

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 8:30 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 September 23, 2015, commencing at 8:30 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 July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the July 20, 2015 minutes. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the July/August 2015 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the July/August 2015 payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of September 23, 2015 Accounts Payable

Question about amount of gravel purchased for inventory – 300 yards – some to custom work project. David Layton MOVED to accept September 23, 2015 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to September 22, 2015

Noted GST payable and that the District discounts for early water rate payment costs about \$16,000 per year. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Irrigation Council Tour

Nothing to add to the agenda for the meeting today with Irrigation Council

Report on the July Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture

Fred and Daniel attended the meeting at the Readymade Community Hall in July. The minister is supportive of the irrigation industry. Most districts were encouraging off-stream storage to the point that the minister later asked if storage was more important than IRP. We need to keep the funding in place for infrastructure upgrading.

Report on Other Irrigation District's Weekend Water Delivery Policies

Fred reported that he spoke with Magrath, Lethbridge Northern, Taber, and SMRID. They all report, except Magrath, that water orders will not be taken on the weekend and that only emergency shutdowns are allowed. Brandon reiterated that he would like to review the policy for the UID and encouraged a 6 week time during the months of July and August that weekend orders and shut downs would be allowed. The Board will discuss the policy again before the 2016 water delivery season.

UID Custom Work

The UID checked on insurance coverage for custom work and the company indicated the present policy would cover the amount of custom work that the UID might do without increased rates. It costs \$1,072 per year to register a truck with commercial plates. Brandon Gibb MOVED to register one truck with commercial plates and to obtain a fuel tank for clear fuel to be used in that truck year round in order to be in compliance for any custom work that the UID might be involved in. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

AIPA Board Meeting August 10, 2015

Fred and Duane attended. There was discussion on the advertising budget with SMRID questioning the benefit of the amount spent. The assessment rate will remain at \$.30 per assessed acre for 2016. The Annual Conference is set for November 23 – 25, 2015. The AIPA is going to register as an Intervener in the Fortis utility rate review.

UID Used Computer

Jared Nelson would like to purchase the old computer that has been replaced in Fred's office. The Board agreed to sell it to Jared for \$1 with the hard drive removed.

Cameras at the Leveling Pond and Cochrane Lake

The cost of the camera is about \$400 and the monthly charge is \$20. There is a sales office in Lethbridge and K&D Implements also sells them. David Layton will arrange to get the cameras. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that 2 cameras be purchased to be placed at the Leveling Pond and at Cochrane Lake with the corresponding monthly plan. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb. ...CARRIED

UID Policy on Public Attendance at Board Meetings

The public is allowed to attend the Board Meetings. If they would like to participate they need to submit a request to be on the agenda at least 1 week prior to the meeting. This will be a board policy.

EID 4th Dog Training

There are sufficient funds available from the contributions of the Irrigation Districts to train a 4th dog for the mussel surveillance program. This will happen in the spring of 2016.

Investment Report

The UID investments are down \$14,200 from December 31, 2014.

Mitch Merrill Transfer of Irrigation Acres

Mitch approached Jim Woolf asking about transferring irrigation acres from the SE 28 -4-27-4 and the NE 33-4-27-4 to another location for installing a pivot. Part of the acres are serviced from Lateral A and Part from Lateral E. There are a number of factors that need consideration before approval. Jim will tell Mitch to make the request formally and the board will discuss it. The Board considers transfer issues between January 1 and March 31 each year.

Water Turnoff Date

It was decided that water will be turned out of the conveyance systems on October 9, 2015.

Fred's Agenda:

Herder Mowing Bucket – about 3.5 miles of ditches have been cleaned and it is working well. Replacement parts are very expensive.

Brandon Gibb MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Next meeting: To be determined for October.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice