

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 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 April 26th, 2022, 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 March 16, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the March 16, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2022 Payroll**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the March 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of April 26, 2022 Accounts Payable**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the April 26, 2022 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to April 26, 2022**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept April 26, 2022, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Lynn Bishop's request for selling more assessed acres**

Lynn approached the Board with a request for permission to sell some of his irrigation assessed acres. L&S Bishop Enterprises is not irrigating lands with these assessed acres and is not considering using them in the near future. Lynn would like them to be used and would like to sell them privately. He is considering selling around 577 acres. The possible buyer is Standoff Colony; however, they need around 200 acres. The Board discussed submitted acres piece by piece and decided to allow him to sell 199.13 acres now. More acres for sale can be discussed in the future. The Board doesn't want to remove assessed acres from lands with existing working infrastructure. Fred pointed out the fact that land with irrigation rights has a higher value on the market. Lynn will be informed about the Board's decision.

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Fred welcomed Jim Woolf to the Board of Directors of the United Irrigation District. Jim Woolf was elected by acclamation for another election term.

Fred called for nominations for Chairman. Jim Woolf Nominated Duane Nelson. Seconded by Craig B. Smith. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that Nominations cease. Duane Nelson was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Duane called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Jim Woolf Nominated Daniel Hunsperger. Seconded by Craig B. Smith. Duane Nelson MOVED that Nominations cease. Daniel Hunsperger was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**Folsom Dairy Ltd. transferring acres**

Jim Folsom requested by a letter to transfer some of the assessed acres within his lands to eliminate the annual Alternate Parcel Agreement and to eliminate the small parcel fee on land SW 4-4-27-W4.

Fred explained to the Board all required transfers.

Jim Woolf MOVED to transfer assessed acres as explained by Fred; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

### **Standoff Colony interested in the Annual Acre Agreement**

Standoff Colony is considering a new irrigation project and they are in need of more assessed acres. They have shown interest in new assessed acres if expansion acres are available in the future. However, expansion is not in the process yet, therefore they are considering Annual Acre Agreement or buying acres from other farmers, most likely Lynn Bishop as mentioned above. Fred will meet Larry Wipf from Standoff Colony and discuss options with him. An Annual Agreement was discussed and stays the preferred option to make sure we can get the water where is needed with the three-year trial.

### **IRP#2368 Lateral F Drain**

PVC pipe, elbows, and structures have been delivered as scheduled. All pipes are installed; both structures were installed in one day; trash racks and gates are done. The project is substantially completed and only a little bit of re-seeding is left to be done this spring. Work on this project went very well.

### **AIDA's Board of Directors meeting**

The meeting took place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. Fred, Duane, Jim, and Nick attended the meeting.

One of the main topics discussed was Indigenous Membership on AIDA.

### **Southern Alberta Group for the Environment (SAGE)**

Fred has a tentative meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the SAGE group regarding Modernization projects and the agreement with the CIB. More information on the meeting is to come soon.

The Board thinks those questions should be answered more by the government.

### **Lateral B**

PVC pipe for our third modernization project should be delivered fairly soon. The project is planned for this fall and due to the PVC pipe shortage, we are lucky to have pipes ready for installation.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to transfer \$ 260,000 from the restricted fund into the general account if necessary to pay for PVC pipe; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

### **Lawrence Draper's subdivision**

One of the UID's conditions with each subdivision is to remove assessed acres from the subdivided land and move them to the bigger piece of subdivision. Lawrence subdivided his property, sold 3 acres and now he has 3 extra assessed acres. He might sell those acres privately or he can sell them to the UID. He has not made his final decision yet.

### **Lateral C**

Hengerer Farms Ltd. wants to buy more 48" PVC pipe to finish Lateral C which we did as a capital project with farmer's contribution in 2020. It would be additional 350 meters which will cost around \$250,000 for PVC pipe. The Board agrees with the project if Mr. Hengerer pays for all material and does the landscaping, UID will then do the installation. We will prepare an agreement stating what each party will pay and do.

Duane Nelson MOVED to make an agreement with Hengerer Farms Ltd. regarding the installation additional 350 meters of PVC pipes on C Lateral; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.

...CARRIED

### **89 Ford gravel truck**

The truck is not working and we don't know if it is repairable. It is an old truck and Fred would like to upgrade it. The Board asked to find out if the truck is repairable and then the decision can be done.

**2022 Irrigation season start**

Al McEwen already asked when we are planning to start irrigation season this year. This year looks like ditches will be checked the first week of May, flushing canals from May 10<sup>th</sup> and taking orders for water from May 16<sup>th</sup>. We still got snow in some parts of the main canal. It always depends on the weather.

**Fuel prices for Ditchriders**

Fred was asking about updating Ditchriders' reimbursement for their trucks and fuel. The Board decided to stay at the same price as last year and will be flexible if prices will change during the irrigation season.

**Dipping Vat Lake**

People were asking Nick if the UID can supply water to the lake for fish. This topic was discussed many times at the UID's meeting. There is a conflict between a farmer next to the lake and AEP. There were no easements signed with the residents around the lake to raise the level of the lake. The UID will supply water to the Dipping Vat Lake as long as it will not cause damage to someone and all parties will agree with more water in the lake.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice