

Monday, June 20, 2016 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 June 20, 2016, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Brandon Gibb – Board Member
Michael Bishop – Board Member
Fred Rice – Manager
B. Craig Smith – Assistant Manager

Public: Lloyd Smith

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the May 16, 2016 minutes. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2016 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the May 2016 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 20, 2016 Accounts Payable

Noted: 2 large cheques – RBC Dominion Securities for investments and UID Cost Sharing for the District share of IRP funding. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept June 20, 2016 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the June 20, 2016 Petty Cash

Cash used for balance of lawn mower belt at Cervus.
Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Petty Cash statement; SECONDED by Michael Bishop.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to June 20, 2016

Noted: Irrigation/conveyance charges included in the statement – large surplus position with water licence transfer income as well. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Investment of Water Licence Transfer Funds

The current investing activity by RBC was reviewed. Preferred shares have been purchased as has the Canoe funds. Still some trading to be completed as the right opportunity is available.

IPEX Price Increase

The price increase amounted to 3% rather than the 5% as previously advised. The Board still would like pipe to be purchased for upcoming projects with the balance of funds reserved for this purpose – about \$283,000. Fred noted that the emergency spillway project will be discussed by Irrigation Council today. He also reviewed the recommendations of the engineer for moving the drain to the front end of the leveling pond removing the need to cut into the lining. Some of this pipe investment could include pipe for this project if approved.

Water Quality Testing

Jared went to the training in Lethbridge to assist in the testing but they wanted him to be available to help test all Mountain Districts and Magrath. Fred declined this and indicated the UID staff could help with the sites in the District only.

Alternate Acres

Alternate Acre application was received from Jim Folsom. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the Folsom Alternate Acre application for the 2016 irrigation year. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

...CARRIED

Scholarship

Jaylee Lybbert sent her application for the scholarship on time but to the misspelled email address and will be awarded the Grade 12 scholarship. There are no personnel from the District available for the presentation and the cheque and certificate will be awarded by the School. Note: Jim Woolf felt the award should not have been given as per the discussion on May 16, 2016.

Lawn Mower

Fred purchased a new lawn mower for \$3,200 from Home Depot. The old mower has been sold for \$800.

Re-Rocking the Road to the Lateral F4 Turnout

The rocking is about completed. There may need to be some leveling of the materials for better travel. Some big rocks will have to be moved from the pit run.

July 19, 2016 MLA Tour of the Irrigation Districts

Daniel, Jim and Duane will attend the BBQ in the evening along with Fred. Brandon will possibly attend depending on his schedule at that time.

Technical Conference Report

Daniel, Duane and Fred attended the conference. Darin Wilde presented the Belly River Dam proposal at the conference. There was discussion on how to best present the proposal to the public and to environment. It was decided to discuss the best way to continue to put the idea forward with names of Len Ring and others who might have experience in this process. Developing a power point presentation may be a possibility. It will be investigated further for next meeting.

Daniel Hunsperger Report on the AIPA Executive Committee Meeting

Most of the discussion was on the idea of commissioning a Power Intervenor to represent irrigation at the upcoming meetings of the EUB on Fortis' application for 20% increase in rates. The proposal is for a \$.02 per assessed acre charge to the Districts. Brandon Gibb MOVED that the UID make the \$.02 per assessed acre contribution if the AIPA decides to engage the Intervenor. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED the motion.

...CARRIED

Break in the Fusible Highway Crossing Pipe at the Corner of Hwy's 810 and 505

The leak appears to have been caused by an improperly installed fusion join by the installer – Syn-Core Directional Drilling. Given this occurrence there is a question of the confidence in the other fusions and road crossings that were done on Lateral E and Lateral D3 by this company. After discussion it was the general consensus that the UID needs to get the test results from IPEX. If there is a problem with the installation, the District will ask IPEX to cooperate in going against the installer with the possibility of court action due to the liability issues in the event of more breaks at this and the other locations. Fred has discussed the issue with Syn-Core but they are not wanting to take responsibility. Brandon suggested we engage a lawyer and that we require the installer to redo the work at their cost. Jim wanted to know if there is a process of x-raying the pipe fusions in all the Hwy crossings to determine reliability of the welds. The Board asked Fred to document the break and the repair along with pictures and anything else that may be relevant to the issue. We must do our due diligence in the event of a possible further failure in the crossings.

Lateral F4 Leak in SE 21-5-26-W4

There is a section of this lateral that needs to be repaired. It would take about 150 meters of 42" pipe. It does not cover many acres but is causing the pivot on the land to get stuck from the seepage. The question was asked if it is a leak or if there are springs in the area causing the problem. How much should be spent to fix it? The Board will go to the sight next meeting to look at the problem.

Fred's Agenda:

1. The remote cameras are set up on Cochrane and the Leveling Pond and are working well with significant time and travel savings.
2. Duane noted a concern from a rate payer about a ditch rider truck.
3. Jim asked when the fraud seminar was as it was decided last meeting to attend. It happens to be today so he asked if we could get some information from the proceedings for next meeting.

Daniel Hunsperger Moved for an In-Camera session of the meeting.

Brandon Gibb MOVED to come out of the In-Cameral session and that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 A.M. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice