

Monday, April 15, 2019 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 April 15, 2019, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the March 20, 2019 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 1, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 1, 2019 Minutes; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2019 Payroll ...CARRIED
Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the March 2019 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

Discussion and Acceptance of April 15, 2019 Accounts Payable ...CARRIED
Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept April 15, 2019 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to April 15, 2019 ...CARRIED
Craig Smith MOVED to accept April 15, 2019 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

Bylaw % for penalties
Brandon Gibb MOVED to increase % of penalties from 8% to 12% on any unpaid amount every six months; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
Three members in favour, two opposed.CARRIED

Here are a few reasons why penalties are increased: The Board of the UID is disappointed with the same ratepayers each year not paying their rates on time. It is not fair to other ratepayers and the UID is not a financial institution to finance them. Some Directors think they can afford to pay rates, they just don't want to pay them. The irrigation on the land add 40% more productivity on average year and it's still not that expensive.

Auditor's fee for audit
Fred was speaking with our auditor Hakon Skoien about proposed fee schedule and informed him that our Board agreed with amount for another 10 years. However Hakon agreed to continue with same amount for 5 years.
Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the proposed fee schedule for following 5 years; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.CARRIED

AIDA Board meeting

Fred and Duane attended the AIDA Board on March 28, 2019 in Lethbridge. The main discussion was about the Reservoir Ranking Project Update. Our proposal for Upper Belly River Operation was placed on 6th place when sharing with Mountain districts is considered and on 10th place when the reservoir is considered to be shared with all districts.

Fred doesn't agree with not fair comparison with other proposed projects. For example with the Chin Expansion they need to move the highway and the cost for moving is not included in the price for the proposed project.

Dam safety meeting on April 25, 2019 with Dave Ardell will be rescheduled

Jenna Montgomery with Alberta Environment and Parks informed that due to continuing requirements under the new Elections Act, they will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled for April 25. They have been informed that they are unable to attend meetings such as this one for up to one month following the election, therefore the meeting will be rescheduled.

RMA District 1 and Irrigation Districts

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2019 in Lethbridge. Fred will attend the meeting. The main discussion will be related to drainage and bridges.

Buying irrigation assessed acres and the letter to ratepayers about buying small acres irrigation assessed acres

Fred asked the Board whether he should approach Dan Henrie who offered to sell 53.34 assessed acres last year to the UID. The land is actually not irrigable without flooding neighbor's land, so it would make sense to buy those acres. Brandon and Jim fully agree to buy as many "sleeping" acres as we can and sell it to those who will use them to irrigate their land.

The other question was if we should send a letter to ratepayers again, that the UID is willing to buy small parcel acres.

Jim Woolf MOVED to contact Dan Henrie for selling his offered irrigation acres and to send a letter to all ratepayers on July 1st together with the invoice informing them that the UID is still willing to buy small parcel acres; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.

One member opposed to buy assessed acres from Mr. Henrie as they are not small parcel acres.

IPEX Inc. asking to order IPS pipes for next 2 years

IPEX Inc. sent an email asking if we are interested in ordering 18", 20" or 24" IPS material for the next 2 years for a fixed price just for irrigation districts. The intent is to collectively add the requirements from all districts and to produce in one single run this season to fill the needs for next 2 years. As for the UID, those pipes would be just for repairs and Fred doesn't like to see pipes sitting and deteriorating in the sun until we need it. We can always approach RPH Irrigation Services and buy some couplers when needed.

Alberta Environment and Parks

They have repaired some of the crossing close to the Lloyd Smith's land. Even though the Environment said they are not responsible for the repair, they promised to repair those which were damaged by the ice moving early spring last year. We are still not able to find the agreement and are not sure who is responsible for the repair.

Boom trucks at Ritchie Bros Sale in Edmonton

Fred would like to buy another service truck for the UID. He has a few reasons for it. Now we are using one truck for spraying and for fencing which means unloading and loading sprayer quite often which needs to be done by 4 men. Another reason is to have a replacement for the old 96 Ford which needs to be replaced quite soon too. Fred submitted to the Board few options for review which will be for sale on April 30th, 2019 during auction in Edmonton.

Brandon Gibb MOVED that Fred with one Ditch Rider will go to the auction to pursue one of submitted trucks; he will focus especially on knuckle boom trucks, not bigger, but more versatile and efficient; the limit price is \$25,000 (\$27,000 if the truck is in very good condition); they can stay in hotel if they need another day at the auction; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

Brandon has also a truck for sale which can be used for fencing if the UID is interested. Jim's concern is that with decreasing IRP funding we don't need more machinery. Craig thinks the funding can be lower but will not disappear.

UID Annual Report and Annual Meeting - thoughts and concerns

The Board members think the AGM was pretty good and they have no concerns. Pretty much the same ratepayers are coming to the meeting as in past years.

Matured investment moved to GIS

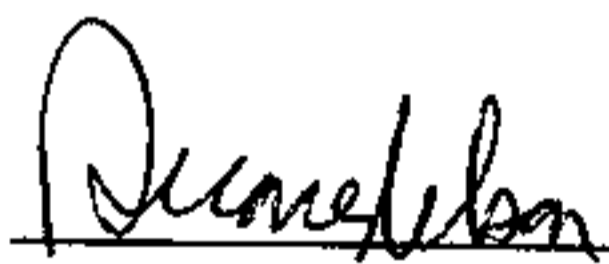
Fred informed the Board that one part of investment in amount of \$140,000 at the RBC has been moved to GIS.

Ben Layton asking to rent 8 acres of water for this year

Ben Layton has currently 5 irrigation assessed acres and approached Fred with the request to rent another 8 acres. The land is on the hill above the Belly River and the Board is concerned about washing out the hill.

The Board members decided to offer Mr. Layton to buy 5 acres from him and then he can get 13 acres through Annual Acre Agreement. Fred will contact him.

Brandon Gibb MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:25 P.M.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.


Chairman - Duane Nelson


District Manager - Fred Rice