

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on March 18, 2020, commencing at 10:00 A.M

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the February 26, 2020 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 2020 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the February 2020 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of March 18, 2020 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the March 18, 2020 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to March 18, 2020

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the March 18, 2020 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Jerry Reed wants to sell assessed acres

Jerry Reed came to the meeting with an offer to sell his 19.2 irrigation assessed acres back to the UID. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the offer from Jerry Reed and purchase 19.2 irrigation acres on NW 1-5-27-W4 for \$750/acre; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Transferring money to restricted funds

During the last meeting the Board members were considering to move the amount of surplus in 2019 to restricted funds but haven't made final decision.

Jim Woolf MOVED to transfer \$39,000 into restricted funds; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Budget 2020

Adjustments were made to the budget – 3% increase for all rates and wage increase for full time employees. Viera will have extra one week of vacation and 1% increase wage.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept Budget 2020; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Accounts receivable

Only one ratepayer still owes payment to the UID for rates from 2018 but the amount is insignificant. We will contact him again.

Hengerer Farms

Fred had a meeting with Mr. Hengerer. He agreed to purchase the pipe, haul extra material and do landscaping for the project discussed in the last meeting. The UID needs to pay cost for engineering work of the project.

Jim suggested to contact our Engineer Darin Wilde for estimated cost of engineering. Fred needs to contact Mr. Hengerer as well and try to negotiate the price so he would pay \$2,000 for engineering.

Scholarship for Grade 9/12 Students in 2020

As in previous years, the United Irrigation District is offering a Scholarship for 2020 to all Grade 12 students from Cardston High School in amount of \$500 and to all Grade 9 students from Spring Glen Junior High School in Hill Spring in amount of \$250.

Topic for the essay: What is the environmental impact of irrigation?

Essay needs to contain minimum of 500 words and be submitted to the UID on or before May 8th, 2020.

Students also need to include all references used for writing the essay.

Capital assets charge bylaw

The Board discussed if we need to pass a bylaw each year for the price when selling assessed acres. We will do it each year as the price can change in the future. Bylaw will be ready to pass during next meeting.

2020 AIDA Inter-District Tour

The tour is planned for Wednesday June 3rd, 2020 in our district, alternatively June 10th. Vicky Kress from the AIDA sent out an invitation to all the districts. The tour will most likely be cancelled or postponed due to the current situation with Covid-19.

Budget call meeting

On February 27th, 2020 Fred and Duane participated in a Conference call with the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr. Devin Dreesen and they felt very positive after discussion. Irrigation districts funding was decreased to \$10 mil for 2020 and to \$12 mil for the next couple of years. The Minister is interested in district tours here in Southern Alberta and to meet the Board Members and District Managers. He was also asking for suggestion for government rules/laws which can be done to help with district expansion.

Managers meeting

Fred attended Managers Meeting on March 2nd, 2020 at TID. RID hired new manager for their district. SMRID Board went to a three-year term for Board members to the max of three consecutive terms. Our district does not plan to go this way.

AIDA Board Meeting

The meeting planned on March 26th, 2020 was cancelled due to the situation with Covid-19.

2020 Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan

Irrigation Council reviewed the above document for the district at their meeting on February 19, 2020 and approved the district's plan.

The Dam Safety

Irrigation Council requested us to work with AEP dam and canal safety regulation framework. Dam Safety Reviews are eligible under the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program.

MLA Reception

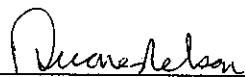
MLA Reception planned for March 24, 2020 in Edmonton was postponed due to the situation with Covid-19.

Pipe locator

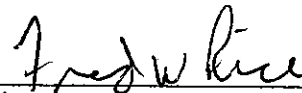
Fred thinks that pipe locator AML Pro will be highly beneficial and should be considered. No decision was made.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice