

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AGENDA

These are the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 commencing at 7:00 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

1. Budget/Rate Review

Fred Rice and B. Craig Smith reviewed the adjusted budget with the Board Members. The budget in the past has not considered the effect of amortization on the surplus/deficit position of the District as it relates to the Irrigation Districts Act. The Act legislates that a District needs to demonstrate a balanced budget for operations. The budget under present irrigation acre rates shows the potential of a significant deficit for 2013. Jim Woolf MOVED that irrigation rates and terminable rates be increased by \$2.00 per assessed acre. The motion will also include increasing the water conveyance rates to the Villages of Hill Spring and Glenwood accordingly. David Layton SECONDED the motion. ... CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to rescind the Rate By-law 2-2013 and the Water Conveyance Fee to the Villages of Hill Spring and Glenwood By-law 3-2013 dated January 21, 2013. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

a. By-Law No. 6-2013 - Rates

Read First Time:

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the second time. David Layton SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Second Time.

David Layton MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Third Time.

... PASSED.

b. By-Law No. 7-2013 - Water Conveyance Fees - to holders of Water Licence

The By-Law was read the First Time.

Jim Woolf MOVED to read the second time. David Layton SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Second Time.

Robert Wynder MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the Third Time.

...PASSED

2. South Eastern Alberta Water Cooperative Request for 200 acre feet of water licence

B. Craig Smith suggested that a sale of licence as requested by the cooperative would take care of the deficit position in 2013. David Layton felt this was a short sighted solution and that the District should not sell any water licence. After discussion of the issue at length by the Board Members and management, David Layton MOVED that the District explore ways to provide water to the South Eastern Alberta Water Cooperative without selling water licence, possibly through the other purposes amendment to the District's water licence with a timeline of April 22, 2013. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

3. Auditor Proposal

A proposal has been received from a different chartered accountant to do our auditing for 2013. This will be discussed in more detail at the next regular board meeting.

4. General Discussion

Duane Nelson raised the issue of pressure surcharges on pipelines. He feels that there should be no pressure surcharges on lines where the land owner has participated in the installation charges for the pipeline in order to have the benefit of better pressure. The present project on Lateral D4 did not have any capital participation so there could be pressure surcharges to the land owners.

Robert Wynder and David Layton felt the District could look into some type of gravel development as a source of revenue.

Robert Wynder suggested in light of the tight financial position that the Board Members do not all need to go to extra meetings in order to cut some costs.

5. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Fred Rice noted that there should have been an election of chairman and vice-chairman at the beginning of the meeting as it is the first board meeting after the 2 board members were returned by acclamation.

Jim Woolf NOMINATED Duane Nelson as Chairman. David Layton SECONDED. No other nominations made. Vote: 4 in favour. Daniel Hunsperger had left and was contacted. He was in favour. ...CARRIED

Robert Wynder NOMINATED Jim Woolf as Vice-Chairman. SECONDED by David Layton. Jim Woolf NOMINATED David Layton as Vice-Chairman. No one seconded the nomination. Vote: 4 in favour. Daniel Hunsperger had left and was contacted. He was in Favour. ...CARRIED

Jim Woolf Moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 P.M. ...CARRIED

Duane Nelson – Chairman

Fred Rice – District Manager