

**Monday, November 21, 2016 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 November 21, 2016, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

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

**Discussion and Acceptance of the October 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Corrected month from July to June in the benefits of a dam on the Belly River.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 20, 2016 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2016 Payroll**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the October payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of November 21, 2016 Accounts Payable**

Noted Wilde Bros. Engineering and no invoice yet for work on the power point presentation for the AIPA conference. Also noted the amount paid to IPEX for pipe and the eventual need to specifically allocate about \$283,000 from the water licence sale to investments and not to general operating.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept October 20, 2016 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 18, 2016**

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Post Pounder Update**

The new post pounder was purchased from Flaman for \$14,500.00. Intact Insurance payment on the theft of the old post pounder was \$9,150.00.

**IRP Three Year Plan**

There was discussion focused on the Lateral B8 (IRP 2298) project. The engineer is suggesting that a closed system would be better in the long term but it would come at a significant increase in cost. It was decided to approve the plan with the present open system on Lateral B8 and wait for the engineering estimates to make a final decision for an open or closed system proposal.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to approve the Three Year IRP Plan. Brandon Gibb SECONDED the motion.

...CARRIED

**AIPA Convention Report**

There was a lot of interest in the Belly River Dam proposal from other Districts, especially SMRID and TID directors. Darin Wilde's presentation was very well done. Fred and Daniel were able to attend the convention and had on-going discussions with other Districts about a number of issues besides the Dam proposal. There appears to be a reluctance to discuss the Dam proposal with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry employees.

### **IPEX Camera Examination of Fusion Joints**

Fred and Daniel had a meeting with IPEX at the AIPA Convention. It appears that there are 2 additional fusions that failed and need to be re-worked. There is one in the first highway crossing in the middle of the highway and one at the second crossing that appears to be in the barrow pit. IPEX will cover the costs of material. Syn-Cor's fusion licence has been pulled for the time being by IPEX. The first crossing failure will need to be corrected with a new fused pipe replacement. This will require a pipe buster push through the present infrastructure. The second crossing failure can be replaced with UID repair work. IPEX is working with Syn-Cor to determine if they will stand by their work or if a new company will have to be hired. If Syn-Cor does not perform the repair work or cover costs there is a likelihood of legal action to be taken against them by the UID. IPEX will provide all the technical information if this is required. All costs for all repairs need to be documented for this eventuality. Fred used his Hi-Hoe to assist the IPEX camera access to the pipes as the UID Hoes were tied up in construction. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID pay Fred for the 2 hours of work. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

### **Lateral B2**

Fred has determined that the grade is adequate to install pipe and turnouts for fixing the water seepage issues on the Gibb property. The estimated cost is around \$12,000. There was discussion about extending the pipe north across the highway into the Lloyd Smith property to correct all seepage issues. Further thought and study of the project will be done for the next board meeting.

### **NE 8-5-27-W4 – Canal Right of Way and HFL Request**

A registered plan for the canal right of way was found at land titles. It does not appear on the owner's land titles. Hengerer Farms Ltd. will provide the culverts for the changes being requested and the UID will provide the work. Daniel asked if the present 24" pipe will be large enough to handle return flows from Lateral B8 if it becomes a closed pipeline system.

### **UID Christmas Party**

The party will be held in the Hill Spring Community Hall, Friday, November 25, 2016 at 6 P.M. David Layton will not be able to attend for the recognition of his service as a director. Another time will have to be arranged.

### **Lights for the Shop**

The lights have been ordered through DA Electric in Pincher Creek. The cost will be about \$2,700 for six fixtures.

### **Forks for the JD 544K**

Fred received quotes for fitting the JD 544K with forks. Brandt Tractor quoted \$6,376 for a quick attach fitting for the loader, \$8,950 for a new bucket that would fit the quick attach and \$10,883 for 96" forks to pin on or fit the quick attach. A re-lug pin-on attachment would be \$7,400. The Board asked Fred to get a quote from Headwaters Equipment and investigate the options in more detail.

### **Director/Election**

Michael Bishop resigned his position as Director after a meeting with Duane and Fred. There was discussion about how to conduct an election next spring with a 2 year term and a three year term for Director required. It was decided to maintain the present system of having 2 directors up for election in 2 of the years and 1 director up for election in the third year. It was decided that in the 2017 election to have 2 positions open for the 3 year term, in 2018 there would be 1 director position open for a three year term. The 2019 election will have 2 director positions open.

### **Byran Cahoon Injury**

Byran Cahoon sustained a fracture of his right foot on the work site when teaching one of the new workers how to operate the Vibromax packer. He had his foot on the step when the packer articulated and crushed his foot. The accident was reported immediately to WCB. The UID agreed to pay for time missed from work and WCB contributes payment back to the UID for part of the cost. Fred discussed this with LNID officials at the convention and found it is better to bring Byran back for modified work. He will be back for modified duties on November 23.

### **Mussel Veligers Found in Montana Water Bodies**

Unfortunately, the invasive mussels have been found in Montana water bodies bringing the potential for infestations very close to Alberta waters. There was a successful test conducted in the EID on the effectiveness of pipeline treatments with phosphates in the past month.

### **Lethbridge Hurricanes Hockey Game and Christmas Bonus for Employees**

Fred asked the Board if they would be willing to provide a meal and a box at a hockey game for the employees. The Board asked Fred to discuss with the employees what they would like. The board also approved payment of a Christmas bonus for the more permanent employees. Craig will contact the auditor for direction on how this should be paid under accounting guidelines.

### **Retirement of Assistant Manager**

Brandon Gibb MOVED that the Board meet "In Camera" to discuss the letter of retirement submitted by the Assistant Manager. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

### **Advertising the Replacement Position**

The Board asked Craig Smith to draft a notice of employment opportunity with the United Irrigation District outlining the duties and skill set requirements and to investigate the best method of advertising the position. It was proposed that the position be filled for the last part of February with interviews to be set for the last part of January, 2017. A draft notice will be put together and emailed to the Directors for input.

### **Fred's Agenda:**

1. Robert Wynder has requested a change from a pump well on IRP 2301, Lateral A1, to a steel turnout. Fred had discussed this with him prior to construction and he indicated he did not want to change his pump requirements and wanted the pump well. Fred felt this could be given consideration due to Robert's willingness to allow the UID to dig a dugout for shorter hauls of fill for the old ditch that saved the UID a lot of money. The Board felt that since Robert had indicated that he wanted the pump well he should pay for any changes but that the UID should wait and do the change when Robert actually decided to irrigate the land. Fred estimated that it would cost about \$1,500 to make the change.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 P.M. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

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Chairman – Duane Nelson

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District Manager – Fred Rice