

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monday, August 27, 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, August 27, 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

Discussion and Acceptance of July 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane asked about Annual Agreements. Fred noted that Roger Hohm emailed that these acres under the agreement are added to the assessment roll for invoicing during the year but deleted at year end so they do not affect the maximum acres allowed for irrigation in the District.

David Layton MOVED to accept the July 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July 2012 Payroll

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

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of August 27, 2012 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept July 16, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

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

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the August 27, 2012 Petty Cash; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion on Financial Statements to August 24, 2012

The statement was reviewed. Jim asked if we have to take full amortization each year. To be checked with the auditor.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the July 16, 2012 financial statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Review of Irrigation Act

No appeals to Seepage Control Plan to date. They would go to Irrigation Council and then to us.

Meeting with Irrigation Council Review

A good meeting. There was a lot of interest in our mapping project and the minimal cost. It would still be good to see if we can reduce our audit costs and it will be investigated more.

Irrigation Districts Act Review

Fred and Duane to attend September 7 meeting in Lethbridge with AIPA and Irrigation Council
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Land Purchase from County

The County offered to sell property for \$20,000 per acre for 2 acres with payment in water rights from the Other Purposes part of our water licence from the Waterton River system. They would like it for development of treatment plants to supply municipal needs. There had been a sale of adjacent property in 2011 for \$7,000 per acre. This needs to be investigated more as to feasibility of delivering to a municipal location from this licence at our delivery point.

David Layton MOVED that a letter be drafted to the County indicating a lower price for the land and our interest in an appropriate water use agreement as per our By-Laws. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Hengerer Farms Ltd. – SW 7-5-26-4

Joachim would like to have additional water at this pumping location and suggested an additional pipeline from the delivery point on L&S Bishop property to the pump house. This would be about 1,600 feet. An alternative would be to put a turnout in the pipeline to the south and run it to the pump house which would be about 400 feet and half the cost. The board felt that there should be some participation from HFL including payment for the turnout and hook up and making an irrigable unit in Section 7 from the delivery point at the pump location. Fred to discuss this with HFL.

IRP Audit Review

Fred reviewed the audit with the Board of Directors. Most of the system audited is in good condition and any poor projects are in the plans for replacement on Lateral D4.

Mapping

Kim Rice demonstrated the latest updates on the mapping system. David Layton MOVED that Kim receive a \$4 per hour increase in wages retroactive to her hiring. SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Updating the Annual Rolling Plan – New Project Priorities

The Board would like to see the existing smaller projects cleaned up as soon as possible in the plan. They would also like to see the Seepage Control plan projects included in the new plans. Fred and Craig will look into the estimated costs of each and bring them to the next Board Meeting.

Working Alone Policy

There was some discussion around the legislation and possible options for the UID including cell phone GPS, radio call in by Ditch Riders prior to entering potential hazardous situations and reporting back with written logs by the office, SPOT GPS and recording for the radio or phone.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the UID implement a working alone policy in accordance with legislation. SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Water from the Waterton Canal

Robert Wynder MOVED that the UID take some water from the Waterton Canal licence; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Water Licence

Robert Wynder indicated that there is a small water licence on the Belly River for sale that the UID could possibly purchase. The Board expressed interest and asked Robert to look into it.

Bruce Wynder Fencing

Bruce would like to know who has responsibility for maintaining the fence on Cochrane lake. There was also discussion about fencing on Glen Lateral and Lateral C on Bruce's property. Fred will discuss this with Bruce.

Fred's Agenda

O&M work this fall will likely consist of some cleaning in A1 and B8.

Not likely much IRP work as our budget is about used up and there is some hesitation to do the work ahead as in the past given uncertainty about future IRP funding.

Robert asked about History Book progress.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 P.M. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice