

Monday, November 25, 2019 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 November 25, 2019, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the October 21, 2019 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2019 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the October 2019 Payroll; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of November 25, 2019 Accounts Payable

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept November 25, 2019 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 25, 2019

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept November 25, 2019 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
... CARRIED

Appoint Auditor

Brandon Gibb MOVED that Skoien Professional Corporation be appointed as auditor for the 2019 operating year; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

UID Investment updates

The Board of the UID would like to invite Mr. Darren Tanner from ATB Securities Inc. and Mr. Dennis Chinner or Mrs. Jessica Joss from Chinner Joss Wealth Advisory Group to our regular meetings in January and February to provide us with an update about the investments.

Date for the Annual Meeting in 2020 and Election date

Dates for both events were provisionally discussed. The Annual General Meeting is planned for Wednesday March 18th, 2020 and the Election will be held on April 8th, 2020 if needed. Bylaw for the Date of Election and Motion for AGM will be made at the next meeting.

IRP 2020 Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan

As per the requirement of the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP), the Annual Rolling Plan was prepared and reviewed. Since the IRP funding was not guaranteed in 2019 and we haven't received it yet, the UID hasn't been working on IRP projects this year. However, we are planning to finish one of the continuing projects in 2020 – IRP#2298-Lateral B8. Engineering for other continuing project IRP 2340-Lateral F7 will be finished by the end of the next year. The substantial amount of work for the project will be done in 2021. The project will be possibly finished the same year. The UID is planning to work on both Proposed Year Two Projects – IRP 2353- Lateral A1e and IRP 2354 – Lateral D1 in 2022 simultaneously. The Lateral A1e will be completed in 2022 and Lateral D1 will be completed in 2023.

Our plan is showing another Proposed Year Three Project which is Lateral F Drain.
Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the IRP 2020 Annual rolling Three-Year Plan as presented;
SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Christmas Dinner 2019

Everybody was satisfied with the food and entertainment at the party.

Christmas bonuses for employees

The Christmas bonuses for full time employees and one seasonal worker has been approved by the Board as in previous years.

Craig MOVED to give Christmas bonus to full time employees in amount of \$150 and part time employee in amount of \$75; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. ...CARRIED

Code of Conduct

The ideas whether we should implement the Code of Conduct or not were briefly discussed but more discussion to this matter will be done at the next meeting.

Some of the ideas are that if we will adopt it, we should as well implement it. Some of the regulations are already in Irrigation Districts Act and we need to be careful as this code can limit the Board Members and District Manager to talk to farmers outside of time during meeting.

Donation to Oldman Watershed Council

Fred was asking if we should send donation to Oldman Watershed Council as decided before or whether we should wait until we will receive IRP funding to our account. The Board decided to wait until we will get money.

Water Security Forum organized by Southgrow Regional Economic Development

The Forum was cancelled and we haven't receive any information about rescheduling.

2019 AIDA MLA Reception in Edmonton - November 19, 2019 Edmonton

The Reception was first rescheduled for November 20th, 2019 but because of a mandatory UCP Caucus meeting, the AIDA decided to cancel the reception and is hoping to re-schedule if for the Spring Legislative session.

AIDA Annual General Meeting - November 28, 2019 Lethbridge & Phase II filing Session specific to Irrigation Districts with Fortis Alberta

Fred and Daniel are planning to represent our district at both events.

AIDA Conference 2020

Fred Rice, Jim Woolf and Viera Ducky will attend the conference. Registration will be done soon.

IRP funding

New government promised the IRP funding to Irrigation sector, \$14 mil for 2019/20, \$10 mil 2020/21 and \$12 mil for another couple of years. Our Board is satisfied with the decision however is concerned about the impact of new expansion acres to IRP funding for our district and other districts.

Lynn Bishop from L&S Enterprises selling the assessed acres

Fred was asking Irrigation Secretariat for advice with selling assessed acres where IRP funding was used for rehabilitation. No pay back will be implemented to our district even if we will allow to remove these acres.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to allow Mr. Lynn Bishop to sell privately irrigation assessed acres on these lands:

Pt. SE 12-5-27-W4 – 8.00 acres
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Pt. SE 12-5-27-W4 – 16.75 acres
SE 12-5-27-W4 – 8.07 acres
SE 12-5-27-W4 – 2.00 acres
Total – Unit #4 83.97 acres

LSD 9 &10 NE 1-5-27-W4 – 40.37 acres
N1/2 NE 1-5-27-W4 – 18.80 acres
Pt. NW 1-5-27-W4 – Unit#5 – 39.20 acres
Total 98.37 acres

The Board of the United Irrigation District still needs to approve the transfer of the assessed acres to the new land location. We need to be sure the land is classified for irrigation and the UID infrastructure can handle the increase in water volume to supply the new acres that are added to the land. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Bar Double M Ranching Ltd. – Mitch Merrill

Rod Bennett from Bennett Irrigation Management Ltd. found out that quarters NW & SW 5-4-27-W4 were classified for irrigation in 1991.

Classification for irrigation on NE 5-4-27-W4 was completed and Mitch Merrill submitted the document to the UID together with the letter requesting to buy all assessed acres available for sale. As previously discussed, Mr. Merrill wants to put 3 new pivots on those lands on Lateral A. He is willing to rotate 3 pivots in order to save water for other farmers on Lateral A.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to allow Mitch Merrill to put three pivots supplied from A Lateral. The pivot on NE 8-4-27-W4 – 130 acres has to be an Annual Acre Agreement with the dugout to supply water to it from A Lateral. The other two pivots can be put on SW & SE 5-4-27-W4 and NW 5-4-27-W4:
- NW 5-4-27-W4 - 134 acres pivot - already has 64 assessed acres, 70 assessed acres need to be purchased;
- SW&SE 5-4-27-W4 – 111 acres pivot – already has 54.30 assessed acres, 56.70 assessed acres need to be purchased. The UID is giving Mr. Merrill permission to acquire assessed acres to cover the difference which is 126.7 acres. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Jim Woolf MOVED to sell Bar Double M Ranching Ltd. 31 assessed acres at \$850/acre; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

David Layton – 6.4 acres needs to be removed from the land SE 1-5-27-W4

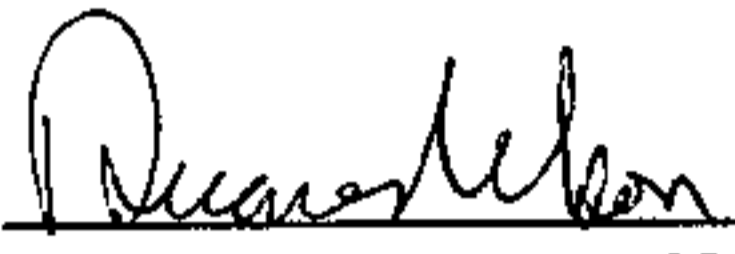
Fred told Mr. Layton that 6.4 assessed acres on SE 1-5-27-W4 needs to be removed from the land rezoned as recreational. The assessed acres should be removed with the land rezoning. The Board suggested to write the letter to Mr. Layton.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to write a letter to Mr. David Layton with explanation and offer to buy 6.4 assessed acres back to the UID @ \$750/acre or he can sell it privately before January 31, 2020. The Board has to approve the sale of the assessed acres to the other land owner before the transfer can take a place. SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

Lloyd Smith

Mr. Smith wants to reclassify 10 acres south of the Hwy 505 on NW 24-4-28-W4 from agricultural to domestic use and transfer the assessed acres to his home quarter. If it is classified as domestic, assessed acres needs to be removed and Household Purpose Agreement could be used to irrigate the land. Lloyd was planning to come to the meeting to explain his request, but was not able to. He is planning to come for the meeting in December. The Board briefly discussed the request and more discussion will be done at the next meeting.

Brandon Gibb MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 P.M.
Next Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.


Chairman - Duane Nelson


District Manager - Fred Rice