

Monday, September 16, 2013 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, September 16, 2013 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 the July 23, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the July 23, 2013 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July/August 2013 Payrolls

David Layton MOVED to accept the July 2013 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED
Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the August 2013 payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of September 16, 2013 Accounts Payable

Larger items discussed - Receiver General Payroll Penalty, Western Insurance, Cardston Home Hardware post inventory, GST payable on 2013 water rates, Receiver General CPP Assessment for 2012. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept September 16, 2013 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to September 13, 2013

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September financial report; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Irrigation Council Letter

A letter was received from Irrigation council offering to facilitate discussion between the Mountain Irrigation Districts on partnering/amalgamation etc. The Board still felt that it was important not to indicate interest in amalgamation in any manner. There was some discussion about finding out more on the management of the Payne Lake headworks.

Brandon Gibb Request

Brandon is going to install a pivot system on NW 19-4-27-W4. He asked if the UID would help with the cost to improve the water delivery system on the west end of the quarter. Two alternatives were suggested for consideration. The first was to cut the ditch in a way that the pivot could cross. The second was to extend the pipe along the west end of the quarter at Brandon's cost for the pipe with the installation by the District and taking out the existing ditch. There might be allowance for Brandon to pay over 2 years with the estimate of the pipe cost between \$16,000 and \$18,000. Fred will talk to Brandon about the options.

AARD Assistance with the Proposed Water Transfer

Jennifer Nitschelm indicates that there is one other water transfer ahead of the UID that needs to be completed prior to proceeding with the UID request. She says they have done some preliminary supply/demand modeling but it will be 1 – 2 months before much more work will be done.

New Executive Director of Irrigation and Farm Water Division

Ron McMullin indicates that Jamie Wuite will replace Brent Patterson in this position

Alberta's Irrigation – A Strategy for the Future 2013 – 2035 Draft

A draft proposal for the water strategy has been provided to the Irrigation Districts for comment and discussion. An email with the draft has been forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Water Quality in Alberta's Irrigation Districts 2011 – 2015 Draft Progress Report

The draft report shows improvement in the quality of water sampled in the UID with no sites reporting any problems in 2012.

AIPA Board Meeting

The Board meeting will be held in Brooks on Monday September 23, 2013. Fred will be going. Duane said he will attend if he is not out of the area. In the event Duane cannot attend, Daniel will go. Duane will know by Wednesday if he has to be away.

Water Shut Down Date

October 11, 2013 was set as the date water would be out of the system for 2013. Craig will make up some posters and have it advertised in Hill Spring and Glenwood areas. The ditchriders will advise irrigators of the need to plan accordingly.

Christmas Party

December 6, 2013 was set as the date for the party. Board members will check their schedules to ensure there are no conflicts. It will be held at the Glenwood Community Hall with Tina's Café catering again.

Revenue Canada CPP Assessment

An assessment was received for 2012 payment of CPP not deducted for Lawrence. Payment will be made to avoid a penalty. Craig will work with Lawrence to get this cleared up.

Discounts

The cost to the District in 2013 for discounts was \$16,333. There was discussion about doing away with the discount for early payment. The due date would have to be earlier to ensure timely cash flow if this was to be implemented. It was suggested that the issue be raised at the annual meeting. Fred thought we should decide earlier for budgeting purposes but we would need a full slate of Board members present to make a decision.

Gas Station Presentation

Robert Wynder MOVED that the Board go in-camera to protect the presenter's financial numbers. SECONDED by David Layton. CARRIED. Pending the outcome of other potential events surrounding the issue, the Board will delay a decision at the present time while continuing to give it consideration.

FRED'S AGENDA:

1. Lateral E – Fred outlined the results of the survey completed by Wilde Brothers Engineering. With some adjustments for Darcy Barfuss at the start of the project it could be made into a closed system. The Board agreed that this would be the alternative that would be in the best interest of the District.
2. Fred updated the Board on the water line break on A7 at Derrick Beck's place. A whole length of pipe split sending water around the Beck's home. It appears that there was not any damage to the home. It is uncertain as to whether this was because of water hammer or a poor quality piece of pipe at installation.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M. SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice