

Monday, December 14, 2015 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 14, 2015, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Steve and Melissa Lybbert attended and Duane Nelson presented Steve with a 10 year long term employment plaque. The Board expressed appreciation for Steve's service.

Election By-Law

By-Law read for the First Time.

David Layton MOVED to read the Second Time. Seconded by Brandon Gibb. ...CARRIED

By-Law read for the Second Time by Jim Woolf.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the Third Time. SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Read the Third Time by David Layton.

Jim Woolf MOVED to pass the By-Law as read. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...PASSED

Discussion and Acceptance of the November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the November 16, 2015 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2015 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the November 2015 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of December 14, 2015 Accounts Payable

David Layton MOVED to accept December 14, 2015 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Petty Cash Statement to December 14, 2015

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the Petty Cash Statement; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 14, 2015

Discussion of actual versus budget with over budget income and expense noted. Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by David Layton.
...CARRIED

Review of UID ATB Investments

Darren Tanner and Angela from ATB reviewed the ATB investments with the Board. The investments are up about .7% for the year. Management fee is 1.3% for the Compass Conservative investment.

Cameras for the Leveling Pond and Cochrane Lake

Fred and Jared took Fred's camera to the Cochrane and Leveling Pond locations to see if the cell coverage was adequate for purchasing the 2 cameras. The coverage appears adequate and the cameras will be purchased. Fred will check one more time at the leveling pond.

Solar Optix

David indicated that the economics are marginal under present circumstances. There may be some incentives included in the Growing Forward 2 program. David will monitor the possibilities and keep the Board informed.

AIPA Convention Review

The Board felt the conference was well done. The UID presentation on a potential reservoir on the Belly River was well received. David suggested the District gather information that could build on the potential benefits in a positive light for Daniel to discuss with the AIPA executive. Dave will develop a power point presentation.

Christmas Supper and Party for 2015 Review

Everyone was pleased with the evening and the supper.

Alberta Environment and Parks- Signage for Cochrane Lake

Two quotes for 24"x32" signs were obtained. DSigns out of Lethbridge had the best quote of around \$80 per sign. The board decided to have 4 signs made up with 2 being held in reserve as needed.

Water Licence Transfer

Donna McColl indicated at the AIPA conference that the transfer will proceed shortly after the New Year. Thomas MacLachlan has been ill but Fred will talk to him after the New Year and get the legal process started.

UID Office Closure for Christmas Week

The office will be closed after work on December 22, 2015 and will re-open January 4, 2016.

RBC/Dennis Chinner Investment Review

Dennis reviewed the status of the RBC investment structure in comparison to the UID Investment Policy that was put in place in 2004. The current RBC investments fall within the guidelines. He encouraged the Board to review the Investment Policy and update it in the near future. The investment returns are down about .31% for the 2015 year. There are 2 investments that could be put into term deposits that would provide a 1% better return than the present situation. He also went over some possible investments that could be used for the water licence sale proceeds.

David Jones Meeting with the Board

David Jones, a rate payer from the Mountain View Irrigation District, asked for time at the Board meeting. He had been informed about the UID study of a possible reservoir on the Belly River. As he has land that would be directly affected on the river, he asked the Board to consider the alternative of a gravity pressure pipeline from Payne Lake to the UID area. The Board acknowledged his concerns and the possibility of the proposal.

96 Ford – Frame Cracked

Fred advised the Board of the truck's condition and there was discussion about fixing it or replacing the truck. It was decided to pull the deck off and see if the frame could be repaired. In the meantime, the Board asked Fred to see if there might be a suitable replacement truck at a reasonable price that could meet the need.

Lynn Bishop Request

Lynn approached Fred with the proposal to replace the open ditch on the corner of the Glenwood turnoff and Hwy 810 with culverts to do away with the severance of 1.4 acres of his quarter section. The estimated cost to do this would be about \$225,000 and the proposal was declined by the Board.

Hengerer Farms Ltd. Request for a Turnout on Lateral F7

HFL is going to put a pivot on the NW 22-5-26-4. There is not a suitable turn out on the parcel at this time. A structure that was originally designed for the quarter did not get installed at the time of rehabilitation. Joachim Hengerer proposed that a turnout be installed on the pipeline without the structure in the middle of the quarter. He would give the structure to the UID and would pay for most of the materials for the turnout and connections and do the work under the supervision of Fred. The UID cost would be about \$3,000. Brandon Gibb MOVED that the proposal be accepted; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

JD 555 Loader

David Layton had asked if the UID would consider selling the loader. There was discussion about the value of the loader and the amount of use it has had in the past 5 years. There have been other inquiries about the possible sale. The Board decided that it would be best to sell the loader and asked Fred to see if he could get an estimate of value. The UID will sell the loader with a reserved closed bid process to see if there is interest and would retain the right to not sell the equipment if a high enough offer was not made.

Fuel Storage Tank for Clear Fuel

Three quotes were obtained for a 4,600 liter tank. The best quote was from Pincher Creek Coop for \$6,220 installed. There was discussion about alternatives to purchasing a tank such as taking the truck to Pincher Creek to fill up or to having a slip tank for clear fuel. A final decision was delayed for future consideration.

Fred's Agenda:

1. Bruce Wynder has expressed concerns about the level of Cochrane Lake being too low. Fred looked at the structure and found check boards missing and the water not being retained as it should be. Fred will take Steve up and get some boards back in to build up the level. The flow in Glen Lateral will have to be monitored for those watering stock below the lake.
2. Fred expressed appreciation for the recognition of his 30 years with the UID at the Christmas party and for the gift.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 P.M. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice