

Monday, December 14, 2020, at 10:00 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 December 14, 2020, commencing at 10:00 A.M

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

Discussion and Acceptance of November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the November 16, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of December 2, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the December 2, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2020 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the November 2020 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of December 14, 2020 Accounts Payable

Craig B. Smith MOVED to accept the December 14, 2020 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 14, 2020

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept December 14, 2020 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.

...CARRIED

Solar Seeker visit – solar panels for the main building of the UID

Jim Seely, one of the co-owners of SOLAR SEEKER INC. came to the meeting to explain in more detail and answer all questions of the Board members regarding solar panel installation for the main building of the district. As Jim mentioned, Alberta has “the best sun in Canada” and it makes sense to install solar panels to anticipate a savings of approximately \$12,805 in electric bills at current utility rates in the first year. Purchase price & net cost would be \$71,442, cashflow payback is expected to be 5.1 years and cash gained over life would be \$411,091. There are three companies to choose from for buying extra power. Jim even showed his bill for power at his private property. A new grant for solar systems for businesses is coming up in January. If the UID would qualify for the grant, it would be probably around 30% but no details were published yet. The Board decided to wait at least until January, so Jim would inform us about the grant before the final decision is made.

AIDA AGM meeting

The zoom AIDA AGM meeting took place on December 1, 2020. Duane and Daniel attended the online meeting. Price&Comin LLP did a presentation on the audit. Annual district’s contribution to the AIDA and contribution for the water quality testing will stay the same for the next year. Voting took a place during the meeting and Alex Ostrop will continue as a Chairman.

IRP#2298 – Lateral B8 project work report

As discussed at the last meeting the substantial completion of the project is finished, all construction south of the Larry Lybbert is finished and landscaping will be completed in spring. At the top end of Larry’s

property, a tie-in with five different pipelines needs to be done. Also, a road crossing and tie-in at Betty Starke's, Barry Oviatt's turnouts, and pipe down the hill and across the flat.

Lateral C 2020 Capital Project at Hengerer Farms

This capital project is also substantially completed and we were able to save some money on labour and equipment compared to the estimated cost. Considering this situation Fred was asking the Board if we would consider charging Mr. Hengerer just for the structure and the UID will pay for the link seal, turnout, and the saddle tee which is around \$5,000. Mr. Hengerer helped us with big rocks during the construction when our equipment was not able to handle it and he will do some landscaping as was the original agreement. The Board agreed with Fred's proposal.

IRP #2340 – Lateral F7

PVC pipes for this project had been preordered before the price increase and all pipes were delivered last week. We store them on a field where the construction is planned. We plan to work on this project in fall 2021.

Ray Leek hurt by the High Hoe Excavator

One of our employees hired for the project this fall was accidentally hurt on November 26 by a High Hoe bucket. Jared brought him to the hospital in Cardston. Luckily, he got only some bruises but will not be able to continue working on the project or get a similar job. The UID paid him until the end of November because he was hired just for projects and we finished them already, therefore from December 1 the WCB should take care of payments for Ray.

Bylaw No. 9-2020 Date of Election and date of Annual General Meeting for the UID

Craig B. Smith MOVED that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, the AGM is subject to Covid-19 regulations which may change at any time and the Election will be held on April 7, 2021, if needed; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Bylaw No. 9-2020 Date of Election

The Bylaw was read the first time by Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read second time by Jim Woolf. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Craig B. Smith. ...PASSED

For passing this bylaw, Nick Barfuss was on a video call.

Moving Ditch Riders' leftover vacation time to next year

Our Ditch Riders Jared Nelson and Steve Lybbert were not able to use their vacation time for 2020 as they were busy working on projects this fall.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that Jared Nelson's and Steve Lybbert's remaining vacation time will be moved to the next year 2021; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

The motion was passed with Duane Nelson abstaining.

SEGO pumps

Board's request was to find out how much will cost our district to install pumps from the environment canal to B Lateral which can be our future project. We have received a quote from SEGO INDUSTRIES INC. and 100 HP two pumps will be about \$93,000.

Letter from Jason Nixon, Minister of AB Environment and Parks

The UID received a letter from Mr. Nixon as an answer for sending him information and a presentation on Water Storage on the Belly River proposal. He thanked us for the information and he encourage us to contact David Hunt, Water Approvals Team lead in Lethbridge.

CIB loan

Each party is still working on documents to be ready on December 18, 2020, when final agreements are supposed to be signed. Daniel Hunsperger would be the representative on SPV and Duane Nelson and Fred Rice will have signing authority for the district. The UID's goal is to pay the loan asap.

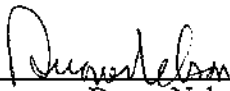
B Lateral Modernization Project

B Lateral is one of the Modernization Projects. Our Engineer Darin Wilde made a new estimate on this project and it is \$90,000 higher than Fred estimated originally. The reason is a bigger PVC pipe for this project.

Bruce Wynder thanking the UID

Mr. Wynder contacted Duane and thanked the UID for letting him use the pasture south of Hill Spring. He really appreciates it.

Duane Nelson MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 P.M.
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice