

Friday, July 24, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on July 24, 2020, commencing at 9:00 A.M

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Nicholas Barfuss – Board Member
Craig B. Smith – Board Member
Fred Rice – District Manager
Viera Ducky – Office Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of June 24, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the June 24, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the June 2020 Payroll

Craig B. Smith MOVED to accept the June 2020 Payroll; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July 24, 2020 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the July 24, 2020 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to July 24, 2020

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept July 24, 2020 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

IPEX – pipeline order for IRP#2298 Lateral B8 and IRP#2340 Lateral F7

The pipe to complete IRP#2298 Lateral B8 was ordered and will be delivered in fall this year and payment will be done at the time of delivery. The amount is \$140,126.00 and the price is without a 6% increase. The pipe for project IRP#2340 is ordered as well, the amount will be \$235,250.00 and the price is without an increase. This project is in our plan in 2021, however, the pipe should be delivered this year and payment needs to be made at the time of delivery. The amounts mentioned at previous meetings included the installation price.

Daniel suggested to finish the Lateral B8 fist and then work on Hengerer Farms pipeline project.

PRECON – a quote for structure for Hengerer Farms pipeline

PRECON has dropped down the price for the structure to \$37,051.74, although, it was still a very high price. They changed the design so the walls will be 4" thick and dropped the price to \$26,000.

Darin Wilde contacted Arrow Creek Contracting Inc. for a cast in place structure and their estimate for the price of the structure is \$20,800.00. Additionally, this structure would have 8" thick walls. Keeping the structure warm during construction, the link seal and drain line will be an additional cost.

Fred asked which option should we choose.

Jim Woolf MOVED to go with a cast in place structure and contact ARROW CREEK CONTRACTING Inc. as soon as possible; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

Fred is planning to start with this cast in place structure as soon as irrigation water is off which will be some time at the beginning of October.

240 DLC hydraulic rod replaced

While cleaning the ditch on B Lateral with a lot of silt in it this spring, the hoe hit a three-phase electrical

line and arch, which caused a pit in the ram and took out the seal. A new rod was built for \$2,300 and John Deer will reseal it for another \$2,000.

Land classification for Irrigation

Mr. Gerald Ontkean, Soil, and Water Specialist from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry sent us an email with the completed land classification report. We found out more classified acres in the district above our canal – Blue Ridge Colony-391 acres and Waterton Colony-1,252 acres. Waterton Colony wants to start a new pivot and they might ask for Annual Acre Agreement. All these acres are above the main canal and would be supplied with water from the Belly River.

Belly River erosion

OneStop application for permission to repair the damage on the Belly Riverbank above our Headworks was successfully submitted. Fred was speaking about the situation again with Mr. Edward Evenson, Forest Officer at Environment and Parks Agriculture Centre. Mr. Evenson was also personally checking the damage to a bank. No more damage to the bank was noticed lately. Fred contacted Mr. Joseph Schow, MLA for Cardston-Siksika and we are sure our concerns were forwarded to the Ministry.

However, we still haven't been able to apply for disposition number for our Headworks - the infrastructure that is in place at NE 13-3-28-W4 in the Belly River.

2020 IRP Funding

We received IRP funding from the government for 2020 on June 30th, 2020. Our share was deposited on July 3rd to the account.

Changes on Land Titles

Few of our ratepayers changed their Land Titles due to amalgamation of their lands. We were not notified about it before Invoices were sent out. When we found this out, our records and invoices were updated.

Meeting with the Minister

Jennifer Nitschelm from Irrigation Council informed us about planned engagement session about the future of irrigation in Alberta with Honorable Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry. There are 8 spots reserved for United Irrigation District, so all Board Members, District Manager, and two farmers can represent the district and bring concerns and suggestions. Fred contacted Larry Gibb and Darcy Barfuss and they agree to represent our district. The meeting supposed to be at the end of July or the beginning of August. More information will follow.

Car in our canal south of Hill Spring

A car accident happened on the Hwy 800 south of Hill Spring last week and car crashed into our canal. Fred showed some pictures from the accident to the Board members. There was no big damage to the canal bank and there was no contamination to our canal.

A power outage last Friday, July 17, 2020

A four hours power outage last Friday caused 56 pivots to shut off, which caused some problems in our canals. All the water running down the canal cut through the bank on A Lateral and flooded some hay bales on Dan French's land. Fred hauled 2 loads of clay on Sunday to repair the bank and another 12 loads were hauled on Monday to completely repair the damaged bank. In order to access the damaged bank, we needed to go through Larry Gibb's field. Fred contacted him and Larry agreed with it. We don't know yet if there will be a damage claim.

On Lateral F7 are also few spots that need to be repaired due to the high water in the canal after a power outage.

92 Ford tires

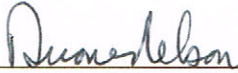
Fred ordered 8 new tires for 92 Ford from Kirk's Tire in Cardston.

Dennis & Sylvia Chinner retirement

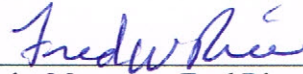
Dennis and Sylvia Chinner, Investment Advisors from Chinner Joss Wealth Advisory Group are planning to retire at the end of December 2020 and Jessica Joss will take over the business.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August, 2020, at 9:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice