

**Monday, November 18, 2013 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 Monday, November 18, 2013 commencing at 9:00 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

**Discussion and Acceptance of the October 16, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 16, 2013 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of October 2013 Payroll**

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the September 2013 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of November 18, 2013 Accounts Payable**

David Layton MOVED to accept November 18, 2013 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of November 18, 2013 Petty Cash**

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept November 18, 2013 Petty Cash. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Reading and Discussion and Acceptance of Financial Report to November 15, 2013**

Reviewed the financials noting a surplus position which will be carefully monitored to the end of the year to insure the financial statements are in a surplus position.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the October financial report; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Lateral E Acre Updates/2014-2017 Three Year Rolling Plan**

The acres provided in the original plan were adjusted. There were mistakes in the numbers submitted in the 2013 Annual Plan. Jim expressed the desire to continue to discuss the removal/purchase of irrigation acres from some of the owners to reduce the cost of the project. It was decided to continue to approach the owners with a purchase option by the District but to submit the plan as previously agreed upon with adjustments implemented if some of the owners agree to sell their water rights.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the 2014-2017 Rolling Plan as presented. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Irrigation Council Update on Legal Opinion of Doing Work for Other Districts**

Fred reviewed the letter from Irrigation Council that stated they would be seeking legal counsel on the UID's request to be able to do work for other Irrigation Districts.

**Oldman Watershed Council Request for Funding**

The Board discussed this request and declined to participate. Jim indicated he would like to see how this council is working to assist the Districts with their needs like water storage on the Belly River rather than challenging the water licences and water usage in the Districts.

### **Jamie Wuite Appointed to Irrigation Council**

A letter from Irrigation Council indicates that Jamie Wuite has been appointed to Council by the Minister.

### **Christmas Party**

The Board indicates they would like ham with the bone in it as the meat for the party. Numbers are being gathered for the caterer. The party will be held at the Glenwood Community Center at 6:30 P.M. on December 6, 2013.

### **AIPA Awards at the Convention**

The AIPA has approved an award for Kirt Woolf to be presented at the convention on November 26, 2013. Craig will gather the information for the award presentation from Kirt and Duane will make the presentation.

### **Gas Station Update**

The interested party attended the meeting at 10:00 A.M. He updated the Board on the progress of the business plan. He has interest from a lending source that would provide most of the start-up costs for the project. He addressed the questions of the Board from the previous meeting. At this time he will not likely need any major financing from the UID but may be able to have some of the preparation work done by the District equipment as an investment in the project. He will keep the Board updated on the progress of his business plan.

### **Christmas Bonuses**

Fred asked the Board if they would like to provide a bonus to the employees this year. After some discussion David Layton MOVED that the same bonus as given in 2013 be given for 2014. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

### **2014 Salaries/Wages/Director Fees – Preliminary Discussion**

Duane asked the Board members to give this consideration and come to the December Board meeting prepared to discuss the matter.

### **Fred's Agenda:**

#### **IRP 2162 – Lateral D4 Update**

Most of the work is completed on the project. There will need to be some finishing work along with the road crossings that will likely take place on November 25. There is some fencing in Dodds. He has purchased a bundle of new posts to be installed. We will be relocating a drain line for Hengerer Farms from the middle of the field to the quarter section line.

#### **Lateral D3**

Irrigation Council has approved the increased cost on this project.

#### **Damage to the 02 Dodge**

Some damage to the box on the Dodge occurred during some snow removal. The old box may provide some option for repair.

#### **O&M**

We are looking at how other Districts handle O&M costing, especially the equipment factor. Craig and Fred will continue to see if any changes should be made to our procedures.

**October 29, 2013 Meeting on the SSRP Document**

Fred and Daniel attended the meeting. They wanted input from Irrigation Districts on the draft plan prior to the implementation of the full plan. It appears most issues relating to water are favorable for irrigation. It was noted however that most efficiencies are coming from farmer initiated changes to their systems rather than from government funding of rehabilitation as some would want it perceived. There is opportunity to attend some meetings and to complete an on-line workbook.

**Board Directors Payment for Meeting Attendance**

Craig and Fred asked for direction on when Directors should be paid for meeting attendance. There were differences of opinion on what should be reimbursed and what should not. Although somewhat ambiguous, the decision seemed to be that if it was considered important for Board members to be at the meetings, they should be reimbursed for their time.

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Robert Wynder MOVED to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

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Chairman – Duane Nelson

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District Manager – Fred Rice