

Monday, January 22, 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 January 22nd, 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 December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the December 18, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the December 2023 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the December 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of January 22, 2024 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the January 22, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to January 22, 2024

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept January 22, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Water rates for 2024

On an annual basis, the Board members discuss the water rates for the upcoming year. The Board decided to not increase rates for the fiscal year 2024.

United Irrigation District Bylaw 2024

a. Bylaw No. 1-2024 – Remuneration

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Jim Woolf. Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Daniel Hunsperger. ...PASSED

b. Bylaw No. 2-2024 – Rate Bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Craig Smith. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Daniel Hunsperger. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED

c. Bylaw No. 3-2024 – Water Conveyance Fee Bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Nicholas Barfuss. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Jim Woolf. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Duane Nelson. ...PASSED

- d. Bylaw No. 4-2024 – Household Purpose Fee Bylaw**
 The Bylaw was read for the first time by Jim Woolf. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Craig B. Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED
 Read the second time by Craig B. Smith. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED
 Read the third time by Daniel Hunsperger. ...PASSED
- e. Bylaw No. 5-2023 – Water Conveyance Fee to Users without a Water License and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw**
 The Bylaw was read for the first time by Daniel Hunsperger. Craig Smith MOVED to read the second time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED
 Read the second time by Craig B. Smith. Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED
 Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED
- f. Bylaw No. 6-2023 – RV Campgrounds**
 The Bylaw was read for the first time by Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED
 Read the second time by Jim Woolf. Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED
 Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED

Water rates for 2022 and 2023

All water rates for 2022 were paid by ratepayers.

Some of the water rates for 2023, including penalties, are still outstanding: D. Fox - \$416.92, C. Francis - \$5,299.09 & A. Stephan - \$416.94.

Salaries 2024

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to increase salaries and wages by 3% for all full-time employees and seasonal employees for fiscal year 2024 effective January 1st, 2024; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Restricted funds for 2023

Fred asked the Board how they would like the UID to handle restricted funds after audit 2023. The Board agreed to show healthy profit and the excess can be moved to restricted funds for future use.

Fraud issues or concerns in 2023

Every year Fred brings to the Board the question of whether anyone is aware of any fraud or concerns as this is one of the questions from the auditor. No concerns were raised.

AIDA AGM meeting

The meeting scheduled for February 5th, 2024 afternoon at the Sandman Lethbridge Lodge was canceled. The new date has not been announced yet.

AIDA Conference 2024 “When In Drought”

Fred’s presentation about the Upper Belly River Reservoir Option will be on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 11:30 AM at the Technical Session of the conference in Anton’s Ballroom.

Application for new assessed acres

The UID received an application to buy 130 assessed acres from Gibb Farms Ltd. Larry Gibb would like to replace the Annual Acre Agreement for 130 acres on SE 8-4-27-W4.

Jim Woolf MOVED to sell 130 irrigation-assessed acres to Gibb Farms Ltd. for \$1,200.00 per acre + GST. The whole payment is due in 2024 at the time of signing the contract before irrigation season; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

Incremental revenue

Incremental revenue from the sale of new assessed acres in 2023 is due January 31, 2024. After the discussion, the Board decided to pay off the whole loan.

Duane Nelson MOVED to pay off the entire loan with National Bank in January 2024 from our general account; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Oldman Watershed Council

The Oldman Watershed Council is kindly asking for ongoing support in a letter from January 2nd, 2024. Their suggestion is a standardized rate of 3.2 cents per irrigated acre.

Craig Smith MOVED that the UID will support Oldman Watershed Council in the amount of \$250; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

WaterSMART has been awarded

Alberta's government has awarded a contract to WaterSMART Solution to enhance drought modeling to mitigate the risk of severe drought in 2024.

New water measuring system app

Darin Wilde and associates created a new water measuring system that can replace the DDIT program. Raymond and Magrath Irrigation Districts are already using this system and are very satisfied with the new system. The Board wants Fred to look into it.

The canal bank erosion on Glen Lateral

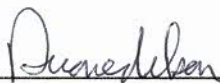
Dave Layton came to inform the UID that there is erosion on the canal bank on Virginia Layton's property. The UID will take care of it in spring.

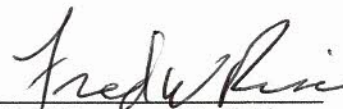
2011 Ford Picker Truck

Transmission is causing problems. Nick suggested repairing it and we will contact CSL Ford.

Duane Nelson MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice