

Wednesday, March 16, 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 March 16, 2016, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the February 23, 2016 minutes. SECONDED by David Layton.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 2015 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the February 2016 payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of March 16, 2016 Accounts Payable

Noted: Larger amounts – Skoien Professional Corporation for the audit and year-end adjustments.
Jim Woolf MOVED to accept March 16, 2016 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by David Layton.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to February 22, 2016

David Layton MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Water Licence Transfer

Documents have been signed at the lawyers and all funds are in place at the lawyers. At this time there is no direction from the Board as to how these funds should be invested.

Accounts Receivable Update

Three rate payers that were in arrears made payments in the past month. Duane, Dave and Danny have talked to the other rate payers who still need to bring their accounts up to date. Fred spoke with Kathleen Murphy about household agreement charges on Glen Lateral and she promised to have someone look into it but there has been no direction at this time. The board suggested a follow-up letter be sent to her.

Approval of 3 Year Plan

Irrigation Council has approved the Plan except for Lateral A4.5 and will reconsider it at their next board meeting in April with some clarifications on drainage being addressed. Fred asked for the Board's direction on getting engineering started on the other Year One projects. Jim suggested that he felt we could get them all started including Lateral A4.5 but the feeling was that construction will not be done until fall so we could wait for Irrigation Council's approval of all the projects.

Annual Meeting

Jim Woolf agreed to chair the meeting and the vote was unanimous for him to do so. The annual report was reviewed.

AIPA Report – Daniel

The general board meeting is set for April 11, 2016 in Strathmore at the Travel Lodge. Fred and Daniel will travel together. Duane will likely attend as well.

Water Quality Testing

The board prefers the testing be done on the basis of assessed acres. If there is a per site charge the UID would like the number of test sites in the district reduced to 2. Dave felt it was important to have some monitoring but that the districts should have some say in where and how many so we do not get skewed reporting. The board would also like testing parameters to be reduced so the cost is not so much.

Scholarships in 2016

The board desires to continue offering scholarships for the graduating grade 12 and 9 students in the district area - \$500 for Grade 12 and \$250 for Grade 9. Jim asked if we are getting the “mileage” for the scholarships. We will try to get pictures and recognition in the Temple City Star this year to get the message of our support in front of the public. The essay topic for 2016 will be “How the Communities of Hill Spring and Glenwood Benefit from Irrigation Water Supplied by the United Irrigation District”.

Hengerer Farms Ltd. – NE 9-5-27-4 canal changes

Fred advised the Board that only the shorter portion of the project will be done this year – about 70 metres. HFL is purchasing the pipe and transporting it from Calgary. Fred asked is it would be okay if the UID did the installation of the pipe which would cost the UID less than \$9,000. After discussion Brandon Gibb MOVED that the UID install the pipe if HFL will pay for the pipe up front before delivery, haul in dirt as necessary and landscape the area; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
Vote – 4 in favour, 1 against. ...CARRIED

Ordering IRP 2300 – Lateral A1d Pipe

The Board approved of the pipe order.

Electronic Payment of Invoices – Debit/On-line acceptance of Payments by the UID

Taber and Raymond Irrigation Districts are using this method of payment collection at present. The costs were reviewed as much as was available. More information will be gathered for a decision to be made before June.

Lateral B8 – Closed or Open Pipeline System

The original plan submitted under the 3 Year Plan to Irrigation Secretariat indicated an open system. Daniel asked if a closed system could be considered. It would not cost too much to have the engineer do the estimate both ways. It was decided to wait until after the Provincial budget in April before initiating any decision to make sure there is going to be IRP funding in 2016.

Warranty on the JD 240 DLC Excavator

The engine and power train and hydraulic warranty is expiring on March 28, 2016. Brandt Tractor had 2 timing options for each category of an extended warranty. The Board felt the cost did not provide adequate benefit and declined to implement the extended warranty. There is an offer to do a final assessment for \$177 and the board would like to have that done. Daniel asked that we find out if they would be willing to have us still do oil samples without the extended warranty to keep on top of the condition of the equipment.

Sale of the JD 555 Crawler Loader

Fred and Craig will open the bids after 4 PM and advise the Board and the successful bidder of the results.

Leveling Pond Emergency Spill Way

For some reason the emergency spill way was deleted from the project in 2003. Riverside Colony is now asking that the UID stop releasing overflow water on their land from Lateral F before the leveling pond on the SE 3-6-26-4 as they are going to break up the land. This will require the UID to install an emergency spill way on the pond into a pipe that leads back to the river. The cost could be upwards of \$200,000. The Board felt this should be a Year One Project next year and should be moved up in priority.

Election Polling Stations if Needed

It was suggested that the UID office be the only polling station if an election is needed. The Board suggested that the question be asked at the annual meeting with the consensus being that one polling station would be adequate.

Fred's Agenda:

1. The 2007 Western Star had a break in the transmission. JB Weld was used to repair it and so far it is holding adequately. The dip stick will need to be replaced as there is some seepage around it. There was some discussion as to how it may be managed going forward.
2. Engineering of future projects will be put on hold until the Provincial Budget.
3. Dan French is okay with the survey results by Wilde Brothers and he and his wife will sign the easements for Lateral A1d.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

David Layton MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 P.M. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice