

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monday, June 18, 2012 at 3:00 P.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, June 18, 2012 commencing at 3:00 P.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 May 23, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Add on the scholarship fund that it will be for 2013.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the May 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 2012 Payroll

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

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 18, 2012 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept June 18, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of June 18, 2012 Petty Cash

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept June 18, 2012 Petty Cash; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion on Financial Statements to June 18, 2012

The profit/loss statement was reviewed.

Maturing GIC's

Continue to have maturing GIC's deposited into the daily interest account until otherwise determined. Investment alternatives were discussed including lending to other districts. Contact Jason Comin about LID project.

Agenda Items

Board members encouraged as much as possible to submit any items for the agenda 1 week before the Board meeting

Study of the Irrigation Act

Duane Nelson would like a short review of parts of the Act at each board meeting in order to become better informed on the Act.

Irrigation Technology Conference Review

Fred and Danny attended the conference. Items that were of interest included the new LIDAR imaging, the water quality study that showed some marginal quality in the UID, and the likely changes needed under Working Alone legislation especially for our Ditch Riders.

Irrigable Units Resolutions

Spring Valley Holdings Ltd. – NW 15-4-27-4 and NW/NE 16-4-27-4 (total 213.0 assessed acres)

David Layton MOVED to accept the Resolution; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Scott/Kelly Young – Plan 1002EJ – Block A, Lots 5,7, W ½ 7, Block 1, Block A S ½ Lot 1, N ½ of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2 to Lot 4. (total 48.98 assessed acres – 4 parcels)

Robert Wynder Moved to accept the Resolution; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ... CARRIED

Structure Design on Section 16-5-27-4

Cam Francis and Darcy Barfuss attended the meeting at 4:00 PM. They share this structure with Daniel Hunsperger. As it is designed and operated there are problems at times with adequate water availability for all rate payers to keep their systems running. It was felt that if adequate water was maintained in the structure that this would solve the problem. If not, perhaps a pony wall could be installed to ensure adequate water was maintained for both sides of the system. Fred will monitor this with the Ditch Rider this season and determine if a pony wall needs to be installed this fall. Cam Francis encouraged the Board to look at all sides of an issue, including talking to all parties before making decisions.

Kent Archibald Land – NE 12-5-27-4

Kent had indicated he would like the water rights removed from this parcel to avoid minimum parcel charges but retracted his request when he learned the water rights would not be available later if he removed them.

Mapping

A review was made of the mapping work that Kim Rice had been doing with the new GIS equipment. The Mobile Mapper Unit cost \$2,043.83. The Board Members were polled by phone prior to the purchase for approval.

Letter on Water Licence change

Fred talked with Kathleen Murphy about the licence stating it was only for irrigation of crops wording. It was discovered that this wording was on the original licence after the change of purpose was approved. Environment will not be changing the wording. Watering of livestock, filling of ponds should likely be done under the other purpose section of the water licence according to Kathleen.

Parade Float

The Board of Directors would like the UID to continue to have a float in the Hill Spring and Glenwood parades. A banner should be made that could be used each year. Jim felt it should be 30 inches by 20 feet for each side of the float. He also would like to see magnetic signs for some of the vehicles and equipment identifying the UID. Another suggestion was to have signs made for construction indicating it is a UID project.

Special Leave Policy for the UID

Some examples of special leave (including bereavement) policies of other Districts were reviewed. The Board would like management to draft a policy for review at the next board meeting.

Water Orders – Start Up and Shut Down

Robert Wynder MOVED that water orders be 24 hours before start up and 24 hours notice for shutoff with exceptions at the discretion of the District. SECONDED by David Layton.

...CARRIED

Water Tax Payment Options

Jim Woolf would like the UID to make on-line payments an option for the rate payers. There was discussion of problems with rate payers understanding what they should pay with the 5% discount if payment is made by July 31 and how this might be compounded with on-line payments. Some discussion about removing the 5% discount. Duane would like to take this issue to the annual meeting before making any changes. Jim Woolf MOVED that on-line payments be implemented and if possible for the 2012 invoices; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Larry Gibb Crop Damage

Wind drift of the spray has damaged about 2 acres of Larry's crop that had been underseeded to alfalfa. He will monitor the growth and if after silaging there is damage he would agree to have the UID provide alfalfa seed and he would do the re-seeding.

Mark Merrill Dugout Cleaning and Burying Old Equipment

The old equipment buried belonged to Brian Hall. He wants reimbursement for the equipment in the amount of \$3,600. Mitch Merrill has told the Board members to leave the issue with him and he will work it out with Brian Hall.

Meeting with Irrigation Council July 26, 2012

The meeting with Irrigation Council is July 26, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. There will not be a tour. The meeting will be at the Glenwood Community Hall.

Irrigation District Act Review with AIPA

Fred and Duane will attend the meeting on June 25, 2012 in Lethbridge.

Fred's Agenda:

Fred would like to rent the Vibromax packer for building his new home. He would like to park it at his place and only pay for the time of use. The Board agreed that it would be ok with this arrangement.

Riverside Colony would like to move alternate acres used for SW 28-5-26-4 pivot back to the original parcel as the water is needed to flood pasture there. They would like to have 56 alternate acres from NW 6-6-25-4 in Irrigable Unit #5 moved to Irrigable Unit #2 to cover the needs of SW 28-5-26-4. The Board of Directors agreed to this change.

The County will pay the minimum parcel charge on Parcel X, Plan 6594FK (3.72 acres) but would like the UID to waive the minimum parcel charge on Block 19, 1222AY (2 acres) since the UID had been storing structures and culverts on it. The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing Block 19, 1222AY since it is adjacent to the UID property. This will be proposed to the County.

Fred discussed the Dan French proposed pipeline with Larry Gibb. He would like the ditch moved to the property line and would possibly contribute a limited amount to the project if it was done. Robert indicated that he would not likely contribute to the project because of 3 previous projects across his properties without new fences built. Robert left the discussion. The board decided to postpone the project until a survey could be done.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 16, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. unless Board members are haying

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice