

Monday, June 17, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on June 17th, 2024, commencing at 10:00 A.M

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman
Jim Woolf – Board Member
Craig B. Smith – Board Member
Nicholas Barfuss – Board Member
Fred Rice – District Manager
Viera Ducky – Office Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of May 22, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the May 22, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2024 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the May 2024 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of June 17, 2024 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the June 17, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to June 17, 2024

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept June 17, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. proposed an investment portfolio

Fred contacted Jessica Joss after the last meeting and she provided us with more details on the new proposed investment. Fred also discussed the fees with Darren Tanner. ATB Financial is offering us a 0.2%+0.7% fee on all our investments. The Board reviewed proposals and is inquiring about GIC rates at RBC. This was requested to compare the investments with the ATB.

IRP# 2407 F4 Lateral and F4 Hengerer capital project

The work on these projects is substantially completed. Mr. Hengerer was not happy with the amount of clay and rocks that was showing. Lots of rocks were picked up but it was still pretty rocky. He offered us a bunch of black dirt to spread on the top to be able to farm that land. The catwalks to finish the job are ordered. The total cost of the project will be around \$70,000 under the estimated cost of \$788,000.

UID Inter-District Tour 2024 - thoughts

All Board members were very satisfied with the tour and the food prepared by Nick and his wife Bobbi was excellent.

Presentation for Village of Glenwood

Fred did a presentation about the Belly River Reservoir Proposal for the Council of the Village of Glenwood on June 12th. The presentation was very well received.

Premier's Stampede Breakfast

Kim Sturgess from WaterSMART invited Fred to attend the event on July 8th with her which can be beneficial for the Belly River Reservoir Proposal. Fred is planning to be there for the breakfast.

Leveling pond

On Monday, June 10th we almost overtopped the Leveling Pond. It was caused by a misunderstanding of messages between farmers and Ditchrider. Fred and Steve caught it in time so there was no damage on the pond. Fred and the Board also discussed the allotment for 2024 and they agree that with the recent rain and with the Irrigation water supply forecast we should ask for a higher allotment -10” for our district.

IRP# 2378 F Lateral Open Ditch

Fred asked the Board for their opinion on whether we should continue with the project this fall or not. There will be no money left on the Cost Sharing Account after funding F4 Lateral, the account will owe us around \$230,000. So far we are planning to fence the section of the project completed in 2023.

Fred will request from Engineer Darin Wilde an estimated cost for the next section of the project.

Blue Trail RV Campground

Ted Shipley asked for permission to move 25 assessed acres from the campground land as this land is not for agricultural use. The Board agrees to allow him to transfer acres.

Joachim Hengerer’s rocks

Yak Hengerer asked Fred if the UID would be interested in buying some of his rocks. The Board asked Fred to make a deal for rocks.

Ordering irrigation water

The UID requires each ratepayer to order water 24 hours in advance and to give us notice at least 12 hours before they are planning to shut the system off. Communication with the Ditchriders is crucial.

This is to help the Ditchrider manage the water with the least amount of wastewater. When they order water and the Ditchrider says they can start up, then that will be the time that is entered into our water use system. If they do not notify the Ditchrider when they shut off, they will be charged with water usage until you let them know. The Ditchrider is not responsible for making sure if their system is on or off. We need better communication with the Ditchriders.


Any system that is turned on without notifying the Ditchrider will have the gates or valves locked and they will have to come and talk to the District Manager to explain their actions. If this happens a second time, they will have to come to discuss it with the Board of the UID.

We suggest that irrigators on Lateral A or Lateral B use most of the water in July and early August because we can not guarantee how much water we will be able to divert from the Belly River later in the season.

The letter will be sent to all irrigators with this information.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, July 22nd, 2024, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice