

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monday, September 24, 2012 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 Monday, September 24, 2012 commencing at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson - Chairman
Jim Woolf - Vice-Chairman
David Layton - Board Member
Robert Wynder - Board Member
Daniel Hunsperger - Board Member
Fred Rice - Manager
B. Craig Smith - Assistant Manager

County of Cardston

Murray Millward, Chief Administrative Officer for the County attended the meeting at 9:00 A.M. The County has purchased water licence out of the Waterton River which flows into the Waterton Reservoir. From there it is deemed to enter into wells that are accessed by the Village of Hill Spring. The County needs access to the wells via the UID licence. He indicated the willingness of the County to sell the 2 acres of land, SE 12-5-27-W4, Plan 1222AY, Block 19 Lots 7 & 8 to the United Irrigation District in exchange for the use of 15 acre feet of water from the Other Purposes Allocation of Licence No. Dated 1996-03-13. The County desires that a long term agreement be put in place, suggested 99-year term, in order that they may participate in supplying water to the Village of Hill Spring water treatment plant as well as other rural residents in the future. The consideration for the land and use of the 15 acre feet of water offered was \$20,000. Fred Rice asked about the ability to supply the water as the UID point of diversion is potentially lower than the wells. It was discussed and determined this should not be an issue as the Other Purposes allocation allows water to be used within the District boundaries. After Murray left the meeting and the Board discussed the aspects of the proposal:

David Layton MOVED that the UID enter into an agreement with the County of Cardston to provide fifteen (15) acre feet of water under Licence No. Dated 1996-03-13 Ammendment No. 0004571-00-02, to be used for Municipal Purposes within the District in exchange for the two (2) acre parcel of land SE 12-5-27-W4, Plan 1222AY, Block 19 Lots 7 & 8 for a relative value of \$20,000. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Other Issues Discussed With Murray Millward while he was in attendance: Fred asked Murray about the drainage ditch on NE 2-5-27-W4. Larry Lybbert is replacing concrete structures in the ditch with culvert crossings for a new pivot. This ditch was installed in order that water could be drained to avoid problems in the Village of Glenwood. The Village, the County and the UID were initially involved in the installation in 1983 but there were no easements put on the property to protect the interests of the parties. Murray indicated that Lybbert had approached the County and they found a signed agreement but nothing was registered on title. It is an issue that needs to be addressed for drainage purposes. Murray left the meeting at 9:40 A. M.

Discussion and Acceptance of August 27, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Robert advised he has spoken with Nancy Eckland but the water licence is only for a feedlot and not for irrigation.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the August 27, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of August 2012 Payroll

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the June, 2012 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of September 24, 2012 Accounts Payable

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept September 24, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of August 27, 2012 Petty Cash

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the September 24, 2012 Petty Cash; SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion on Financial Statements to September 21, 2012

Amortization needs to be for the full amount in proper accounting procedure for the UID.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the September 21, 2012 financial statement. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Irrigation Act Review - Section 87

Some Districts at the last AIPA meeting were wanting to change this section of the act to read that if water had not been used on a parcel of land within the past 3 years that the District could remove the parcel from the Assessment Roll. Fred suggested that this section be left unchanged from the present wording.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID's position on Section 87 is to leave it unchanged and that a letter be written to AIPA so indicating. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Mileage for Board Members

Duane stated that he would like Board members should try to car pool as much as possible to meetings outside the District in order to save some money on travel. If the Board member is going alone to do other business then no mileage should be charged. The Board Members will let Craig know if they should be receiving travel reimbursement.

September 7, 2012 AIPA and Irrigation Council Meeting on Changes to the Irrigation Districts Act

Duane and Fred attended. Most suggested changes dealt with the public's ability to appeal District's decisions to Irrigation Council. Overall the meeting was positive and productive.

MLA Tour, August 29, 2012

Fred reported on the tour. The land part was good. It was very windy for the air part. There were good contacts made with Minister McQueen and other MLAs.

Seepage Control Plan

There were no appeals and the plan has been submitted to Irrigation Council.

Hengerer Farms Ltd. Request for Pipeline Change on SE 7-5-26-W4

Fred looked into the request and suggested to HFL that the best and least expensive way to meet the request is to tie into the pipeline directly south on NW 6-5-26-W4 and do the project under O&M. The cost will be about \$12,000. The work will be done before next spring.

Hengerer does not want to contribute funding but will be responsible to connect the pipeline to his pumping station with the UID taking the pipeline to that point.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID proceed with pipeline. SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

...CARRIED

Three Year Rolling Plan

Fred discussed the significant need to do work on Lateral E to fix the seepage problems that are becoming critical with sloughing next to the river. There are two options including a completely closed system starting in Darcy Barfuss' property on NW 33-4-27-W4 and running the full length of the lateral. This option could require some reimbursement of IRP funding for 3 structures that were installed in 2002. Fred will talk to Irrigation Secretariat about this issue. The other alternative would be to start in NW 35-4-27-W4 where an open pipeline system could be installed to the end of the lateral. There was discussion of these options and variations of them.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the Lateral E project be placed as a New Year One project in the Plan to have the engineering study completed in 2013/14. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

David Layton abstained. ...CARRIED

Jim Woolf MOVED that the Lateral A1d pipeline on French/Wynder/Gibb properties be a New Year Three project in the Plan. SECONDED by David Layton. Robert Wynder abstained. ...CARRIED

Working Alone

David reviewed the legislation again and indicated possible technical options for adhering to the OHS legislation. He proposed SPOT or Blackline Loner GPS options be investigated further. Robert suggested that the meeting minutes with the employees be written up and signed by the employees.

AIPA September 17 Meeting in Strathmore

The AIPA wants Board approval for a \$0.05 per assessed acre fee increase to meet the next year expenses.

David Layton MOVED that the \$0.05 increase be approved for the proposed deficit budget of AIPA. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

3 in favour, 2 opposed ...CARRIED

AIPA conference will be held November 26-28 in Calgary. Board members to decide before next meeting who will be attending. The AIPA Annual Meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M., November 28, 2012.

UID Scholarship

Clarification was asked on eligibility by Hill Spring School. It was decided that anyone attending the Hill Spring or Glenwood Schools would be eligible to participate. The Cardston High School participation would be limited to students living within the UID boundaries.

Furnace for the Office

The present furnace has been rated to have insufficient capacity for the air conditioning unit. The office has also been cold in the winter and could benefit from upgrading. The Charlton and Hill quote for a new furnace is \$2,492.00. It was decided to see if the furnace will perform adequately for the winter with a new filter and better cold air return access.

Christmas Party Date and Location

It was decided to poll the employees about the timing of the party. Tina Lybbert will be approached to see if she would cater at the Glenwood Community Centre.

Fred's Agenda:

1. IRP Work Fall 2012 – The present balance available for fall work is about \$125,000. If IRP work is done this fall it will be using 2013 funding. There is some feeling of uncertainty by the Board with the present government about the continuation of funding for IRP funding at recent year levels. It was decided to postpone work until the beginning of 2013 and see if IPEX will carry the cost of the pipe to May as they did in 2012.
2. Fred reviewed the legal situation with Brian Hall. The meeting on September 11, 2012 did not come to a mediated agreement and it will now proceed to court with dates unknown at this time.
3. Jim Bester had concerns about the nature of the letter that was sent to him last fall. Fred and Jared are working with levels of the dam on Jim's property to see if there is seepage and runoff.
4. Jim Folsom's fence on the Hidden Valley pivot (SE 32-3-27-W4) is being redone under O&M with some participation from Jim due to extensive damage from livestock.
5. We need to purchase some new posts – 4-5"x7'. They are in short supply. VJV Foothills has 15 bundles at about \$5.05 per post. Will purchase these for now.
6. Jim Woolf mentioned that some have complained about the thistle growth on the canal around Hill Spring. There has been a lot of problem in the area with thistles this year. Likely not practical or useful to spray them this fall. Will focus on it next spring.

Robert asked about History Book progress.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

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

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice