

Monday, December 19, 2016 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 December 19, 2016, commencing at 10:00 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 November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Corrected “borrow pit to barrow pit” page 2.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the November 21, 2016 minutes. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2016 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the November payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of December 19, 2016 Accounts Payable

Noted Wilde Bros. Engineering invoice for work on the power point presentation for the AIPA conference was a bit higher than anticipated but the Board felt it was a work well done and should be paid as presented. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept December 19, 2016 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 16, 2016

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Highway Crossing Repairs

Two crossings need repair. We have received no contact from Syn-Cor nor any offer of assistance except for what they consider any profit they made on the work - \$1,200. IPEX will pay for the new materials to re-do the crossings. They will also provide support backing our position if there is a need for legal action. Jim suggested that we approach Syn-Cor once more to try to get a remedy but if not then we need to move forward with legal action. Suggestions as to who might provide good legal representation was questioned. Wilde Brothers indicated there is one fuser out of Magrath that might be able to do the work if Syn-Cor will not. There was the suggestion to contact RID and MID about the quality of work of this company.

Lateral B2

Fred looked into the requirements to cross Hwy 505 if the line was extended from Gibbs to Smiths on the north side through the culvert. There will be a need for support shoes and it is estimated that the additional cost will be about \$7,500 making the cost of the project about \$20,000. Duane MOVED that the pipeline be extended under Hwy 505 in the spring of 2017 under O&M work. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. 3 in Favour. Brandon Gibb abstained. ...CARRIED

Rehabilitation Work on NE 8-5-27-W4

Fred indicated to the Board that he thought the UID could reimburse Hengerer Farms Ltd. for the culverts that were used to fix the drainage problems in the NE corner of the property. Daniel felt that there needs to be a load of bigger rocks placed at the bottom of the drain to prevent further erosion.

This will be monitored and done as required. Duane wants HFL to be contacted to see if they would prefer a cheque or replacement culverts. Brandon Gibb MOVED that the UID either pay for the culverts or replace them. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. 3 in favour; 1 opposed. ...CARRIED

Annual Meeting and Election

Brandon Gibb MOVED that the Annual Meeting be held Wednesday, March 22, 2017 and the Election if needed be held April 12, 2017. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Election By-Law

Read the First Time by Craig Smith.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to read the second time. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger ...CARRIED

Read the Second Time by Craig Smith

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

Read the Third Time by Craig Smith.

...PASSED

2006 Sterling Mechanical Problems

The Sterling has electrical problems. It is sometimes difficult to start and will shut down at times without warning while driving. It has been a problem truck since the purchase. There was discussion about selling it and purchasing a reliable used truck that will better meet the UID needs. Jim Woolf MOVED that the UID purchase a reliable truck suitable for hauling the trailer and equipment safely for up to \$25,000 - \$30,000 and to sell the 2006 Sterling when the right opportunity is available. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Forks for the JD 544K

Fred found that prices from Headwater Equipment were within a couple of hundred dollars of the Brandt quote. There was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of a pin on versus a quick attach. The safety of the employees is of most importance. The Board also suggested that Fred discuss the way the pipe is bundled with IPEX and see if it can be done differently so the JD 410J could still unload it. As there is no immediate need for unloading pipe until next fall the decision was left to see if a less expensive alternative could be determined.

Byran Cahoon - WCB

WCB came to the office and worked out a modified work plan for Byran for the first half of December. Byran has now been laid off but will still be undergoing WCB physio-therapy in Lethbridge until mid-January

Assistant Manager Position

There was discussion about the best way to advertise the position including Canada Manpower, LDS Employment Services, KIJJI, contacting other irrigation districts, the newspapers and using on-line sites. Brandon will work on getting it on-line and Craig will arrange for other suitable venues including the Lethbridge Herald. The ad will be shortened to accommodate the ad sites.

Letter from Dennis Connolly

A letter from Dennis Connolly was read expressing appreciation for the work done on the pipeline on his land on Lateral A4.5.

Lethbridge Hurricanes Game

There was discussion about the Christmas bonus and it was decided that the jackets given the employees at the Christmas party and a Hurricanes game and supper would take the place of the bonus this year. Fred will pick up the tickets at Costco at a discount.

By-Laws for 2017

In looking at the Government websites it was discovered that mileage remuneration for Gov. Employees was less than what is currently being paid by the UID. After discussion about mileage and Director remuneration the following motion was made: Brandon Gibb MOVED that for purposes of drafting the by-laws that mileage remuneration remain at \$.52/km, that Director meeting remuneration be raised to \$200 per meeting, that other meetings and UID business involving Directors be set at \$35.00 per hour for up to eight hours. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. Brandon/Jim in favour; Daniel opposed; Duane abstained. ...CARRIED

The Board discussed the issue of water service charges at length for purposes of drafting by-laws. Jim Woolf MOVED that water service charges for permanent acres increase \$.50 per acre to \$11.50; that water service charges for terminable acres increase \$1.00 per acre to \$13.00; and that minimum parcel charges and Household Purpose Agreement charges be increased \$25.00 per parcel/agreement to \$275.00. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. 3 in favour; Duane Nelson opposed ...CARRIED

Daniel Layton Subdivision

The UID condition of the subdivision was that there be an easement to allow the UID to clean Glen Lateral if needed and that the subdivided parcel have any irrigation acres removed and that there be an easement placed on this parcel agreeing to a Household Purpose Agreement for any water that may be taken out of Glen Lateral. The UID requested a decision from Alberta Environment 2 years ago to determine if Glen Lateral was a natural waterway which allows adjacent land holders to withdraw the equivalent of the amount of water under a Household Purpose Agreement. There is one land owner that is withdrawing water from Glen Lateral and is not paying the UID a fee for the Household Purpose Agreement. It was determined that the onus be put on Daniel Layton to find out from Alberta Environment if he can draw water out of Glen Lateral without a Household Purpose Agreement from the UID. The UID will also send another letter to Alberta Environment requesting a decision.

Fred's Agenda:

1. Fred advised the Board that there is already one nomination for Director for the 2017 election.
2. Fred asked for feedback on the Christmas party. Everyone thought the meal and party was excellent.
3. Fred thanked the board for the jackets presented to the employees. The employees have expressed appreciation for the jackets to Fred.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 P.M. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb

Next Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice