## Monday, October 27, 2025, at 9:00 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 October  $27^{th}$ , 2025, commencing at 9:00 A.M

Present:

Duane Nelson - Chairman

Daniel Hunsperger - Vice-Chairman Craig Smith - Board Member Nicholas Barfuss - Board Member Brandon Wynder - Board Member Fred Rice - District Manager Viera Ducky - Office Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 22, 2025, Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ... CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the September 2025 Payroll

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the September 2025 Payrolls; SECONDED by Brandon Wynder.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of October 27, 2025 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the October 27, 2025, Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Brandon Wynder. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to October 27, 2025

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the October 27, 2025, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

AIDA Board Development Seminar & AIDA Board of Directors meeting

Our district was informed that an AIDA sponsored Board Development Seminar will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. This seminar is open to all district directors and senior management personnel and will review effective board governance. Fred, Duane, Daniel, Nick and Viera are registered for the seminar and meeting. The AIDA Board of Directors meeting will follow the seminar from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

**AIDA Executive Committee meeting** 

The meeting took place on Friday, October 17<sup>th,</sup> at the Raymond Irrigation District. One of the main topics discussed was the future Water Sharing Agreement, as well as Water Quality and the 2025-2026 Budget review.

When our Board discussed the future Water Sharing Agreement, Fred reminded everyone that calling priority can be very challenging, as he experienced it in the past.

Nick asked if our district has any fall irrigation policy. Our district does not have any at this point.

## **Gravel Trucks**

Fred and Byran went to check gravel trucks for sale in Edmonton, as mentioned at the last meeting. The trucks were in good condition, and we bought two 2016 Western Star trucks from Rebel Heart Trucking. They have smaller boxes, but Fred is happy with the purchase.

Our older gravel trucks for sale

Fred asked if we want to sell some of our older gravel trucks. The Board decided to sell a 1982 International gravel truck and a 1989 Ford 8000 gravel truck.

## IRP 2378 F Lateral

Work on the project is going very well, and we will be done with the planned Phase 3 before the end of November. ATCO Energy Systems sent us a quote of \$34,400 for moving their gas pipeline. The pipeline needs to be 2 meters under our ditch. The separation is currently only 30 cm, and Fred believes it was supposed to be 1.2 meters. He will clarify it with ATCO.

Water quality report

Margo Redelback offered that Janelle Villeneuve is available to meet with the UID Board of Directors to discuss 2025 sampling results and long-term water quality trends observed within the UID. The Board decided to request a report from Janelle and ask her to talk about the results during our next AGM in March 2026.

D Lateral pipeline

Lynn Bishop came to the meeting to talk with the Board about the Lateral D pipeline. Part of the Lateral D is still an open ditch, and it crosses Lynn's land where his grain bins are located across from the Glenwood cemetery. Lynn was requesting the Board to include this project in our Three-Year Plan this year, as the open ditch has some issues, and it would be much safer and beneficial for their operation, especially when they are hauling grain and when turning around.

When Fred prepared a list of future projects for the Board to choose the next project for the plan, the Board chose A1 Lateral. After the discussion, the Board realized the urgency of this project. The total length of the whole project will be 1,265 meters. The project requires a 48" PVC pipe, and it will tie into an existing pipeline. Phase 1 of the project will be 122 meters and will solve Mr. Bishop's concerns. Mr. Bishop will contribute to the cost of the pipeline if Phase 1 is done next year.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to include the Lateral D project into the Three-Year Plan this year as New Year One Project; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ... CARRIED

A new computer for the office with Windows 11

The accounting program QuickBooks requires Windows 11 since October 14<sup>th</sup>. Viera's computer was outdated and could not be updated. We bought a new computer from Inspires in Pincher Creek, and they installed and transferred all programs and data except QGIS. Dave Long from Wilde Bros Engineering will help us with the mapping program.

## 2011 Ford Boom Truck

The truck stopped working while the crew was using it on the job site. It lost power, and when they shut it off, they were not able to start it again. All antifreeze and oil were gone. The truck is currently at Castle Ford Service in Pincher Creek for repair.

Appreciation dinner for the crew and Board Directors

The event will take place on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, in Hill Spring, either at the Community Hall or the Ball Diamond Kitchen.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 A.M. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 A.M

Chairman - Duane Nelson

District Manager – Fred Rice