

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10:00 am
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 Wednesday, March 21, 2012 commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson - Chairman
Jim Woolf - Vice-Chairman
David Layton - Board Member
Craig Smith - Board Member
Robert Wynder - Board Member
Fred Rice - Manager
B. Craig Smith - Assistant Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of February 22, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane thought he only voted against the Rate By-Law on the second reading but looking at the record it was second and third reading.

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the February 22, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of February 2012 Payroll

David Layton MOVED to accept the February 2012 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of March 21, 2012 Accounts Payable

Discussion on the rental of the hammer drill from DJ rental. There was consensus that it would be better to purchase a second unit that would pay for itself quickly rather than renting the unit. Fred also indicated that he tried to repair the old laser but it didn't work.

David Layton MOVED to accept March 21, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

Robert Wynder MOVED that the District purchase a new dual slope laser. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Jim Woolf MOVED that the District purchase a second hammer drill. SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

Revisit of Wage/Pension policy for 2012

Dave noted a government initiative in pensions for smaller companies. The board met in private to discuss the employees counter-offer from the February 22 meeting. The decision was to offer Fred, Craig, Steve and Jared \$1.50 per hour raise retroactive to January 1, 2012 which was to include any amount put into pensions.

Report on February Meeting with Irrigation Council

Fred and Duane noted that the meeting just reviewed a set of questions and how to interpret the questions from the Regional Advisory Committee. They didn't feel it was worth the time.

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South Grow Meeting - Report

Fred reported that Dave McGee outlined the history, purposes and limitations of water licenses including changes allowing other purposes. The meeting conveyed to municipal participants that water is available for development in Southern Alberta.

Maturing GIC

The GIC was invested in 6 year principal guaranteed instrument that pays 5% in Year 1. Dennis Chinner had indicated that it could be switched if it looked like the remaining 5 years were not attractive but further reading of the terms indicate that the principal may not be protected if redeemed early. Further clarification will be investigated.

Larry Gibb -alternate acres

Curtis Wynder had stopped by the office to indicate that Larry had approached him to use 13 alternate acres from his property (SW 16-4-27-4) and he would retain the 5 acre balance. The board discussed the need to make sure that only 5 acres would be irrigated if this was to go ahead. There are other parcels that Larry is considering rather than Curtis' acres.

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

Doug Wilde of Mercer Wilde Moltz attended the meeting at noon. He reviewed the audit and was asked about how to handle potential future deficits when most of the work is pipelining. He indicated that some funds could be transferred to the ICW fund from general accounts. It will be a good idea in December to assess the District's financial position and determine any possible corrective action.

Election

Fred indicated that there were more than 2 nominations so there will be an election. An electors list will be available after 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 22, 2012 for the candidates.

Fred's Agenda:

1. D4 Phase 1 complete except for landscaping and the county has been hauling drift soil to the location for fill as needed. There was some discussion about drift soil and the District's ability to enter a parcel to control it. There have been a few instances of this happening over the past few years.
2. The crossing agreement with ATCO has been signed for the next phase of Lateral D4.

Next meeting: Monday, April 16, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

David Layton MOVED the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Chairman – Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice