

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monday, January 21, 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 Monday, January 21, 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

Also attending the meeting at 11:00 A. M. - LaVerne Vadnais (Leavitt Irrigation District) and Shannon Frank (Executive Director of the Oldman Watershed Council)

Discussion and Acceptance of December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the December 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of December 2012 Payroll

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the December, 2012 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of December 31, 2012/January 21, 2013 Accounts Payable

Duane questioned how much Reg O'Sullivan charged for cement and asked that it be compared to an on-site contractor out of Fort Macleod.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept December 31, 2012 and January 21, 2013 payables. SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of January 21, 2013 Petty Cash

No petty cash activity for December/January.

Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to December 14, 2012

There was discussion of the year end financials. There are a few adjustments being made with the pre-audit being completed. The Financial Report was tabled pending completion of the audit.

Band Saw Progress

Daniel said the band saw being considered is a good value but it is priced out of the U.S. David suggested we see if Silver Automotive of Cardston would match the price. Daniel called Silver but Michael Prince was not in so he will follow up.

County/United Irrigation District Water Agreement

The agreement was reviewed. It was suggested that the Village of Glenwood water plant should also be included in the agreement in the event of future need. David Layton MOVED that the agreement be accepted as drawn up. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. 4 in favour, 1 against ...CARRIED

Irrigation Management Workshop

The workshop is scheduled for February 13, 2013 at the Glenwood Community Hall from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Jim questioned why it wouldn't be in Hill Spring and it was indicated that it was because of the local caterer. There are about 25 participants enlisted at this time.

Oldman Watershed Council Presentation

Shannon Frank made a power point presentation on the Council and the work they are doing. The discussion entertained many questions as to the relevance of the work as it relates to the Belly/Waterton and St. Mary's headwaters and watershed. Jim Woolf suggested that it would be most important to look into storage of water in this area rather than the other activities they are involved in.

Working with the Leavitt Irrigation District

There was discussion with LaVerne Vadnais as to the possibility of the UID doing some work for the LID. Issues raised were the concerns of Irrigation Secretariat, competition with the private sector, possible need for a commercial company within the UID framework, pricing, and possibly leasing of equipment. Mr. Vadnais will discuss with his Board on Wednesday. Fred was invited to come to their meeting to discuss the issues in more detail.

United Irrigation District 2013 By-Laws

a. By-Law No. 1-2013 – Remuneration

The By-Law was read the First Time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the second time. David Layton SECONDED.

4 in favour, 1 against ...CARRIED

Read Second Time.

Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Robert Wynder SECONDED.

4 in favour, 1 against ...CARRIED

Read the Third Time. 4 in favour, 1 against. ...PASSED.

b. By-Law No. 2-2013 – Rates

The By-Law was read the First Time. There was some discussion about annual agreements and this will be investigated for inclusion in the 2014 By-Laws.

David Layton MOVED to read the second time. Robert Wynder SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Second Time.

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Third Time. ... PASSED.

c. By-Law No. 3-2013 – Water Conveyance Fees – to holders of Water Licence

The By-Law was read the First Time.

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the second time. Robert Wynder SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Second Time.

David Layton MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Third Time.

... PASSED.

d. By-Law No. 4-2013 – Household Purposes Agreements

The By-Law was read the First Time.

Discussion about increasing the fee to \$250 or \$300. Decided to leave same this year

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read Second Time.

Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Third Time.

...PASSED.

e. By-Law No. 5-2013 – Water Conveyance Fee to Users Without a Water Licence and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw

The By-Law was read the First Time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Second Time.

Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Third Time.

...PASSED.

Alternate/Transfer Acre Resolutions - 2013

David Layton MOVED that the Resolutions be passed with a closing date of March 31, 2013. Duane Nelson SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Salaries and Wages for 2013

A spreadsheet outlining the 2012 wage breakdown was provided including company and personal benefits outlined. A spreadsheet outlining the breakdown with a 4% raise in salaries and wages was provided as well. There will need to be statutory holiday pay in 2013 to the hourly workers. The overall projected salary and wage increase for 2013 is estimated at 2.4%. Craig will take 2% in salary increase and 2% in vacation time. The other employees will take salary/wage increases. The Board agreed to cover the full Alberta Blue Cross Medical/Dental cost of Fred and Craig.

Robert Wynder MOVED to implement the salary/wage increase as discussed. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Budget 2013

Fred noted that the budget for 2013 is basically the same as for 2012 with the 4% increase for salaries/wages included. A small surplus without amortization is projected. There will need to be significant equipment recoveries to achieve the estimates. Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the 2013 budget as presented. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Fred's Agenda

1. Fred outlined the suggested changes to IRP 2160 Lateral B9 that were proposed for consideration by Daniel Hunsperger December 17, 2012. This would involve changing the point of delivery and location of the pipeline. With the numbers provided, Daniel will discuss this with the irrigation companies and come back with more information for consideration as to the cost/benefit of the change.
2. Brandon Gibb has inquired about transferring some unused assessed acres. A good form was found on the SMRID site and would be used for anyone considering transfer of acres, including a form for a creditor to sign off if there is a mortgage on the property.
3. Rob Gibb was phoned about a frost ripper for the JD 240 DLC. He has not phoned about any availability.
4. Duane raised the following issues:
 - a. Has there been any word on the wording of the water licence? Dave Magee has not provided any information at this time.
 - b. Is there anything happening on Dipping Vat Lake? Robert hadn't heard anything. Fred had heard that some proposal was going to be offered to the Frenchs.
 - c. Was the SE Water Coop contacted? Yes and they indicated they would be willing to wait for word after the issue is raised at the annual meeting.
 - d. Has anything been done on the turnout for Dan/Darcy/Cam as discussed last year? Dan said it worked pretty well in 2013 but there was build up of trash. Fred will work on it.
 - e. Could we adjust our year-end deadline to fall before New Year's Eve? Some discussion and this will be considered before the invoices are sent out in July.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Robert Wynder MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice