ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 1:00 P.M. Glenwood, Community Hall Glenwood, Alberta

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Duane Nelson

Chairman

Daniel Hunsperger

Vice-Chairman

Jim Woolf

Director

Nicholas Barfuss

Director

Craig B. Smith

Director

STAFF

Fred W. Rice

District Manager

Viera Ducky

Office Manager

Steve Lybbert

Ditchrider/Operator

Neil Allred

Ditchrider/Operator

Byran Cahoon

Operator/Construction

Robert Lybbert

Operator/Labor

Engineer for the District – 2023

Wilde Brothers Engineering Ltd. - Darin Wilde

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE WATER USERS OF UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Glenwood Community Hall, Glenwood, Alberta

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Duane Nelson, Chairman, Board of Directors
- 2. Appointment of the Meeting Chairperson
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting: March 15, 2023
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes: March 15, 2023
- Auditors Report: Skoien Professional Corporation Hakon Skoien
- 7. Board of Directors and Manager's Report: Duane Nelson, Fred Rice
- 8. Operations/Maintenance/Rehabilitation/Seepage Control Report
- 9. New Business expansion acres 295 acres were sold
 - Possible water rationing this season
 - ordering irrigation water Ditchriders needs to know the on and off time for irrigation water; a new monitoring system will be in place
 - AFSC-AgriInsurance info for Irrigation Districts
- 10. Margo Jarvis Redelback, Executive Director of AIDA talks about the South Saskatchewan Region Operation Model Phase#3 Report
- 11. Irrigation Council & Irrigation Secretariat
- 12. AGI Snowpack report
- 13. Presentation about the Belly River Reservoir Proposal
- 14. IRP#2378- F Lateral canal drone video about the work done in 2023
- 15. Adjournment

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT Wednesday, March 15, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

These are the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the United Irrigation District held in Hill Spring, Alberta at the Hill Spring Community Hall on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Duane Nelson

- Chairman

Daniel Hunsperger

- Vice-Chairman

Jim Woolf

- Board Member

Craig B. Smith

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Nicholas Barfuss

- Board Member - Board Member

Fred Rice

- District Manager

Viera Ducky

- Office Manager

Steve Lybbert

- Ditchrider

Skoien Professional Corporation

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Wilde Brothers Engineering

Darin Wilde

GUESTS:

Irrigation Council

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Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

Jennifer Nitschelm

Dennis Matis

Paul Conrad

Troy Ormann

Trevor Curran

Jollin Charest

Government of Alberta- CAP program

Marie Oxley

Water users: Larry & Carol Lybbert, Joachim Hengerer, Brad Archibald, Mitchel Merrill, Larry Gibb, Mike Nish, Jared Nelson, Lloyd Smith, Darcy Barfuss, Al McEwen, Jim Bester, Gary Folsom, John Folsom, Chad Folsom, Dan French, Standoff Colony-Larry Wippf, James Hofer, Riverside Colony-Jeremy Tschetter, Albert Tschetter, Waterton Colony-Darius Wurz, Dave Layton, Jason Layton, Diane Woolf

Village water users: Barbara Baxter, Jackie Ewan, Lori Wahn, Pat Wahn

Total attendance – 29 water users, 11 guests, 3 employees, and 5 Board members

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Duane Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. He then asked everybody to introduce themselves.

NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMAN

The Board of Directors had appointed Daniel Hunsperger before the meeting to act as the meeting chairman.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Daniel Hunsperger called for a motion to adopt the agenda. David Layton MOVED to adopt the agenda; Larry Wippf SECONDED the motion. ...CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Craig B. Smith read the minutes from March 16, 2022.

Larry Lybbert MOVED to accept the Minutes; SECONDED by James Hofer. ... CARRIED

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's Report was read by Hakon Skoien of Skoien Professional Corporation. He summarized the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022. It was noted that the audit was successful and clean, we did a good job and the auditor has no concerns about financial statements.

In the opinion of the Skoien Professional Corporation, the financial statements are presented fairly and free from issues, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of December 31, 2022, follows Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The UID finished the fiscal year 2022 with significant deficiency. This was kind of expected and also because the Board decided to build a restricted fund. Nick said it was the Board's decision and not Fred's. Another reason was the financial loss on investments due to the 2022 difficult year in the market. Jim Woolf guarantees that we will not be in a financial deficit this year 2023. Total irrigation rates were up due to a 3% increase in overall rates.

As per the auditor, it was a good fiscal year for the district and he appreciates working with our district.

Larry Gibb asked if we could provide financial statements at the same time when we send out the notice of the meeting in the future. Fred said that a copy of the financial statement will be available at the office before the annual meeting.

Larry Gibb MOVED to accept the Auditor's Report, SECONDED by Larry Wippf.

...CARRIED

MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN REPORT

The Board of Directors and Manager's report was read by Board Chairman Duane Nelson.

OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE/REHABILITATION/SEEPAGE CONTROL REPORT

The Operation and Maintenance Report, the Seepage Control Plan, and the IRP Work Report were read by Fred Rice, District Manager. Daniel Hunsperger-Board Member read page 13 of the Annual Report – Notes of Interest and Policy Reminders.

Fred refreshed briefly modernization projects and projects completed with the IRP funding. Larry Lybbert MOVED to accept the Board of Directors and Manager's Report and Operations/Maintenance/Rehabilitation/Seepage Control Plan; SECONDED by Al McEwen.

...CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS

- Expansion acres in the UID. Fred explained the possibility of expansion in our district. Some ratepayers are concerned about how it will affect us in the future especially at the end of the irrigation season with water shortage without water storage on Belly River. However, most ratepayers are for expansion.
- <u>Ratepayers not taking care of irrigation water.</u> The Board wanted to remind ratepayers to
 take good care of irrigation water when the supply of water is more and more crucial.
 Each ratepayer should not waste water at all. We will look into making a bylaw that will
 take care of this problem.
- Ordering irrigation water. Fred explained the importance of informing our Ditchriders
 when the ratepayer starts and finishes irrigating the land. We need that information for
 the DDIT (District Data Information Tool) program to monitor the usage of irrigation
 water.

Canadian Agricultural Partnership(CAP) Water Program

Marie Oxley from the Government of Alberta came to explain the Irrigation Efficiency Program to farmers. March 16th, 2023 is the last day to apply for funding and the program will be closed. She explained all the questions from the audience and handed out the applications. The new program will be rolling from April 1st, 2023.

Irrigation Council - Willemijn Appels

Ms. Appels introduced herself as she is an appointed Council member. She also explained briefly her work on water deficiency at Lethbridge College where she is working.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI)

Dennis Matis reported on the situation with a current snowpack that is not as great as last year. Everybody is hoping for more snow this spring. On the other hand, the water storage is in good shape, Waterton Dam is in better shape and St. Mary Reservoir is average.

Paul Conrad answered questions about work on aquifer wells around Cochrane Lake and explained all other activities planned and in process related to all aquifer wells in our area. The relief well which supplies water to Spring Glen Park will be more discussed with the consultants.

Daniel Hunsperger thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. Larry Lybbert MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 3:23 P.M.

Duane Nelson – Chairman

Fred W. Rice - District Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGER'S REPORT

This is our report on the operations of the UID for the year 2023. The year 2023 was busy.

The season started with below-average snowpack for the Akamina and Belly River Headwaters, but the Waterton Reservoir filled fairly quickly.

Water diversion in our district started on May 11, 2023, and ended on October 6, 2023. The total amount diverted in 2023 was 35,021 acre-feet. 24,344 acre-feet from the Belly River and 10,677 acre-feet from the Waterton reservoir through the environment's canal.

The diversion from Waterton Reservoir Licence started on July 10th and finished on October 2nd. There was below-average rainfall and high temperatures last summer so the irrigators relied heavily on irrigation again.

Looking forward to 2024 we are concerned about water shortage. The snowpack for St. Mary, Waterton & Belly River Headwaters is below the low quartile, but we are still hoping that spring snowfalls can greatly change the situation in our favor.

Fred has been attending meetings for the Water Sharing Agreement for 2024. If the situation with water is still critical, a sharing agreement needs to be implemented. A decision will be made in April.

The Board of directors met in eleven regular board meetings and two special board meetings in 2023. In the 2023 year, Craig Smith and Nicholas Barfuss were up for election and they were elected by acclamation for another election term.

The 2023 AIDA Annual Conference was held in February in Calgary. Fred attended the conference.

In June 2023 we held a public meeting to see if there was interest in the expansion of the district. The people at the meeting were in favor of continuing with a protocol for changing the UID expansion limit to 37,840 acres. The same day the Board made a resolution to hold a plebiscite for expansion. The plebiscite results were this: 88.4% of ballots were in favor of changing the expansion limit to 37,840 acres, and 11.6% were against changing the expansion limit.

In the fall of 2023, the crew of the UID was working hard on the IRP # 2378 - F Lateral open ditch. About one-third of the project, which is about 2,200 meters was completed. There were four structures installed and one road crossing was completed. Excellent weather helped us to finish the planned work before Christmas.

In 2023 the UID had the same Ditchriders, Neil Allred for the west block of the district in the Hill Spring area and Steve Lybbert for the east block of the district in the Glenwood area.

The Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) along with various partners and stakeholders hired the WaterSMART team to work on the South Saskatchewan River Operation Model (SSROM) to find water storages in the South Saskatchewan Region, which is Red Deer River and south up to the US border. Fred attended many meetings and pushed forward water storage on the Belly River which would significantly change the situation for our district. When they ran

the model, it showed that the Belly River Reservoir would greatly improve the area not just for the UID but for all seven districts downstream and upstream and communities. The AIDA asked Fred to do a presentation at the 2024 AIDA Conference in Lethbridge in February. The presentation was very well received. Now we need to work on government support and funding.

The loan at the National Bank for Modernization projects was fully paid in January 2024.

Our district continued to cooperate with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation. Our cooperation continued with Alberta Environment and Protected Area in 2023 as well in an effort to educate the boating public about the danger of aquatic invasive species coming into the waterways of Alberta.

We express appreciation once again to the Provincial Government and Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, for their continued support through the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program for funding that is making it possible to improve the United Irrigation District's infrastructure.

We appreciate the cooperation of irrigators and staff for the effective and efficient operation of the district in 2023. We extend best wishes for a successful 2024. We encourage water users to come into our UID office at any time to discuss your concerns or ideas.

Duane Nelson Chairman, Board of Directors Fred Rice District Manager

Total U.I.D. Assessment Roll Acreage Based on the 2023 Irrigation Season

Assessment Roll:

Permanent acres:	33,536.64
Minimum Parcel Acres (Permanent):	<u>863.36</u>
Total Acres:	34,400.00
Annual Acre Agreement	417.00

Total U.I.D. Water Diversion - 2023

Belly River Water Licence	- 4	8,988.32 acre feet
Belly River Diversion 2023	- 2	4,344.00 acre feet
Waterton to Cochrane Licence	- 1	7,000.00 acre feet
Waterton to Cochrane Lake 2023	- 1	0,677.00 acre feet
Total Diversion 2023	- 3	5,021.00 acre feet

2023 UID Method of Irrigation

Gravity	-	32.82 %
High-Pressure Pivot	-	0.95 %
Low-Pressure Pivot		60.87 %
Wheel Move	-	3.95 %
Other	-	1.41 %

2023 UID Energy Type Summary

Electricity	-	52.68 %
Gravity	- ,	14.10 %
Gravity Pressure Pipeline	-	28.84 %
Other	-	4.38 %

Operations/Maintenance/Rehabilitation/Seepage Control Report

Operations & Maintenance

General maintenance in 2023 included the cleaning of canals, repairing and cleaning of trash racks, mowing weeds on the main canal right of ways by Hill Spring, and repairing and replacing air vents, one 10" valve replaced, and turnouts painted. This year we did a lot of fence repair and painting the wood around our turnouts all over the district. The District continues to have problems with maintaining and recording accurate measurements with the water meters on Laterals A, B, C, and F. The usual spraying of the main canal systems of the district occurred from May until September. We do have concerns that Alberta Environment & Special Areas is only allowing us to spray our canals once per season.

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Materials	\$ 37,884.11
Equipment Pool	\$ 27,093.43
Labor	\$ 30,127.04
Other	\$ 454.00
Total	\$ 95,558.58

IRP Rehabilitation

Income:

income:				
2023 Alberta Agricultural Funding	\$	345,250.00		
2023 UID Match Money	\$_	115,083.00		•
Total	\$	460,333.00		
Expenditures 2023:			Cost to date:	Estimate:
IRP No. 2378 - F Lateral canal	\$	690,583.58	\$ 706,770.93	\$ 1,873,000.00
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Ending 2022 Cost Share Account	\$	3,578.90		
Cost Share Account owing for work in 2023	\$	154,241.89		

IRP # 2378 - F Lateral open ditch – our district did around one-third of the length of the project in fall 2023.

Seepage Control Plan

The District is experiencing very little seepage. A subsequence Seepage Control Plan was prepared for 5 years 2021-2026. In this plan the following seepage is eliminated:

F Lateral (100 meters) - was completed in 2023;

Lateral B on Sec 06-05-27-W4 (100 meters) - is scheduled for 2024 on the plan.

Changes to the Tax Assessment Roll for 2023:

We had two significant changes to the assessment roll for 2023:

- All terminable acres were transferred and sold as assessed acres to original ratepayers,
- The district sold 295 new assessed acres.

NOTES OF INTEREST AND POLICY REMINDERS

- 1. Today is the last day for nominations for two board members the terms for Duane Nelson and Daniel Hunsperger are up for election. Nominations close at 4:00 P.M. today.
- 2. Ratepayers are responsible for notifying Ditchriders when they want to turn irrigation water on and off. The UID is going to implement a new water monitoring system which will record the amount of water used. If you do not notify us when your system is off it will go against your total water allotment.
- 3. Ratepayers are responsible for ordering water to fill dugouts and for notifying Ditchriders to turn off the water when the dugouts are full. Ditch riders are not responsible for the overtopping of dugouts.
- 4. Notice to anyone doing subdivisions:

 One hour spent by the UID on subdivisions will be done for free. Any further time spent will be charged to the Applicant.
- 5. Please note that there will be no new water orders accepted after 12:00 NOON on Fridays to allow our Ditchriders to manage the water appropriately on the weekends.
- 6. Fences along District canals, drains, etc. are not to be removed without permission from the District. If the District approves the removal of the fence and the fence was originally installed by the District, the materials are to be returned to the District.
- 7. Before erecting a building, installing a fence or utility lines, digging a pond, planting trees, etc. near any of the District works (i.e. Canal, drain, pipeline, etc.), please check with District Management.
- 8. The Three-Year Plan for work to be done under the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program has been accepted by the Irrigation Council at the time of printing the annual report.
- 9. The UID Water License is designated for Agricultural Use and specified Other Purposes: Any land reclassified to Recreational or other than Agricultural use could be subject to loss of water rights on those acres.
- 10. WATER QUALITY DISCLAIMER: The United Irrigation District advises that the water in the irrigation system of the District may not be potable or may not be suitable for other purposes, and the District makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee that the water delivered through the system is potable or fit for human consumption or suitable for livestock watering, recreational use or other purposes. The Irrigation system of the District is an openditch system subject to possible contamination beyond the control of the District.
- 11. Note: Section 187 Irrigation Districts Act: "An owner or occupier of land who receives water delivered by the district is under a duty to take reasonable care in using the water and to prevent the water from causing injury to any person or damage to any property."
- 12. The UID starts spraying our canals throughout the district from May 25th until September 1st each year. The main chemicals sprayed: Roundup Transorb HC, Oracle, 2,4-D Amine 600.
- 13. We want to thank our staff for another successful year in running water. They are doing a great job of managing the water in the District. Thank you to the Department of Agriculture and Irrigation for the continued funding for the rehabilitation of the District. The expertise provided through the Irrigation and Farm Water Division and Alberta Environment and Parks is much appreciated as well. Finally, thank you to our water users for your support and cooperation in making the District run efficiently and effectively.

WEED NOTICE

As in previous years, the United Irrigation District is permitted to implement a herbicide spray program, under a specific condition, in or within 30 horizontal meters of irrigation canals, laterals, and drains owned by the District to attempt to control: Broadleaf weeds and brush & Noxious weeds

In accordance with the Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act, the application was made by the District, and approval was received to proceed with this annual program to apply herbicides.

Persons having specific concerns are encouraged to contact: Fred Rice, District Manager

CROPS GROWN WITHIN THE UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT 2023

CROPS GROWN	EAST BLOCK	WEST BLOCK	TOTAL
Barley	3,778.14	4,879.43	8,657.57
Malt Barley	0.00	280.06	280.06
Hard Spring Wheat	1,058.70	581.24	1,639.94
CPS Wheat	1,276.82	0.00	1,276.82
Oats	9.75	0.00	9.75
Winter Wheat	1,220.95	80.00	1,300.95
Alfalfa 2nd Cut	671.8	1,976.40	2,648.20
Alfalfa 3rd Cut	1,755.41	449.27	2,204.68
Alfalfa Hay	137.00	18.71	155.71
Alfalfa Silage	0.00	3.30	3.30
Barley Silage	2,376.10	739.74	3,115.84
Barley Silage Underseed	50.00	0.00	50.00
Triticale	0.00	ਂ <u>1</u> 35.00	135.00
Grass Hay	280.15	790.76	1,070.91
Green Feed	341.55	0.00	341.55
Tame Pasture	1,526.65	3,139.92	4,666.57
Timothy Hay	586.20	365.61	951.81
Non-Crop	2.00	0.00	2.00
Canola	3,735.32	2,262.46	5,997.78
Market Garden	9.00	0.00	9.00
Potato	5.00	0.00	5.00
Dry peas	142.00	0.00	142.00
Miscellaneous	88.81	63.75	152.56
TOTAL	19,051.35	15,765.65	34,817.00

United Irrigation District Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan Summary of Estimated Expenditures

IRP			Estimated Expenditure By Construction Year			an and a second and a second and a second
No.		ct Name		By Const	ruction Year	
Continuing Pa	rojects	Original	Year	Year	Year	Additional Years
Also include any S Completed Project have funds expend clean-up, etc. (Projects Already Irrigation Counci	s** that will ed for any final y Approved by	Approval Date	One* 2024/25	Two 2025/26	Three 2026/27	(If Required) 2027/28
2378	F Lateral Open Ditch	October 26, 2022	\$ -	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 536,666.00	\$ 506,734.00
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New Year On	e Projects (P	rojects Not Yet A				
	F4 Lateral		\$ 766,165.00	\$ -	············	
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Proposed Yes	ır Two Projec	ets (Projects Not	Yet Approved	by Irrigation Co	uncil)	
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Proposed Yea	r Three Proj	ects (and beyon	d) (Projects N	ot Yet Approved	l by Irrigation Co	uncil)
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Total Estimat	ed Expenditu	ires per Year	\$ 766,165.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 536,666.00	\$ 506,734.00

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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Skoien Professional Corporation

Chartered Professional Accountant

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of United Irrigation District:

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of United Irrigation District (the Entity), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Accounting Standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance
with ASNFPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of
financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

Skoien Professional Corporation

Chartered Professional Accountant

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Entity to express an opinion on the financial statements. I am responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. I remain solely responsible for my audit opinion. I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit. I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Hakon Skoien.

SKOIEN PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT

Hakon Skoien, CPA

Cardston, Alberta

February 20, 2024

Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2023

			General	District	 Irrigation	·		
	Ref.		Fund	Capital	Works	2023	,	2022
ASSETS								
CURRENT ASSETS						•		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 7)	1	\$	998,366	\$	\$ - \$	998,366	\$	123,333
Accounts receivable	2		7,401	-	· •	7,401		6,225
Due from funds (Note 6)	3		135,438	•	-	135,438		8,790
Inventory	4 .	٠	81,722	•	•	81,722		86,582
Prepaid expenses	5		15,650		-	15,650		15,143
Current portion of notes receivable (Note 10)	6		100,550	 		100,550		*10.055
	7		1,339,127	-	-	1,339,127		240,073
CASH (Note 7)	8		-	473,564	3,571	477,135		575,276
NOTES RECEIVABLE (Note 10)	9		301,650		-	301,650		-
INVESTMENTS (Note 8)	10		473,564	1,140,596	*	1,614,160		1,838,491
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 9)	11		-	501,395	-	501,395		566,923
IRRIGATION WORKS (Note 11)	12		· 	 -	14,285,506	14,285,506		14,168,041
	13	\$	2,114,341	\$ 2,115,555	\$ 14,289,077 \$	18,518,973	\$	17,388,804
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
CURRENT LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	. 14	\$	46,761	\$ -	\$ - \$	46,761	\$	44,377
Government remittances payable	15		21,554	-		21,554		11,388
Due to funds (Note 6)	16		-	-	135,438	135,438		8,790
	17		68,315	 -	135,438	203,753		64,555
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 12)	18		_	-	456,330	456,330		451,500
	19		68,315	 _	 591,768	660,083		516,055
FUND BALANCES				 				•
Unrestricted net assets	20		2,046,026	-	-	2,046,026		2,037,273
Internally restricted	27		í í	1,614,169	-	1,614,160		473,140
Net assets invested in property and equipment	22		-	501,395	-	501,395		566,923
Irrigation works fund (Schedule 3)	23		٠.,-		(131,867)	(131,867)	,	81,727
Equity in irrigation works	24			 <u> </u>	13,829,176	13,829,176		13,713,686
	25		2,046,026	2,115,555	 13,697,309	17,858,890		16,872,749
·	.26	\$	2,114,341	\$ 2,115,555	\$ 14,289,077 \$	18,518,973	\$	17,388,804
COMMITMENTS (Note 12)								

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UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Ref.	General Fund	District Capital	Irrigation Works	2023	2022
REVENUE						
WATER EARNINGS						
Irrigation rates, net (Note 13)	**************************************	476,691 \$	- \$	- \$	476,691 \$	464,223
Conveyance of commercial water	2	30,700	-	-	30,700	29,806
Conveyance of agricultural domestic water Annual acre agreements	. J	5,908 8,324	_	-	5,908 8,324	6,064 7,064
Penalties	3	1,362	-	•	1,362	1,270
	δ —	522,985	-	-	522,985	508,427
CAPITAL ASSET CHARGES - NEW ACRES	7	832,810	•	•	832,810	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	. 8	113,079	424	17,122	130,625	76,182
UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	9	37,964	-	•	37,964	(202,183
RRIGATION WORKS FUND REVENUE	10	•	-	345,250	345,250	455,245
CUSTOM WORK	11	97,504	-	-	97,504	36,173
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROJECTS	12	92,000	-	-	92,000	217,448
OTHER	13	15,539	14,557	-	30,0 96	12,820
•	14	1,711,881	14,981	362,372	2,089,234	1,104,112
expenditures						
OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Schedule 1)	15	369,594	-	-	369,594	476,186
NTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	16	.	•	4,830	4,830	2,855
AMORTIZATION	17		63,085	665,584	728,669	717,971
•	18	369,594	63,085	670,414	1,103,093	1,197,012
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	19	1,342,287	(48,104)	(308,042)	986,141	(92,900
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	20	2,037,273	1,040,063	13,795,413	16,872,749	16,965,649
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	17 11 - 12 1	/44 F POS'		115 000		
Provision for irrigation works	21	(115,083)	1 102 506	115,083	-	. •
Other transfers	22	(1,218,451) (1,333,534)	1,123,596 1,123,596	94,855 209,938	<u>-</u>	
FUND BALANCE, end of year	23 \$	2,046,026 \$	2,115,555 \$	13,697,309 \$	17,858,890 \$	16,872,749

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022		
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN):				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 986,141	\$ (92,900)		
Items not involving cash:				
Amortization	728,669	717,971		
(Gain) loss on sale of property and equipment	(14,557)	· -		
Unrealized (gain) loss on fair value change in investments	(37,964)	202,183		
	1,662,289	827,254		
Net change in non-cash working capital balances				
Accounts receivable	(1,176)	12,900		
Inventory	4,860	(46,996)		
Prepaid expenses	(507)	(551)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,384	11,186		
Government remittances payable	10,166	11,388		
	1,678,016	815,181		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
(Purchase) sale of investments	262,295	(53,429)		
(Purchase) sale of property and equipment	17,000	(80,317)		
Purchase of irrigation works	(783,049)	(1,031,143)		
	(503,754)	(1,164,889)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Advances of notes receivable	(502,750)	-		
Received on notes receivable	100,550	-		
Proceeds from loans	4,830	270,564		
Repayment of loans - District Capital	**	(47,078)		
	(397,370)	223,486		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	776,892	(126,222)		
CASH, beginning of year	698,609	824,831		
CASH, end of year (Note 6)	\$ 1,475,501	\$ 698,609		
SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION Operating activities include the following:	2002	2022		
	2023	2022		
Interest received	\$ 120,313	\$ 54,799		

Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Nature of Operations

The United Irrigation District (the "District") operates under the authority of the Irrigation Districts Act of the Province of Alberta and as such is exempt from income tax. The primary purpose of the District is to convey and deliver water through the irrigation works of the District and to construct, operate and maintain the District's irrigation works in the Glenwood and Hill Spring areas.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO), CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting Part III, and are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

b. Fund Accounting

The District follows the restricted fund method of accounting.

The General Fund accounts for the District's unrestricted general and operating activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and the transactions relating to them.

The District Capital Fund accounts for funds that are internally restricted by the Board of Directors. These funds are not available for general purposes without approval of the Board.

The Irrigation Works Fund accounts for capital receipts for new irrigation works. Costs incurred in constructing new irrigation works and in replacing and rehabilitating existing structures are provided for from the fund. The net assets of the Irrigation Works Fund are restricted under the terms of the Irrigation Rehabilitation Funding Agreement as well as the Irrigating Alberta Inc. Funding Agreement. These funds can only be spent on approved projects as outlined in the respective funding agreements. Funding for Irrigation Rehabilitation Projects is shared between the District (25%) and Province (75%). Funding for Irrigating Alberta Inc. projects is shared between the District (20%) and Irrigating Alberta Inc. (80%).

c. Revenue Recognition

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the contributions are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn.

e. Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on the specific item basis.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

2. Summary of Accounting Policies (continued)

f. Goods and Services Tax

The District is part of the Alberta Crown and is listed as a tax-exempt Government of Alberta agency, and is therefore included in the Province's constitutional tax immunity. As a result, the District pays no income taxes or Goods and Services Tax on purchases, but is still required to collect and remit Goods and Services Tax on services provided.

g. Irrigation Works

Costs incurred in constructing new irrigation works and in replacing and rehabilitating existing works are capitalized and fully provided for from the irrigation works fund. Additions are capitalized at cost and government approved rates for equipment, labour and overhead charges. Maintenance projects are expensed to operations.

Amortization of irrigation works is provided for on a straight line basis over 40 years. No amortization is taken in the year of acquisition.

If irrigation works are subject to permanent impairment, additional amortization or write-down is provided.

h. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided for on the declining balance basis using the following annual rates:

Buildings	5%
Furniture and fixtures	10%
General equipment	10%
Power equipment	10%
Trucks	15%
Computer equipment	25%

In the year of acquisition, amortization is provided for at half the normal rate.

If property and equipment are subject to permanent impairment, additional amortization or write-down is provided.

i. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to estimates and assumptions include the estimated useful lives of property and equipment and irrigation works, and the valuation of inventories. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Management has estimated the average useful life of irrigation works in the District to be 40 years. Amortization of irrigation works is based on these estimates.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues and expenses in the periods in which they become known.

Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

2. Summary of Accounting Policies (continued)

i. Capital Requirements

The District considers its capital to be the balance maintained in its unrestricted net assets. The primary objective of the District is to invest its capital in a manner that will allow it to continue as a going concern and comply with its stated objectives. Capital is invested under the direction of the board of directors of the District with the objective of providing a reasonable rate of return, minimizing risk and ensuring adequate liquid investments are on hand for current cash flow requirements. The District is subject to externally imposed requirements of its capital on irrigation works cash.

k. Financial Instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

The District initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions.

The District subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in excess of revenues over expenditures.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable, and investments.

Financial investments in equity instruments are measured at fair market value and are classified as current or long-term in concurrence with the nature and intent of the investment.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, government remittances payable, and long-term debt.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in excess of revenues over expenditures.

Transactions costs

The District recognizes its transaction costs in excess of revenues over expenditures in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transactions costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

3. Comparative Figures

Where necessary the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's financial statement presentation. These changes do not affect prior year earnings.

Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

4. Economic Dependence

The District relies on contributions from the Province of Alberta for rehabilitation of the irrigation works of the District.

5. Financial Instruments

The District, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the District is not exposed to significant liquidity, credit, market, or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed. The following analysis provides a measure of the entity's risk exposure and concentrations at the balance sheet date.

Credit Concentration

The District does not have significant exposure to risk from any individual customer and conducts regular reviews of its existing customers' credit performance. The *Irrigation Districts Act* provides a mechanism to recover losses associated with non-payment of irrigation rates and rights.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The District is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and long-term debt.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The District's main credit risk is related to its accounts receivable. The District provides credit to its clients in the normal course of its operations.

Market risk

The District is exposed to market risk with respect to fluctuations in the trading price of its investments.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. Changes in market interest rates may have an effect on the cash flows associated with some financial assets and liabilities, known as cash flow risk, and on the fair value of other financial assets or liabilities, known as price risk. The District does not have any specific exposure to interest rate risk.

6. Due to and from Funds

Interfund balances are for amounts due from the District's unrestricted General Fund to the restricted Irrigation Works Fund to fully fund externally restricted Irrigation Rehabilitation Program and Modernization Projects. These balances are unsecured, non-interest bearing, with no set terms of repayment.

Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

7. Cash

Cash consists of:

	2023	2022
Cash - current (unrestricted) Cash - long-term (restricted)	99 8 ,366 477,135	123,333 575,276
	\$ 1,475,501 \$	698,609

Cash held under the cost-sharing agreement with the Province of Alberta, and cash held under the modernization funding agreement with Irrigating Alberta Inc., is restricted for use on approved irrigation works projects and is therefore classified as a long-term asset. Cash held in District Capital is internally restricted by the Board of Directors and is therefore classified as a long-term asset.

8. Investments

	2023	2022
Mutual funds	\$ 1,336,429	\$ 1,362,724
Preferred shares	167,970	168,000
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	100,890	298,896
Common shares in Irrigating Alberta Inc. (Note 12)	100	100
•	1,605,389	1,829,720
Patronage reserves	8,771	8,771
	\$ 1,614,160	\$ 1,838,491

Investments held in District Capital is internally restricted by the Board of Directors. The book value of investments is \$1,378,792 (2022 - \$1,948,863).

9. Property and Equipment

		 2022		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
Land	\$ 13,666	s -	\$ 13,666	\$ 13,666
Buildings	137,165	113,789	23,376	24,607
Power equipment	931,911	653,960	277,951	308,834
General equipment	160,673	88,376	72,297	83,901
Trucks	558,626	446,009	112,617	134,140
Furniture and fixtures	15,722	14,779	943	1,048
Computer equipment	15,064	14,519	 545	727
	\$ 1,832,827	\$ 1,331,432	\$ 501,395	\$ 566,923

Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

10. Notes Receivable

Notes receivable consist of amounts owing from ratepayers for the conversion of former terminable acres to permanent acres. The notes carry no interest and are receivable in annual payments totaling \$100,550, with the last annual payment being due on May 1, 2027. If payment is not made in full by this date, the associated permanent acres may be removed. Late payments are subject to penalties as per the agreements signed.

11. Irrigation Works

Irrigation works have been valued for balance sheet purposes at the recorded cost of the system as at December 31, 1977, together with additions and rehabilitations-to-date and charges-to-date for amortization, as described in Note 2.

	2023	-	2022
Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
\$31,237,687	\$16,952,181	\$14,285,506	\$14,168,041

Irrigation Works

12. Long-term Debt

On December 18, 2020, the District entered into a funding agreement with Irrigating Alberta Inc. ("IAI") whereby funding for an approved irrigation works modernization project will be funded 20% by District contributions and 80% through IAI, which has secured its 80% share of the funding via a Province of Alberta grant (30%) and via a loan through Canada Infrastructure Bank ("CIB") (50%). The District's approved funding through IAI is subject to a maximum approved amount of \$722,400 - \$451,500 via CIB loan and \$270,900 via Province of Alberta grant. The CIB loan will accrue interest at 1.0% per annum and is repayable in annual payments in variable amounts based on incremental revenues. The outstanding balance of the loan as at December 31, 2022 was \$456,330 (2022 - \$451,500).

Said funding agreement grants to IAI a first ranking security interest in all incremental revenues of the District, including all capital asset charges for new acres, annual irrigation rates levied on new acres, all increases to irrigation rates (net of inflation) on existing irrigated acres, capital contributions from rate payers, and any other revenues directly attributable to the approved modernization project. Incremental revenues are externally restricted by IAI and are to be used solely for loan repayments by IAI and related management fees as per the funding agreement. In 2023, incremental revenues were \$ NIL (2022 - \$ NIL).

For further details on transactions and balances relating to these restricted funds, refer to Schedule 2 and Schedule 3

On January 29, 2024, the District repaid the CIB loan balancein full. The District will be withdrawing its shares in IAI and terminating its involvement with and any contractual obligations thereto.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

13. Irrigation Rates

gation rates, net, consist of:	- ***	2023				
33,537 acres @ \$14.08 per acre (2022 - 33,058 acres @ \$13.67 per acre)	\$	472,195 \$	451,901			
- terminable acres (2022 - 479 acres @ \$15.85 per acre)		-	7,589			
863 acres; minimum charge @ \$344.20 per parcel (2022 - 863 acres @ \$344.20 per parcel)		27,299	26,483			
34,400 acres (2022 - 34,400 acres)		499,494	485,973			
Discounts		(22,803)	(21,750)			
	\$	476,691 \$	464,223			

14. Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by management and the Board of Directors.

Schedule of Operating Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Schedule 1

				20)23					2022	
	Operations & Maintenance		Water Delivery		Administration and General			Total		Total	
EXPENDITURES					············						
Salaries	\$	185,388	¢	73,241	\$	175,217	\$	433,846	¢	398,929	
Fuel		60,072	•	73,241		1,2,21,	ँ	60.072	w	59,225	
Materials and supplies		80,742						80,742		32,913	
Insurance		00,712				18,445		18,445		17,332	
Association fees, dues						17,082		17,082		13,425	
Equipment maintenance		97,780				.,,002		97,780		53,608	
Board of Directors - fees and expenses		>,,,,,,				16,380		16,380		13,510	
Travel expenses				27,600		1.836		29,436		28,940	
Professional fees				_,,,,,,,,		8,450		8,450		8,497	
Office and administration						12,274		12,274		13,825	
Utilities						6,093		6,093		5,762	
Miscellaneous						5,399		5,399		10,554	
Conferences						1,663		1,663		350	
Telephone						2,519		2,519		2,427	
-	_	423,982	-	100,841		265,358		790,181		659,297	
RECOVERIES				,		ĺ		,			
Equipment pool recoveries		(388,790)						(388,790)		(137,536	
Labor recovery - construction		(19,873)						(19,873)		(28,484	
Overhead		(11,924)						(11,924)		(17,091	
		(420,587)		-				(420,587)		(183,111	
TOTAL 2023	\$	3,395	\$	100,841	\$	265,358	\$	369,594			
TOTAL 2022	\$	244,687	\$	96,550	s	134,949			\$	476,186	

Schedule of Irrigation Works Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Schedule 2

	 		20	23					2022
	Irrigating District Alberta Inc				Province of Alberta	Total			Total
EXTERNAL GOODS AND SERVICES									
Materials and supplies	\$ -	\$	-	\$	323,583	\$	323,583	\$	817,564
Contract services - engineering	-		-		33,578		33,578		17,748
Contract services - construction	-		-		4,801		4,801		10,037
Miscellaneous	-		-		500		500		2,683
	 4				362,462		362,462		848,032
INTERNAL GOODS AND SERVICES									
Equipment pool recoveries	-				388,790		388,790		137,536
Labor recovery - construction	-		-		19,873		19,873		28,484
Overhead	-		-		11,924		11,924		17,091
	 -		-		420,587		420,587	-	183,111
TOTAL 2023	\$ -	\$		\$	783,049	\$	783,049		·
TOTAL 2022	\$ 239,496	\$	522,530	\$_	269,117			\$	1,031,143

Schedule of Changes in Fund Balance - Irrigation Works Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Schedule 3

	2023									2022		
	District		Irrigating Alberta Inc.		Province of Alberta		Total			Total		
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		-	\$	-	\$ 8	1,727	\$	81,727	\$	(87,254)		
ADDITIONS:												
Contribution from Province of Alberta		-		-	34	5,250		345,250		455,245		
Interest earned		-		-	1	7,122		17,122		1,331		
Transfer from District general fund		-		-		-		-		54,711		
Contributions from rate payers	9:	2,000				-		92,000		217,448		
Loan proceeds		-		-				-		270,664		
District Provision	11:	5,083		-		-		115,083		200,725		
Transfers from District to Restricted Funds	(20)	7,083)		-	20	7,083				-		
		-		-	56	9,455		569,455	1	,200,124		
DEDUCTIONS:												
Irrigation works expenditures (Schedule 2)					78	3,049		783,049	1	,031,143		
FUND BALANCE, end of year	\$	-	\$	-	\$ (13	1,867)	\$ ((131,867)	\$	81,727		