

Thursday, October 20, 2016 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 October 20, 2016, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

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

Michael Bishop absent

Discussion and Acceptance of the September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 19, 2016 minutes. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the September 2016 Payroll

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the September payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of October 20, 2016 Accounts Payable

Brandon suggested that it might be more cost effective to have our own cell phone program with Rogers for the water season. Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept October 20, 2016 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to October 19, 2016

Jim asked where the reimbursement from HFL was in the income. Most likely in Custom work but will be reviewed to be certain. The Balance Sheet compared to September 2015 was examined. The District is about \$500,000 over last year due to the sale of the water licence. The cash and investment positions of the UID were reviewed. The IRP working position was discussed. The District will be well into next year's funding by year end due to the cost of pipe for Lateral A1. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statement. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Post Pounder Update

Intact Insurance provided an outline of what they will cover for the theft of the post pounder. There is a deduction of 35% from new price less the \$1,000 deductible. The amount payable will depend on the price of a new pounder. If the new post pounder cost \$14,750 the payout would be \$8,587.50. Brandon suggested that a lease to own option be considered. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that a new post pounder be purchased or leased to own depending on the best alternative. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.
...CARRIED

AIPA Board Meeting, September 26, 2016

Daniel Hunsperger noted that Irrigation Council members will now be selected using the Provincial Government public application process. There was discussion of possible persons qualified to represent irrigation boards. Daniel also noted there is a District that is objecting to the Water Quality cost sharing program.

AIPA Convention

The annual meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Deerfoot Inn in Calgary. Daniel, Jim and Fred will be attending from the UID.

Belly River Reservoir Presentation at the AIPA Conference

Ron McMullen has asked Darin Wilde to make a presentation at the conference. The Board discussed the following benefits of the dam to all users of Belly River water:

1. A dam would capture more water for June heavy rains that would otherwise be lost
2. All districts using Belly River water would benefit from increased storage capacity including SMRID, TID, RID, MID, AID, LID, MRID and the UID
3. BTAP would have more access to water for their projects
4. It could mitigate flooding for downstream Belly River
5. With climate change increased storage capacity benefits all users
6. Fish habitat could be improved for fall and winter months when Belly is low

UID Christmas Party

The party will be held in the Hill Spring Community Hall, Friday, November 25, 2016 at 6 P.M. David Layton will be recognized for his Board service.

IPEX Camera Examination of Fusion Joints

IPEX will have their camera examine the fusion joints of highway crossings on Lateral E on October 26, 2016. Jim, Daniel and Brandon would like to be there to watch the process.

Lateral B2 Seepage on Gibbs

Brandon Gibb has had water problems on the north end of ditch where the pipe ends and open ditch proceeds north to Hwy 505. He would like pipe installed to the end of the ditch to avoid the standing water in the field. A number of alternatives were discussed and more examination will be done in the next month to present at the next Board meeting for a decision.

Growing Forward 2 Program – Irrigation Conveyance Works Management Program

Not much more information from last month. The District will see what other Districts are doing and see if there is something that might benefit the UID that could be applied for before the deadline.

Hengerer Farms Ltd.

Fred indicated that HFL was able to harvest the 1.4 acres that had been flooded and has not heard back from Joachim about any damage on this as of yet. Brandon indicated that Joachim had approached him asking that the drain on the NE 8-5-27-W4 be corrected. This was discussed at last meeting with the UID position being that HFL pay for the materials and the UID would install them correcting the problem. HFL objected to the request. The Board discussed this and will advise HFL that eventually this section of canal will be put into a pipeline and the problem will be corrected. However, if HFL wants to work on it sooner, then they would need to pay for the materials required to allow the system to continue to drain into the north coulee, the UID would do the work and HFL could landscape the area to the south and west as they are requesting.

Water for Filling Dugouts

Duane has been approached by Joachim Hengerer about a UID policy for filling dugouts. The Board decided that the policy should be the same as for rate payer request for any water for irrigation. The rate payer must request the water to fill the dugout and advise the ditchrider when they are finished with the water for turn off. The ditchriders will not fill dugouts for rate payers without this procedure being followed in the future.

Steven Frank – Belly River Reservoir

Mr. Frank had asked to attend the Board meeting to discuss the Belly River Reservoir proposal. He sits on the Disaster Services Board for the Blood Tribe and indicated that they discuss regularly the issue of flooding on the Belly River. Unfortunately, Mr. Frank was unable to attend the meeting.

Daniel Layton Subdivision – SE 2-5-27-W4

Mr. Layton has requested a subdivision of 3.31 acres of the NE corner of his property that is severed by Glen Lateral. Fred met with Daniel and discussed the UID’s concerns including the need for the UID to have access to Glen Lateral. Daniel has agreed to the UID’s request that the property line of the new subdivision not include Glen Lateral. The UID will also request that a condition of withdrawal of water from Glen Lateral by the new subdivided property in the event of a sale would require a household purpose agreement from the UID and Daniel has agreed to an easement on the property to include this condition.

ENMAX Electricity Contract for the Office and Headworks

The UID fixed rate contract with Enmax expires December 21, 2016. The new fixed rate for 5 years is \$.0679/kwh. The floating rate over the past 21 months has been \$.04862. The Board feels power rates are going to increase in the future. Brandon Gibb MOVED to lock in the 5 year power rate.

SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Irrigation District Act Section 35 (3)(d)

Michael Bishop, director, has missed 3 consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors. As outlined in this section of the Irrigation Act, he is not eligible to remain as a member of the Board of Directors. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that according to the Act Mr. Bishop be required to resign his position as Director. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

...CARRIED

There was discussion subsequent to the motion as to the direction the Board should take to replace Mr. Bishop. The Board decided that the position be left vacant until the next election in the spring of 2017 and a position for Director for 2 years would be advertised at the same time as the regular election advertising.

Fred’s Agenda:

1. Upgrading shop lights was discussed. Duane indicated he had done upgrading and had received a good price from Interlake Resources out of Saskatchewan and that the UID compare the prices from DA Electric with Interlake. Jim Woolf MOVED that the lights be upgraded with the best price alternative and that the UID install their own upgrades. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
2. Fred updated the Board of the results of a survey on property boundaries on Lateral A 4.5.
3. Fred expressed a desire to look into palate forks for the JD 544K , especially for unloading pipe. He would like to look into quick attach options. The Board asked that he get prices for options including the quick attach, pin on and adapting the present forks.

...CARRIED

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 P.M. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice