

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monday, October 22, 2012 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, October 22, 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 September 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 24, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of September 2012 Payroll

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the September, 2012 payroll, SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of October 22, 2012 Accounts Payable

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept October 22, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of October 22, 2012 Petty Cash

No petty cash activity for October.

Reading and Discussion on Financial Report to October 19, 2012

Discussion on accounting procedures for equipment expense and what transfers to the audited statement. The form used by Irrigation Council to measure surplus/deficit was discussed.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept October 19, 2012 financial report. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Irrigation Act Review - Section 7(1) - Commercial Activities

There was extensive discussion of the section as it related to some potential work outside the District with the Leavitt Irrigation District. Jim felt that it would be better to keep the work in the District unless there is significant profit potential so that we are not wearing out the equipment. Dave felt that it was possible to keep rates lower when there is not sufficient work in the District by finding more work. It was agreed that Dave could talk to Bart Leavitt of the Leavitt Irrigation District and suggest a joint meeting between the Districts to discuss any potential project work.

Board/Management Decision Making

After discussion it was decided that any decision that Fred was not comfortable making without Board approval should be brought before the Board at the regular meeting.

Christmas Party

The party will be held Friday, November 30, 2012 at the Glenwood Community Hall with Tina's Café catering at \$15.95 per person. Craig/Mary Ellen Smith will be invited and a plaque for 12 years of service given.

County Land Purchase Update

The County has agreed to the sale of the adjoining 2 acres in exchange for use of 15 acre feet of water under the Other Purposes of the UID Water Licence. The question was raised as to who would pay for the legal costs. Also, the UID would like the property re-zoned commercial as part of the deal.

Lateral E Options as Part of the Three Year Annual Rolling Plan

Darin Wilde developed a rough estimate of a completely closed system from the head of Lateral E and an open system that tied into the end of the previous pipeline. The estimated cost of the closed system would be \$650,000 and the open system estimate was \$556,000. There was discussion of land owner participation with suggestions of full cost of turnouts, pipeline pressure surcharge, or partial payment for the turnout. Fred suggested that perhaps \$100 per assessed acre for the parcel be the charge. Fred/David will visit with the land owners.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the closed system alternative be installed. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

David Layton Abstained ...CARRIED

Working Alone Legislation

Fred and Craig had a webinar presentation from Blacklinegps on a technology product called Loner. The cost is \$2,385 for the hardware and a 2 year service contract for the 2 ditch riders. The consensus was that management implement a system of radio contact with a log to document due diligence for worker safety and determine if this would be adequate to meet legislative requirements.

Alberta Irrigation Projects Association Conference

The conference will be held November 26-28, 2012 in Calgary. Fred, Jim, Robert and Craig will attend.

Purchase of a Plasma Cutter

Fred proposed the purchase of a plasma cutter for the shop to assist with fabrication projects. Jim suggested that we start fabricating out own turn outs if we can save on the cost.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that a plasma cutter capable of cutting up to 1.5 inches be purchased. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

History Book

The book is being reviewed by Board members. Suggestions include putting many more pictures of the history into the book in addition to the 80 that are included at present and include a larger section on the service of Kirt Woolf. Corrections were noted and will be provided to ensure accuracy of the history as much as possible.

Cost-Sharing Account

There is about \$135,000 remaining in the account. It was decided to order pipe and fittings with the balance in preparation for continued work on Lateral D4. If weather cooperates the pipe could be installed to the Ted Shipley property from where the project is now. Jim asked if it was possible for the UID to begin constructing our own cement structures. Fred was doubtful as to the quality we could build to support the weights and provide long-term durability.

South East Alberta Water Co-op

Harold Halverson of the Co-op has requested the opportunity to meet with the UID Board of Directors with a request of 150 – 200 additional acre feet of water licence. The Board agreed to have him come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility. There was discussion on the value of an acre foot of water in the present market. It should be noted to Harold that the cost will be more than in 2004.

Robert left the meeting at 12:20 P.M.

Fred's Agenda:

1. O & M work this fall includes work being done on Lateral B8 – cleaning the ditch - and if weather permits cleaning Lateral A1 from Curtis Wynder's to Gibbs.
2. Jim Webber and Mike Kelly from South Saskatchewan River Basin study visited to determine specific issues for the UID. Storage was the main issue discussed along with other things including Alberta Environment practices.
3. We will be building the turnout for the Hengerer/Saputo pipe installation by the lagoons. Material costs for the turnout will be about \$1,200.
4. A letter will be sent on the suggestion of Jim Webber to Kathleen Murphy and other Alberta Environment personnel registering disagreement with the terminology on the last water licences that have been stating "for the purpose of irrigation of crops" which is a change from licences prior to March 22, 2011.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 P.M. SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice