

**UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**Monday, January 23, 2012 10:00 am  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on Monday, January 23, 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 December 19, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Robert mentioned he has been receiving many phone calls from the University of Lethbridge for their survey on irrigation.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept the December 19, 2011 regular meeting minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of December, 2011 Payroll**

Fred explained the exchange of vacation time for custom work reflected in his amount of pay. David Layton MOVED to accept the December, 2011 payroll, SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of January 23, 2012 Accounts Payable**

EasyMax electrical contract completed. Note of a cordless drill purchased for the shop.

Robert Wynder MOVED to accept January 23, 2012 payables. SECONDED by David Layton. ...CARRIED

**Reading, Discussion and Acceptance of December 31, 2011 Financial Statement**

Discussion of the year-end financial statements with comparisons to 2010 numbers. The pre-audit has been completed. Audit will be February 1, 2012 by Mercer Wilde Moltz. Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the financial statements. SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

**Budget**

Fred and B. Craig reviewed the projected budget numbers for 2012 with a probable deficit. The next 3 years will be pipelining work which will mean reduced income and cash flow for the District. Dave suggested consideration of hedging fuel prices if price increases are expected to rise. Fred suggested possibly increasing custom work and perhaps using IRP costing numbers to reduce costs on the financial statements for O&M work.

Discussion on implementing a minimum charge for small parcels. Duane Nelson and Robert Wynder were opposed to this. Jim Woolf MOVED that a minimum charge of \$250 be set for parcels under 30 acres with the opportunity given to owner/rate payers of these parcels to put them into an irrigable unit if feasible or to remove the irrigation acres or enter into a household purposes agreement. SECONDED by Craig Smith.

3 in favour. 2 against. ...CARRIED

Discussion on increasing irrigation rates David Layton MOVED to increase Irrigation Rates by \$0.50 per Permanent Irrigation Acre to \$9.00. SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

3 in favour. 2 against ...CARRIED

Craig Smith left the meeting for other commitments at 11:10 a.m.

Duane Nelson MOVED that Terminable Acre rates increase \$1.00 per acre to \$10.00. SECONDED BY Jim Woolf. 3 in favour, 1 against ...CARRIED

David Layton MOVED that the Household Purposes charges be lowered to \$150.00 from the present \$300.00 and that the owner be required to pay for the installation of the turnout if there is not one in place. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

#### **By-Laws for 2012**

Robert Wynder MOVED that director reimbursement remain unchanged for 2012. SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

It was decided that water conveyance fees and other purpose fees remain unchanged as well.

#### **Alternate/Transfer Acres Resolutions**

Jim Woolf MOVED that the resolutions be passed with a closing date of March 31, 2012 and that they be advertised in the Hill Spring and Glenwood newsletters rather than the Temple City Star to save costs. SECONDED by Robert Wynder. ...CARRIED

#### **Wage and Pension Policy for 2012**

Fred and B. Craig left the meeting for this discussion. The Board proposed a 4% increase be allocated as desired by the employees (cost of living or matching pension or combined) and under the direction of Fred. Jim suggested that Ed Sinnott of Pincher Creek be contacted for his input into pension issues.

#### **Joachim Hengerer Proposal for Lateral D Section 20-5-26-4**

Fred's calculations indicate the installation costs would be \$107,700. Joachim is delaying decision until fall.

#### **Irrigation Council Meeting February 27, 2012 - Lethbridge - 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Consultation meeting to discuss South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. Duane and Fred to attend.

#### **Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference - February 14 - 16**

No one will attend due to budget restrictions.

#### **Water Use Report**

The water use for the UID licences in 2011 were reviewed along with the past 10 year history.

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

1. Steel has been ordered for the JD 240 counterweight from Varsteel - cost \$2,900. The crew is having trouble getting the bolts out. The Board approved the purchase of a torque multiplier for this and future needs.
2. Riverside Colony has requested permission to put a pivot on SW 28-5-26-4. There will need to be alternate or transfer acres moved to the parcel that are available from other RSC lands. Riverside Colony provided a letter agreeing to rotate water to pivots of Irrigable Unit #2 as needed to ensure there are adequate supplies of water in the lateral. The Board approved as long as the agreement to rotate specifically acknowledges there will not be complaints of water shortages due to this development. Robert Wynder MOVED that this request be granted under the specified conditions. Duane Nelson Seconded. ...CARRIED
3. Fred requested permission to hire the UID crew and equipment to install some fence on his property in the summer as time permits. The Board agreed as long as the custom work is accurately and properly charged out.
4. Robert asked about the progress of the "fuel card lock" feasibility study. David indicated the costs are likely prohibitive as the spreads are only about \$.04 per liter. He is still looking into it.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Jim Woolf MOVED the meeting be adjourned at 2:15

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Chairman - Duane Nelson

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District Manager - Fred Rice