

**Monday, November 29, 2021, 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 November 29th, 2021, 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 October 25, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the October 25, 2021 Minutes with amendments; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2021 Payroll**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the October 2021 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of November 29, 2021 Accounts Payable**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the November 29, 2021 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 29, 2021**

Craig B. Smith MOVED to accept November 29, 2021, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

**Signing documents for ATB Financial**

Darren Tanner, ATB financial advisor recommended opening a different account for our restricted fund. It would be a MUSH saving account and all documents are ready to be signed by those Board Members with signing authority.

**AEP flowing wells agreement for signing**

Brian Moser, Right of Way Agent from Surface Strategies Inc. has delivered an agreement for the AEP flowing wells to sign on behalf of the AEP. The Board of the UID discussed the topic again and has concerns regarding water for Spring Glen Park which is important. The Board suggested addressing concerns in writing to the AEP.

**Benchmark Appraisals**

The company has contacted the UID and wanted to provide them with all irrigation acres on each parcel of land. Fred is aware the company contacted some of the other districts but he is not sure why they are asking for this information or on behalf of who are they working with. The Board does not want Fred to provide this information.

**Three Year Plan**

As discussed during the last meeting, F Lateral was still questionable. It is IRP # 2378 a new Year One Project is F Lateral Open Ditch. The UID consulted with our engineer Darin Wilde from Wilde Brother Engineering and because of all the inlets into the open ditch, the only option is to continue with the open ditch system.

This project is to reshape and replace existing structures and some seepage will be remedied.

One of the concerns that the UID's Board has with this project is the location of the existing ditch beside the county's road allowance, so we request that we don't have to have a 4 meters driving bank on the side of the road allowance. Also, the UID requests that we can make the slopes at 2 to 1 slope instead of the 2.5 to 1 slope that is in the IRP manual. If we have to use the 2.5 to 1 slope this would make us move the centerline almost 3 meters and would add considerable cost to the project with no real benefits. The estimated price that we are submitting is for a 2 to 1 slope and leaving the centerline where it is now.

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the IRP 2022-25 Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan as presented;  
SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ... CARRIED

#### **IRP # 2340 Lateral F7**

Work on the project has been finalized for this year. The structure was installed on Tuesday, November 23rd, Riverside Colony is working on the fence along the pipeline, and a trash rack and catwalk need to be installed. Landscaping will be done in spring 2022. Fred said that he had a good crew, the clay we hauled in worked great and the entire project went very smooth.

#### **Modernization project Lateral D1 and Lateral A1e**

Lateral A1e is substantially completed and we have spent around \$50,000 less than the estimated cost. Lateral D1 – structure was installed on November 12<sup>th</sup> and only a trash rack and catwalk need to be installed. On this project, we spent also around \$65,000 less than the estimate.

#### **Jerry Reed being hurt at work**

Jerry was working with us this year since March 3<sup>rd</sup> and he was working on all projects as a laborer or equipment operator. He hurt his bicep on his right shoulder on November 12<sup>th</sup> when they were moving rented tamper from one truck to another. Jerry missed one day-Monday at work and the injury was reported to WCB. He worked on modified work since Tuesday. Jerry will be laid off from December 1<sup>st</sup> like the rest of the crew until the work on the next project will start hopefully next spring.

#### **Inspection for Modernization projects**

On November 24<sup>th</sup> Chris Lovegrove, Field Services Coordinator from Alberta Irrigation LTA – Clifton company came to inspect our current modernization projects Lateral A1e and Lateral D1. Fred thinks the inspection went well, we haven't received the report as yet.

#### **IAI zoom meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>**

The regular monthly IAI zoom meeting took place on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Before that meeting, IPEX Inc. was invited to discuss the situation with orders for their products. They definitely experienced a much higher demand for PVC pipes since Modernization projects had been approved. The fact that they are not able to satisfy higher demand for ordered products on time, may lead to delayed projects. IPEX and all districts will do their best to cooperate as much as possible. Fred was speaking with Joe from IPEX and ordered PVC pipe for our last modernization project B Lateral on which we are planning to work the next year 2022. Also ordered the pipe for F Lateral emergency drain project along with structures.

#### **Water Law Seminar**

This virtual event will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> and is organized by Richard Jones from McMillan LLP, Richard Philips from BRID, and Jeff Bronsch from Alberta Agriculture. Fred, Duane, and Daniel are planning to attend the event.

#### **AIDA Annual General Meeting**

AIDA is planning to have its AGM on December 9<sup>th</sup> this year. It would be a most likely virtual meeting, with more details to follow.



**A new system for Water Act surface water and groundwater licenses**

Alberta Environment and Parks made changes to Water Act Licences, effective November 15, 2021. The Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) will manage Water Act surface water and groundwater licenses, as well as amendments and amalgamations to existing licenses. This change affects the way how we report the water use in our district.

**New screens for the screener**

Fred has not ordered screens yet and will wait until next year. With recent floods in British Columbia, we will most likely wait a long time anyway as screens are in Vancouver.

**Riverside Colony - fencing on Lateral F7**

Riverside Colony along Lateral F7 is working on fencing. They were pounding posts very hard in most places because the ground is very dry and hard. The invoice will be paid after work is done.

**2013 Dodge damaged**

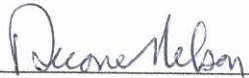
The quote from Carstar Bodyshop is around \$10,000 for repair. Fred made an appointment for November 30th for Dodge and will get a rental car instead. Insurance is covering the rental cost for up to \$2,500.

**Bruce Wynder pipeline**


Bruce wants to hire the UID to install about 170 meters for an 8" PVC pipe to drain a lake that is filled by the flowing wells.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 20, 2021, at 9:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice