

Wednesday, May 15, 2017 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 May 15, 2017, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Congratulation to new elected Board Members

Fred Rice, District Manager congratulated to Brandon Gibb as to continue as a Board Member and also welcomed Craig Smith back on the Board.

Call for nominations for Chairman and Vice- Chairman

Fred called for nomination for Chairman of the Board. Daniel Hunsperger NOMINATED Duane Nelson. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. No other nominees were submitted. Duane Nelson elected Chairman.

Duane Nelson called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Jim Woolf NOMINATED Daniel Hunsperger. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. No other nominees were submitted. Daniel Hunsperger elected Vice-Chairman.

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the March 22, 2017 minutes. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2017 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the February payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 2017 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the February payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of April 30, 2017 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept April 30, 2017Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 15, 2017 Accounts Payable

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept April 30, 2017Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of March 28, 2017 Petty Cash

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept March 28, 2017 Petty Cash; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of April 28, 2017 Petty Cash

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept April 28, 2017 Petty Cash; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to May 15, 2017

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the financial statement as of May 15, 2017. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Dealing with rate payer Lisa Welch questions

- Lisa's first concern was meeting's time, her suggestion was to held meetings in the evening hours so than even rate payers with full time jobs can attend meetings. There was a motion made by Jim Woolf to held meetings at night, but no votes were in favour and the motion was defeated.
- The second concern was about increased Minimum parcel charge. Her suggestion was we shouldn't invest money from sale of water licence but use it to keep the rates low. Daniel advised to compare Minimum parcel charge with expenses to deliver that amount of water to her property. Price for delivery will be much higher. All Board members agreed with Brandon, whose answer for this question was: Investment money keeps us viable in long run.

The Board suggested a follow-up letter be send to her.

Highway Crossing Repairs

Finally Highway Crossing Repair is already done. Fred explained and also shared video how work was done fast and smooth pushing 6" new pipe through original old pipe. Thanks to the Board and employee's professional skills UID saved about 7,000\$ on this project.

Rod Taylor Bridge

Fred was discussing damages and problems with Rod Taylor on his Bridge over UID canal. Original Agreement for Rod Taylor Bridge was found and as per agreement the Vendor, which is Mr. Taylor, is responsible for all repairs on this bridge. Mr. Taylor agreed to fix the bridge.

IPEX INC. – 5% increase of price for pipes as of June, 2017

As we are planning to work on IRP# 2331 Leveling Pond, so we will need about 610m of 36" pipe this fall. We haven't receive approval from Alberta Environment yet, although as per Fred is should be positive. To save expenses on this project, Duane's suggestion was to pre-purchase needed pipe and discuss with IPEX if we can change kind of pipe in the future in case this project is not approved. Fred informed that last year we were not invoiced until end of October when pipes were delivered and they still gave us price before increasing. Craig was also asking if we buy pipes from another vendor. UID used to buy "PIP pipes", but for poor quality we are not ordering them anymore and now we are satisfied with IPEX-quality of pipe and gasket and service provided.

Riverside Colony would like us to gravel F Lateral and they will grade it and maintain it for UID after

Riverside Colony has damaged UID's canal driving bank by using heavy trucks to install 3 pivots on other side of canal. UID has partly fixed those holes now by loading 4 loads of pit run. Fred will inform those representing Riverside Colony that UID is telling them not to use the driving bank for heavy equipment.

Cardston County drainage concerns

South of Marek Kaminsky's property, Range road 265, close to F Lateral are some issues regarding to drainage. Cardston County promised to make an appointment with the UID and discuss the problem, but seems like county don't want to speak about the issue as there was no effort from them. Fred's suggestion to solve the problem was to dig underneath another 24" culvert.

Berry Oviatt would like to install a culvert

Berry Oviatt asked the UID to install a culvert, which was already done.

Trucks – Brandon Gibb

Brandon is still monitoring market as the UID would like to replace 2006 Sterling which was causing problems in the past. There were some interesting options on the market, but they were gone very fast. Board was discussing two trucks which are still available and they decided to wait for better opportunity. As per Fred, we have no issue now with Sterling. Brandon will keep looking for a truck.

Daniel Hunsperger's report of the AIPA last general meeting in Raymond

Janelle Villeneuve was presenting last year's water quality study.

Review of MLA Meet and Greet meeting – meeting was very successful, about 20 MLA's members had good conversation with those who represent irrigators.

AIPA is planning the summer tours for MLA members. No dates were set up yet.

AIPA Vision Statement – Ron McMullin is working on it.

Ron McMullin, Executive Director of AIPA is planning to retire this summer. A position for the new director will be open.

Jim Woolf recommended that AIPA promotion trailer needs to be moved more frequently and be placed in good visible space.

Results of the Election 2017

Fred refreshed all information about the Election for the UID Board Directors held on April 12, 2017. Two positions were opened and we had five nominees. The Election was very successful as more than 50% rate payers came to vote. We had a tie on second place and to solve the situation, Jennifer Nitschelm from Irrigation Secretariat and Irrigation Council were very helpful.

During counting votes we discovered that many ballots with just one vote. Daniel thinks that this is actually not right because it gives advantage to one person.

Larry Gibb's requests

- First request was to change 330.81 Terminable acres to Permanent acres. Board Directors have decided it should stay as it is.
- Second request was to turn Alternate acres to Permanent acres – 107.59 acres from Devere Gibb's old land. This request is not to be considered this time.
- Third request was about pivot on the Land SE 8-4-27-4. Mr. Gibb would like to do rotation with his other pivots, but there are only 3 assessed acres to this parcel, which he both recently from Petersons. Brandon doesn't see it as a problem, it is only matter of scheduling.

Duane was asking Jim if his farmland will be affected by Larry's changes. Even though he will be affected he agree with expansion, but he can already see risks for anybody farmland under Larry's land. Fred will look for other solutions – this could be a subject to Annual Acre Agreement if the

Land has to be classified for irrigation. There are other farmers interested in the Annual Acre Agreement and we need to inform them about this possible solution. Jim thinks we should let everybody know about the Annual Acre Agreement.

Skype participation in Board Meetings.

This request was discussed with Jennifer Nitschelm. Skype request to participate on meetings should be not considered as a normal activity. If the session goes on camera, Board members are not allowed to participate. Skype cannot guarantee confidentiality.

Craig's note was that already 95% of conferences now are teleconferences using video link and we will probably need to consider it soon. Brandon is in favor of it, but it should be agreed with Board Member one month prior. Daniel doesn't like that idea.

Water samplings for Alberta Agriculture

The UID was asked for help from Water Quality specialist Janelle Villeneuve with the water quality samplings in our district and to assist with those sampling also in MVID and AID. Board Directors agree with the help within the United Irrigation District.

Total expenses for B2 Pipeline O&M

B2 Pipeline O&M needed to be done this spring due to large seepage from our canal. All work on this project was already completed, even grass was seeded. All landowners in designated area were very satisfied with job done. Fred presented expenses to the Board, total cost for this O&M project was 28,483.69\$.

Probationary period review for Viera Ducky as Assistant Manager for the UID

On May 21 will be already 3 months since Viera is working for the UID. District Manager Fred summarized that there were no big issues and he would like to continue in cooperation. Viera is very satisfied in this position. From next month on can be set up benefit package for her.

Scholarship 2017

The UID has received three applications from Grade 9 and also three applications from Grade 12. Some of the Directors were slightly disappointed with some of the essays. After discussion the Board decided who the winners are. Award for the Grade 9 scholarship winner will be presented by Jim Woolf at the SPGHS and Award for the Grade 12 scholarship winner will be presented by Daniel Hunsperger at the High School in Cardston.

Fred's Agenda:

1. AbaData information system that has all infrastructure pipelines in the district is available. The UID received information about this system from Kim Rice. Even though this system can be very helpful, we are considering it as very expensive for the volume of using it.
2. Folsom Bridge – Fred presented some pictures showing holes in the bridge and also pictures showing very dirty water flowing into our canal. Although fixing bridge is not our responsibility, some problems can appear in the future if from that damaged canal something will drop into canal. Fred will address Jim Folsom regarding this problem.

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

Next Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice