

## UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 9:00 am

### 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 Wednesday, May 23, 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 April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

#### **Discussion and Acceptance of April 2012 Payroll**

David Layton MOVED to accept the April, 2012 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

#### **Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of May 23, 2012 Accounts Payable**

Fred explained the AquaDig Hydrovac invoice and the work completed for IRP 2162. David Layton MOVED to accept May 23, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

#### **Reading, Discussion on May Profit/Loss Statement**

The profit/loss statement was reviewed.

#### **Maturing GIC's**

David spoke to Bart Leavitt of Leavitt Irrigation District about possibilities of doing some work with them. A phone call was made to Jason Comin about the issues and possibilities. Various alternatives were discussed for the maturing investments. It was decided to have Dennis Chinner renew the GIC on a 30 day rolling term for now.

#### **Meeting with Irrigation Council and Proposed Amendments to the Irrigation Districts Act**

The meeting with Irrigation Council is July 26, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. Proposed changes to the Act can be submitted to Irrigation Secretariat or through AIPA. The time has been extended to the end of June.

#### **Fred Rice Custom Work**

For the record, Fred Rice had custom fencing/cat work done on his property at full custom work rates with payment of \$6,584.49 (Receipt #2129 - April 18/12) and \$786.24 (Receipt #2131 - April 26/12).

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**Daniel Hunsperger – Section 126 Irrigation Districts Act**

Daniel spoke to Roger Hohm of the Irrigation Secretariat of his concerns about farmer participation in some irrigation projects and feels his concerns have been addressed.

**Rock Screening**

Fred requested permission to do some rock screening for inventory purposes. After discussion it was decided to do some at Riverside Colony pit and the Rice pit to have a supply in each location. Jim Woolf MOVED to screen one week at Riverside and one week at Rice. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Dan French Pipeline Cost Estimate – A1d Lateral**

Estimated cost of the project would be around \$29,000. There was discussion about the need and farmer participation. Larry Gibb should be included in the decision. Fred will discuss the issue with Larry Gibb and with Dan.

**Irrigation Technology Conference**

The conference will be held on June 14 in Lethbridge. Anyone desiring to attend will let the office know by June 8, 2012 for registration.

**Irrigable Units**

There have been requests from 3 land owners to have irrigable units established.

David Layton MOVED to accept the Resolution to make an irrigable unit on the Maurice Thomas property (titles # 961 119 019 and 961 119 019 +1). SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to not accept the request from Doug and Jackie French to make properties Plan 0914274 Block 1 Lot 1 and Plan 0914274 Block 1 Lot 2 an irrigable unit. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Resolution to make an irrigable unit on the Doug and Jackie French property NW 18-5-27-W4 and Plan 0914274 Block 1 Lot 3. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Resolution to rescind the Irrigable Unit dated August 16, 2011 for L&S Bishop Enterprises Inc. on 8 parcels of land. SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

4 in favour, 1 opposed ...CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Resolution to form an Irrigable Unit on the above irrigable unit properties of L&S Bishop Enterprises Inc. adding title number 991 373 903+1. SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

4 in favour, 1 opposed ...CARRIED

**Kim Rice Presentation on the UID Website**

Kim Rice has developed a website for the UID. She presented 2 options for the site demonstrating each to the Board. David Layton MOVED that the domain be registered in the format without outside advertising for \$100. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Amendment to Water Licence**

A letter was received May 9, 2012 advising that the Waterton Water Licence had been amended to say that water from the licence was to be used for irrigation of crops. The Board is concerned with these amendments that keep coming unilaterally without consultation and suggested that we counter propose that it read “irrigation for food production”. Fred will talk to Kathleen Murphy about this.

**4-H Calf for 2012**

After much discussion on the matter it was decided that the District will not purchase a calf in 2012 but that the District sponsor scholarships for students in the District. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the District not purchase a 4-H calf in 2012. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

3 in favour, 2 opposed ...CARRIED

David Layton MOVED that the United Irrigation District establish a scholarship fund of \$500 for graduating Grade 12 High School students and \$250 for graduating Grade 9 students **starting in 2013** with the criteria that they are from the area covered by the United Irrigation District and that they write an essay about irrigation. The Board of Directors will determine the successful applicants. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Other Business**

Robert brought a concern from Bruce Wynder about the traffic and junk being generated on the right of way to Cochrane Lake along the canal from parties and fishermen. Robert Wynder MOVED that 2 posts, a chain and a load of rocks with a no trespassing sign be installed to try to prevent the problem. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger asked about UID's participation with the installation of a flow meter at Spring Glen Park. Fred indicated that he had visited the site with Al McEwen and we will monitor future support. Daniel also expressed concern about screens on the trash rack at (location) which restrict water flow. Fred will investigate the situation and discuss it with those concerned.

David Layton MOVED that the District purchase a hand held GPS unit for about \$500, possibly with a camera, to facilitate the mapping project. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Note: Check into possibility of borrowing the County or Lethbridge College units prior to purchase.

**Fred's Agenda:**

The 99 Ford Service truck was repaired for a cost of \$3,759.69 which included fixing the dip stick leak and the clutch.

The 2002 Dodge truck heater core is leaking again and may need repair. It was suggested to try leak fixing products or to contact Sonny Cherniawski to have a look at it.

Mitch Merrill has a truck box that would replace the damaged 2002 Dodge box for \$500. Fred will see if the repair can be made.

Next Meeting – Monday, June 18, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

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Chairman – Duane Nelson

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District Manager – Fred Rice

