

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monday, April 16, 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 Monday, April 16, 2012 commencing at 10:00 A.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

Fred Rice welcomed Daniel Hunsperger as a new member of the Board of Directors. He then proceeded to call for nominations for chairman of the Board of Directors. Jim Woolf NOMINATED Duane Nelson for chairman of the Board of Directors. David Layton SECONDED the nomination. Daniel Hunsperger moved nominations cease. Duane Nelson Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Duane Nelson took the chair of the meeting and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. Duane Nelson NOMINATED Jim Woolf to be Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED the nomination. Jim Woolf NOMINATED Daniel Hunsperger to be Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. Robert Wynder SECONDED the nomination. David Layton moved nominations cease. The vote was taken with 4 votes to 1 for Jim Woolf. Jim Woolf Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**Discussion and Acceptance of March 21, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the March 21, 2012 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of March 2012 Payroll**

David Layton MOVED to accept the March 2012 payroll, SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of April 16, 2012 Accounts Payable**

David Layton MOVED to accept April 16, 2012 payables. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of the April 16, 2012 Petty Cash**

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept Petty Cash report. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

### **Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of the Year to Date Financial Statement**

The income/expense statements were reviewed for the year to date. David Layton suggested that if we were not confident in our estimate of the budget for equipment recoveries we could possibly amend the budget. It was decided to leave the budget as passed and work to ensure we have a positive bottom line by year end.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the financial statements. SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

...CARRIED

### **Review of Maturing GIC's and Pension Plan**

There are 7 maturing GIC's in the next 3 months in excess of \$500,000. There was discussion about how they should be reinvested. The members of the Board will consider this and be prepared for suggestions at the next board meeting which will be prior to the first maturing investment. The employees decided to have 4% of their gross wage deducted to start the group RRSP pension plan.

### **Review of the Annual Meeting**

Some rate payers questioned why the meeting wasn't being held in the evening so more could attend. It was decided that it would have been better to have included some reasoning for changes in rates in the mail out to better communicate with the rate payers. Setting up a web site for publication of minutes and other issues would be a positive way of helping communicate better with the irrigators. It was decided to leave the meeting time as at present.

### **Resolutions on Irrigable Units**

David Layton MOVED it be Resolved that Plan 1112371 Block 2 Lot 1 and SE 29-4-27-W4 in the name of Darcy & Maureen Barfuss be considered as an Irrigable Unit. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Jim Woolf MOVED it be Resolved that the East 20 rods of the NE 12-5-27-W4 and the West 20 rods of the East 40 rods of Legal Subdivision 16 NE 12-5-27-W4 in the name of Byron and Roberta Smith be considered as an Irrigable Unit. SECONDED by Robert Wynder.

...CARRIED

It was decided that a notice should be sent to minimum irrigation acre holders explaining the changes and giving them a clear understanding of their alternatives and an opportunity to discuss the issues with the District prior to issuing the assessment invoices.

### **Meeting with Irrigation Council and Proposed Amendments to the Irrigation Districts Act**

Irrigation Council will be meeting with the United Irrigation District in 2012 as part of their scheduled yearly visits to selected Irrigation Districts. The date is yet to be determined. Suggestions for possible amendments to the Irrigation Districts Act included:

Jim – consider moving to a 24 month year – would save auditing fees, provide longer budgeting timelines

David – would like to enshrine water rights for irrigation into the Act (preservation of licence rights – FITFIR – reduce uncertainties

Robert – would like to have the right to charge landowners for cleaning conveyance works as a result of drift soil

Some suggestion of bidding IRP projects rather than exact costing to allow a district to capitalize on efficiencies.

**Cost of the Election**

The cost of the election was \$1,361.64 if Fred and Craig time included.

**Cleaning Lateral F**

The work is about completed. It has gone well but there is always residual drift soil that creates problems with weed growth in the rip rap.

**Lawrence Draper Request to Remove Irrigation Acres Assessment**

Lawrence requested that the irrigation acres (3.97 acres) be removed from NW 18-4-27-W4. Robert Wynder MOVED to accept this request. SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Al McEwen/Karen Jarvie Request to Convert Terminable Acres to Permanent Acres**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the request of these irrigators to change 18.8 terminable acres on the SE 20-5-27-W4 to permanent irrigation acres. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
Votes: For: 4 Against: 1 ...CARRIED

**Dan French**

Duane was approached by Dan French about continuing a pipeline on Pt. NW 17-4-27-W4. Dan felt that this project had been changed for other projects by more favored irrigators. The parcel was looked at and noted that the existing pipeline was put in prior to Fred's involvement in the District in 1983 and that this parcel already has 3 accessible turnouts. This extension of a pipeline could be considered for future projects but will not come ahead of present priorities. Fred will talk to Dan.

**Fred's Agenda:**

1. The laser was purchased for \$5,695.00
2. The Hammer Drill (tamper) was purchased for \$919.95
3. The new map book was looked at; Fred asked for suggestions on how to identify specific turnout numbers on the structures and how they might be identified via GPS technology

Daniel Hunsperger expressed concerns about the District charging individual rate payers for improvements that benefit the whole District. He pointed out Irrigation District Act Section 126 on Capital Construction Charges believing this applied to charges he received in 2011 on Lateral B8 construction where he did not have a parcel that was directly affected. He would like this to be more carefully considered in the future.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Jim Woolf MOVED the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 P.M. SECONDED by David Layton.

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Chairman – Duane Nelson

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District Manager – Fred Rice