

Monday, March 21, 2018 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 March 21, 2018, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice- Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Craig B. Smith – Board Member
Brandon Gibb – Board Member
Fred Rice – Manager
Viera Ducky – Assistant Manager
Public in attendance – Lloyd Smith

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Brandon Gibb to accept the February 20, 2018 minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 2018 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the February 2018 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of March 21, 2018 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept March 21, 2018 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of March 21, 2018 Petty Cash

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept March 21, 2018 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to March 21, 2018

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept March 21, 2018 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
... CARRIED

Bylaw to borrow money

By-Law No. 6-2018 – Borrowing Bylaw

The By-Law was read the First Time by Jim Woolf. Brandon Gibb MOVED to read the second time. Duane Nelson SECONDED.
...CARRIED

Read Second Time by Brandon Gibb. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Brandon Gibb SECONDED.
...CARRIED

Read the Third Time by Duane Nelson.
...PASSED.

John Deere 210 GLC Excavator

A new John Deere 210 GLC Excavator with two buckets was delivered on March 1st, 2018. Brad Archibald welded on a lifting lug. Radio needs to be install and machine is ready to be used. Fred is satisfied with the equipment.

Budged day call

March 22nd, 2018 was set as a Budget day conference call with Minister Oneil Carlier regarding funding for Irrigation Rehabilitation Projects. Fred Rice and Duane Nelson will be on the call.

Rates from 2016

All rates for 2016 have been paid by rate payers, therefore Rate Enforcement return is not needed. Four rate-payers still owe money to UID in amount of \$5,066.65 for 2017.

Letters of support for Water Storage Proposal along the Belly River

The UID received Letters of support from SMRID and Cardston County. All Letters of support for the Flood Mitigation and Water Storage along the Belly River were forwarded to Irrigation Council. Fred Rice, Duane Nelson and Daniel Hunsperger attended AIPA Meeting on March 16, 2018 in Lethbridge where all Proposals for Water Reservoirs were discussed. They feel like our proposal is in bad light due to wrong information.

Reservoir ranking criteria

Richard Philips, General Manager of Bow River Irrigation District sent an email with Reservoir ranking criteria which can be used to assess the relative merits of all proposed reservoirs. Board was discussing the criteria and applying them on our proposed project. Some of the criteria are not clear to us so Fred will talk to Mr. Philips.

Water sharing meeting

Next Water sharing meeting will be on April 17th, 2018 at Readymade Hall a 9.30 A.M. Based on previous meeting Duane remarked that the UID is supposed to get "special consideration" in the agreement as we don't have a storage on Belly River. Everybody is hoping for good year that Irrigation Districts don't need any water sharing agreements.

Scholarship 2018

As in previous years the UID will offer Scholarship to all students from Cardston High School - Grade 12 in amount of \$500 and to all students from Spring Glen Junior High School in Hill Spring-Grade 9 in amount of \$250.

Topic for essay is: Upper Belly River Storage pros & cons and how Cardston County and Southern Alberta can benefit from it in the future. Essay needs to be submitted before May 4, 2018.

Is the Board of Directors interested in purchasing acres from Minimum parcel owners?

Fred was asking the Board is the UID will be interested to buy acres from Minimum parcel owners as there is already irrigation infrastructure. Owners of those parcel will still have access to irrigation water through Household purpose agreement or Annual Acre Agreement. The UID discussed price willing to pay for an acre; \$750/acre was considered.

Appointment of Annual Meeting Chairperson

Jim Woolf was appointed by the Board of Directors to be a Chairman of the Annual Meeting today at 1:00 P.M. at the Glenwood Community Hall. Mr. Woolf agreed.

AIPA Meeting - Daniel Hunsperger report

- Discussion about all Water Reservoirs Proposed Projects
- Election in Irrigation Districts
- AIPA Conference is planned for Feb 4-6th, 2019
- Inter District tour planned for June 6th, 2018 if weather allows, alternatively June 28th
- MLA Meet and Greet - May 8th, 2018 in Edmonton 6:00-8:00 P.M.
- Tentatively Tour of IPEX plant - May 9th, 2018

Manager's meeting

Terrence Lazarus, District Manager of SMRID proposed to start the Manager's meetings after each AIPA meeting. Fred agreed with it, although he is afraid he will be not able to commit to more meetings during the year.


Letter of support for Irrigation District to be considered elected officials

The UID did send a Letter of support for Irrigation District Board members to be considered elected officials. The Board of Directors support this decision.

2018 Irrigation Technical Conference

Fred Rice, District Manager and our Ditchriders Steve Lybbert and Jared Nelson attended an Irrigation Technical Conference. Fred reported that the conference was pretty good. He also informed the Board about some information they have learned.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 P.M.
Next Meeting: Monday, April 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.


Chairman - Duane Nelson


District Manager - Fred Rice