Council meeting and approached them with a question why village has two different rates for portable water.

Christmas party

Christmas party is planned for November 24th, 2017 at 7.00pm. Viera will make all booking and arrangement for the party.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:15 P.M; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. Next Meeting: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.


Chairman - Duane Nelson


District Manager - Fred Rice