# Monday, June 19, 2017 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 June 19, 2017, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

Present:

Duane Nelson - Chairman

Daniel Hunsperger - Vice-Chairman

Jim Woolf – Board Member Craig B. Smith – Board Member

Fred Rice - Manager

Viera Ducky - Assistant Manager

Absent: Brandon Gibb - Board Member

Public: Lloyd Smith

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the May 15, 2017 minutes; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2017 Payroll

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May payroll; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of June 19, 2017 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept June 19, 2017 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of June 19, 2017 Petty Cash

Cash used for registration fee for new equipment 1998 Kenworth.

Craig Smith MOVED to accept June 19, 2017 Petty Cash; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to June 19, 2017

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the financial statement as of June 19, 2017; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

**Folsom Bridge** 

Folsom Bridge was already repaired by placing concrete pad in place. Fred presented pictures showing replacement.

**Annual Acre Agreement** 

UID will offer all ratepayers the opportunity to irrigate acres which are currently "not accessed" acres with an Annual Irrigation Agreement. All applications are subject to the Board approval because of infrastructure restrictions. Notice will be sent out to all ratepayers together with invoice on July 1st. The Applicants shall pay to the District at the time of signing this agreement.

## **Issues with Rod Taylor**

Mr. Taylor was complaining about tumbleweeds on his fence after recent very strong wind in Southern Alberta. UID employees had been cleaning the ditch this spring and wet weeds were left along the canal for later pick up. Some of those weeds were blown out on the fence as well as weeds from Mr. Taylor's property. Fence was already cleaned.

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Mr. Taylor thinks that UID should repair the bridge. Duane Nelson will contact him.

# Legal land survey by Cochrane Lake outlet

The UID has decided to get a Legal survey on the North side of the Cochrane Lake. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the UID will order a Legal survey; Seconded by Craig Smith.

#### **Estimates for Lateral B8**

Our Engineer Darin Wilde has been updating cost estimates on Lateral B8. The Project can be completed with an open or closed system. The Board has decided for a closed system. The closed system is more efficient and will replace all existing concrete line which is almost 40years old. Duane Nelson MOVED to approve the closed system to complete Project Lateral B8; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

#### Purchased truck

A used 1998 Kenworth was bought from Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd. to replace the 2006 Sterling. Fred has used the truck once and is satisfied with it so far. The 2006 Sterling will be cleaned and prepared for sale. Fred will contact Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers for more information.

# Letter from SynCore Directional lawyer

We have received a letter from Torry Lewis Abells Lawyers representing SynCore. The matter was discussed again and a confidential letter was signed and sent to the lawyer.

## IPEX INC. - pipes ordered

36" pipe for the Overflow Pond Project - IRP 2331 was pre-ordered prior to price increase. We still can change our order if we need to and the bill will be sent after the pipe is delivered.

## AIPA regular meeting

Daniel Hunsperger reported on the AIPA Executive Committee Meeting on May 29th.

- Special meeting will be on July 5<sup>th</sup> interview for Ron McMullin's position. Fred suggested to address Brent Paterson for this position.
- MLA tour is planned for July 25th as last year's tour was very successful. On the tour MLA members can see and understand more about irrigation systems and how important they are to Southern Alberta and to the environment.
- Ron McMullin still working on AIPA Vision Statement
- Bob Dykstra from SMRID would like to see more bans for boating on lakes because of the
  invasive mussel species. The public needs to be well informed about the huge problem with
  a zebra mussels that have been already found in Montana. SMRID recommend mandatory
  inspections at the inspection station for every boat on their reservoir.

# Irrigation rates from other districts

A copy of the Irrigation District Rates and Fees for 2017 from the Irrigation Secretariat was presented to each Board Member for review.

## Scholarship 2017

Certificates and cheques to 2017 Scholarship winners will be presented during graduation on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at SGJHS in Hill Spring and on June 29<sup>th</sup> at High School in Cardston.

## **Commissioner for Oaths**

Viera Ducky obtained a certificate for Commissioner for Oaths. She has also ordered her stamp.

## Alberta Agriculture tour

Watershed Field Specialist Troy Ormann is asking for a tour for about 15-20 people from Agriculture and Forestry over our district. The tour is planned for first part of August. Fred's suggestion is to involve some of the Board Directors to the tour and help with showing and explaining what is unique in our district.

### F7 - need to add to Three-Year Plan

Lots of seepage appeared lately along our ditch close to the Lateral F7. This part of a canal was finished in 1994. Since Riverside Colony is irrigating more land, more seepage occurred, so few times trucks and combines were getting stuck in the problematic area. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to include Lateral F7 to Three-Year Plan; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

## F4 - Hengerer Farm

About 3 acres of the Hengerer Farms land has a problem due to large seepage from canal in F4 area. After pivot was stuck few times, Mr. Hengerer was asking UID to install pipe in problematic area to solve the issue. After discussion the Board came to conclusion that expenses for pipe and installation are way too high per acre (around \$46,000). Fred will contact Mr. Hengerer and the problem will be discussed again.

#### **Cochrane Lake shore**

Due to rain and very strong wind, the shore of Cochrane Lake was badly damaged. The UID needs to re-rock about 2' x 6' x quarter mile long area. Fred with an Engineer will check out the regulations to find out a size of rock needed to repair the damage. Repairing will be quite costly.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 P.M. Next Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman - Duane Nelson

District Manager - Fred Rice