

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016 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 April 19, 2016, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Absent – Brandon Gibb, Michael Bishop

Fred Rice called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Jim Woolf NOMINATED Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED Nominations cease. Duane Nelson elected Chairman.

Duane Nelson called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Jim Woolf NOMINATED Daniel Hunsperger. Duane Nelson asked Jim Woolf if he was interested in serving as Vice-Chairman and he declined. Duane Nelson MOVED nominations cease. Daniel Hunsperger elected Vice-Chairman.

**Discussion and Acceptance of the March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the March 16, 2016 minutes. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2016 Payroll**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the March 2016 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of April 19, 2016 Accounts Payable**

Noted: Payments to Armtec, Ipex, Varsteel and Brandt as larger amounts. Hengerer Farms Ltd. paid for the Armtec bill as required by the Board before the UID did the installation.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept April 19, 2016 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of April 19, 2016 Petty Cash**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept April 19, 2016 Petty Cash. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to April 18, 2016**

Income and expense items were discussed for the past month and the year to date. Of note, the funds from the sale of the water licence and the JD 555 were included in the income.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

**Investment of Water Licence Transfer Funds**

Discussion on investments included consideration of GIC rates and Preferred Shares. Jim asked that we get Dennis Chinner of RBC Investments to give us a proposal.

**Accounts Receivable Update**

No change from the previous month.

### **AIPA Report on April 11, 2016 Meeting**

Fred, Duane and Daniel attended the April 11, 2016 meeting in Strathmore at the Travel Lodge. The issues from the meeting included:

1. Water Quality Testing – A general agreement was reached to have a \$.09 per assessed acre cost from each District to cover the cost of the testing. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the United Irrigation District approve the \$.09 per assessed acre levy for the cost of the Water Quality Testing. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED
2. Power Intervenor representation at AUB hearings on Fortis Increased Rates Application. The cost of having representation at the hearings would be from \$.02 - \$.05 per assessed acre for each District. This would benefit the water users of the Districts if the representation was successful in having Fortis rate increases reduced. The Board was in favour of such representation if it could make a difference and preferred that the cost be the lower amount rather than the higher amount. No motion was made for committing the District to paying for participation.
3. Fred noted that the Magrath Irrigation District had used IRP funding for an engineered assessment study of their District infrastructure to help in long term planning for IRP funded projects and possible future expansion. This could be a possible UID IRP project in the future.
4. Environment and Parks would like irrigation district budgets to include contingency funds to cover possible environmental concerns in the future.
5. It was suggested that each irrigation district develop some program for presentation to local schools around the issue of “safety around irrigation structures”. Fred noted that there had been a movie produced called the “Drowning Machine” and thought the district could make this presentation for the schools in the area. It will be investigated to see if the movie is still available.
6. The AIPA annual conference will be held in Calgary at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino on November 14 – 16, 2016. There was some interest in holding the convention in Edmonton to be more visible to the MLA’s.
7. Fred thinks communication between Irrigation Council and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry could be improved. The board suggested that a letter be written encouraging more communication in promoting irrigation projects. Daniel will bring it up at the next AIPA board meeting.

### **Electronic Payment of Invoices – Debit/On-line acceptance of Payments by the UID**

ATB forwarded a 25 page document for signature in order set up the on-line service. Jim Woolf MOVED that the UID maintain the cheque or cash payment policy for 2016. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

### **Alternate/Transfer Acres**

1. Riverside Colony has requested a permanent transfer of their alternate acres to permanent acres. This includes transferring from NE 6-6-25-W4 – 84.1 assessed acres to the SE 32-5-26-W4 and 23.7 assessed acres to the SW 32-5-26-W4. From NW 6-6-25-W4 – 56.0 assessed acres to the SW 28-5-26-W4. From the SE 3-6-26-W4 – 25.6 assessed acres to the SW 28-5-26-W4.
2. Gary Smith (Craig B. Smith) has requested alternate acres on Gary Smith lands for 17.9 acres on Title No. 971 366 724 +2 be used on Title No. 971 366 724 (both on SW 24-4-28-W4).

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the Riverside Colony application to transfer acres and the Gary Smith (Craig B. Smith) application for alternate acres be approved. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

### **Polling Stations for Elections & Plebiscites**

The number of voters in the last election was fairly close at both Glenwood Office and Hill Spring Community Hall. However, with the size of the District and the closeness of the polling stations it was suggested that one polling station would be adequate and less expensive. It was noted that the turnout was poor in the last election with only about 27% of the eligible voters. Advertising of the elections will likely be more effective with direct mail notice rather than in the newspaper for the future. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the United Irrigation Office be the only polling station for elections and plebiscites. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

### **Date for Starting Water Diversion in 2016**

Many requests have been made for the water to be turned on earlier this year due to the dry conditions. It was decided that water diversion from the Headworks would begin on May 9, 2016 with availability at the farm gate by May 11, 2016. If it rains in the next 2 weeks this may be adjusted.

### **Lawn Mower**

The present lawn mower is worn out and needs to be replaced. Fred suggested it may be more useful to purchase a larger tractor that could do the mowing with attachments and also be available to pull the post pounder rather than using the 96 Ford truck for the post pounder. The Board was not too favourable for a larger tractor but suggested Fred get some quotes both ways for the next Board meeting.

### **Standoff Colony Request for Water under Other Purposes**

The Standoff Colony requires 32.3 acre feet of water for a proposed feedlot of 2,400 head on the NE 17-6-25-W4. Fred feels the By-Laws need to be amended to equalize the payment for Other Purpose water relative to Rural Water Agreement water. Jim Woolf MOVED to approve the application with price to be determined with the suggested By-Law change. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

### **Fred's Agenda:**

1. Lateral A1d pipeline is completed with some landscaping and grass seeding to be done.
2. Lateral F4 is being cleaned as Hengerer Farms land drifted some soil into the canal.
3. There may have to be some re-seeding of grass on Lateral E towards the west end.
4. The Lateral C changes with Hengerer Farms Ltd. cost was less than estimated being around \$7,800 using IRP rates.
5. Fred would like to purchase a plasma cutter for the shop. The estimated cost would be around \$1,500. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the plasma cutter be purchased. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

Duane Nelson asked if there were History Books still available for sale. There are about 35 still available. Duane also asked about the overflow on the Balancing Pond. Fred indicated it would be put into the next 3 Year Plan.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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Chairman – Duane Nelson

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District Manager – Fred Rice