

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 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 February 22nd, 2023, 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 January 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the January 23, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the January 2023 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the January 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of February 22, 2023 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the February 22, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to February 22, 2023

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept February 22, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Audit 2022

The audit was presented by Hakon Skoien, the auditor, and was discussed by the Board.
Jim Woolf MOVED to transfer funds in the amount of \$465,000 back to the restricted fund effective December 31, 2022; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the audited financial statements as presented with the previous motion in place; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Loan at CIB

Fred discussed the repayment of the loan with David Westwind, Chairman of IAI and he would get back to us with the repayment schedule because it is not clear how much needs to be repaid in 2023. Fred thinks we should repay the loan as soon as possible.

Blue Ridge Colony

The Colony is planning to place the pivot on the land where they bought irrigation acres for it. They would like to get irrigation next year on another quarter south from it – SW 24-3-28-W4 which was already classified for irrigation. This is for information only.

Standoff Colony – Annual Acre Agreement

The Standoff Colony would like to apply for Annual Acre Agreement for 60 acres on NW 18-6-25-W4. The land was already classified for irrigation in 1926. These assessed acres were transferred to other lands for pivots.

Duane Nelson MOVED to allow Standoff Colony to use Annual Acre Agreement for 60 acres on NW 18-6-25-W4 until permanent acres are available; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

Budget 2023

The budget was discussed, and a 3% all-rates increase was applied as well as an increase in salaries and wages.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept Budget 2023 as presented; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Custom work for Jim Bester

Jim Bester wants to hire the UID for landscaping pond custom work.

Election 2023

Two of our Board Members are up for election – Craig Smith and Nicholas Barfuss. The nominations need to be submitted by 4:00 pm on March 15, 2023.

2023 AIDA Conference

Fred attended the conference on February 6-8th in Calgary. The conference was interesting and informative.

TransAlta Corporation – Riplinger Wind Power Project

Fred informed the Board that in the area of the proposed TransAlta project is 2,323 acres which are already classified for irrigation. Board decided to send letters stating our concerns to Alberta Utilities Commission, to the Premier of Alberta, to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, to Joseph Schow, MLA for Cardston-Siksika, and to TransAlta. The letter is to state that the UID objects strongly the wind turbines being installed on lands that have been classified for irrigation.

All Material Locator

Fred is going for training on April 17-19, 2023 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Emails for notification to ratepayers about AGM and Election

Email can not be used to notify the ratepayers yet. The notification needs to be mailed.

RBC reinvestment

The Board decided to reinvest \$97,382.21 available into GIC for one year in RBC at 4.8%.

2013 Dodge


We were able to sell the Dodge privately for \$26,000+GST.

Speaker for the AGM

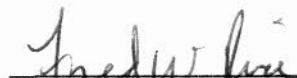
Jennifer Nitschelm suggested a couple of speakers but the Board decided not to have any of them this year except for Marie Oxley with CAP Water Program because of time restraints.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice