

Monday, June 15, 2015 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 June 15, 2015 commencing at 9:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the May 20, 2015 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2015 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the May 2015 payroll, SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 15, 2015 Accounts Payable

Noted that the IPEX payable will be made in June. The Greaser unit and the computers were purchased. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept June 15, 2015 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by David Layton.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 15, 2015 Petty Cash

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the June 15, 2015 Petty Cash Statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to May 31, 2015

The statement was reviewed. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Folsom Dairy Ltd./United Irrigation District Bridge Agreement/Containment Pond

The Bridge agreement was signed. NRCB is requiring a containment pond be constructed for storm water drainage. Wilde Brothers Engineering is designing the pond that will drain through the new 16" pipe across the canal.

Wilde Brother's Engineering Water Storage Study

Darin has indicated there is no Lidar imagery available for Payne Lake. He is completing his report on the Belly River storage sites and will provide that to the Board in the near future.

Greaser for the Service Truck

A new greaser was purchased from Silver Automotive for \$1,150 and is mounted on the Service truck. The old unit was able to be repaired and will stay in the shop for greasing jobs.

Alberta Transportation Road Crossing

Darin Wilde is completing the paper work and will advise the UID of the results as soon as they are available.

Upgraded Computers

Two laptops for the ditch riders and a desktop for the main office were purchased and are in the process of being set up.

Posts

Initially Daniel Hunsperger was advised that no 4"-5" x 7' posts were available. James Fiddler has found 14 bundles of 4.5"-5.5" x 7' posts for \$6.49 each. Brandon Gibb MOVED that the 14 bundles be purchased. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED
Jim suggested that 6' posts would likely be adequate for fencing roadsides and should be looked into for future projects. Duane thinks that 7' posts make a much better fence.

Irrigation Technical Conference Report

Fred, Duane, Daniel, Jared and Steve attended the conference. Topics included mussel control, GIS computer systems by EID, developments on canal lining materials, and flow meter challenges.

IRP Funding

The funding agreement was forwarded to the UID for signature and has been returned to Irrigation Secretariat. It is now waiting for the Minister's signature. There is no word on when that will happen.

Purchase of Certified Lifting Chains and Spreaders

These have been purchased and delivered but there were some mistakes on the ends and will be corrected with new ends being delivered from Calgary.

Richard Rutherford's Concerns With Cattle Having Access to Canals

Mr. Rutherford is opposed to having cattle grazing the UID canals with running water, especially noting the canal on the NE 26-4-28-W4 on the east of the Waterton Reservoir. He made a verbal complaint to the office with a time deadline for removal of the cattle. His concerns were based on water safety to delivery points downstream, especially to households that may be using the water. The UID has formally printed a "Water Quality Disclaimer" in the Annual Report which states: "The United Irrigation District advises that the water in the irrigation system of the District may not be potable or may not be suitable for other purposes, and the District makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee that the water delivered through the system is potable or fit for human consumption or suitable for livestock watering, recreational use or other purposes. The Irrigation system of the District is an open ditch system subject to possible contamination beyond the control of the District."

The Board of Directors determined that the public has been advised formally of this risk in the Annual Report and that this will continue to be the policy of the UID. It was noted that wildlife enter the UID systems and would create the same conditions and this is beyond the control of the District. It was suggested that in this case the cattle owner could possibly wait to graze the area in the fall when the water is out of the canal. Fred has talked to the owner of the cattle and he has indicated that he is unwilling to take the cattle out this pasture but he will be finished grazing the pasture in another couple of weeks. Fred will discuss this with Mr. Rutherford. The UID desires to be a good steward of the water and water quality and respects the concerns raised.

Standoff Colony Water Issues

The holding pond water level decreased below operational levels on the weekend causing the Standoff pivots to shut down. There was discussion about how this could be alleviated in the future. Some structural changes along with monitoring and contingency plan changes will be made to better accommodate all the water users needs in this area.

Turnouts on the SW 19-4-27-W4

Scott Young and family, the new owners of this property, have requested that a leaky turnout be fixed. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the leaky structures be repaired/replaced as needed. SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Fred will discuss the best timing for the repair with the owners.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Next meeting: July 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. It was noted that if there is a rain day close to the meeting date it would be moved to accommodate haying season.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice