

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 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 December 17, 2014 commencing at 10:00 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 the November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Fred has tried to meet with Larry Gibb but has not been able to make contact. David Layton MOVED to accept the November 17, 2014 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2014 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the November 2014 payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of December 17, 2014 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept December 17, 2014 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to December 16, 2014

The financials were discussed. It is estimated that there will be a small surplus by year end after amortization is added. The investment portfolio was reviewed. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the financial report; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Motion to Appoint Auditor

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that Skoien Professional Corporation be appointed auditor for the 2014 UID audit. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. 4 approved; 1 against ...CARRIED

Folsom Dairy NRCB Hearing in Pincher Creek, December 1 & 2, 2014

Craig Smith represented the UID at the hearing. During the hearing he noted the need for a berm to be constructed to divert storm water south from the proposed expansion in the event it was approved. He also spoke to the pictures in the materials that said contaminated water was entering the UID canal from the dairy and indicated this was from a spring on the east side of the highway. The results of the hearing will be made available by mid-January. Monty Gibb raised the question of what the UID has for a contingency plan in the event of a contamination of the irrigation water. There was discussion about possibilities. Management will contact the Waterton Environment Canal and other Irrigation Districts to see what they have for contingency plans and develop some preliminary suggestions for the January board meeting.

Eastern Irrigation District Contribution to Invasive Species Detection Program

The EID has contributed \$100,000 to the training and use of dogs in the detection program. They have asked that other Districts contribute to additional dog training. The UID would like to check it out further before committing funds and the Board suggested a contribution be considered but it would have to fit the budget and capacity of the District. Further investigation will be done and discussed at the January meeting. The UID needs to participate in some way. A similar per acre contribution would be \$11,696.

Letter to AERD Minister from Districts on Invasive Species Legislation

Jim Woolf MOVED that a letter be sent to the Minister encouraging legislation that would make boat inspection mandatory at border crossings and that the UID write letters to Alberta SW Economic Development and the Villages of Hill Spring and Glenwood encouraging them to do the same. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Water Storage on the Belly River

The Irrigation Council study on storage did not look at a reservoir on the Belly River above the UID headworks but looked at a location where the Belly, Waterton and Oldman River meet. This does not do any good for the Irrigation Districts in Alberta. Fred thinks that Irrigation Council could look at new sites as the study appeared bias and favoring Saskatchewan. David suggested that the UID ask Wilde Brothers Engineering to give a ball park estimate of how much a study would cost to look into the site on the Belly River above the headworks. Darin Wilde and Irrigation Council will be contacted about this.

Christmas Party

The Board liked the party this year and would be okay if the same format and caterer were used in 2015.

AIPA Annual Conference

For the most part the attendees were happy with the convention. A survey was completed by Fred and Craig and sent to AIPA.

Annual Meeting/2015 Election Date and By-Law

David Layton MOVED that the Annual Meeting Date be set for March 18, 2015 in Hill Spring and the Election Date be set for April 8, 2015. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

United Irrigation District By-Law No. 7-2014 Election for 2015

Read for the First Time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the Second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read for the Second Time.

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the Third Time. Duane Nelson SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the Third Time.

PASSED.

Purchase of Crushed Gravel

Fred indicated that it would be a good thing to have an inventory of crushed gravel for occasional needs.

Duane Nelson MOVED that around 20 loads of crushed gravel be purchased from Riverside Colony or if that is not possible to purchase it from the Cardston County. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

AAFC Irrigation Survey

Fred had David and Daniel complete the survey that will be returned.

AARD Invitation to the Steering Committee of the Invasive Species Rapid Response Committee

The Board wants Fred to be on this committee. Nicole Sietz will be contacted to advise of this.

Fred's Agenda:

Atco Gas hit our pipeline on D8 when doing some repair work. We will do the repair and bill them for it.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 19, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Robert Wynder MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 P.M. Daniel Hunsperger
SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice