

Monday, October 23, 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 October 23rd, 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 September 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 18, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the September 2023 Payroll

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

Discussion and Acceptance of October 23, 2023 Accounts Payable

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 23, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to October 23, 2023

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept October 23, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Loans from National Bank might be moved to ATB Financial

Fred learned from the last IAI meeting that loans for modernization projects in the National Bank might be moved to ATB Financial. He wanted to inform the Board that if it happens, there will be a lot of documents for signing, and investigations about UID's financial situation will be carried out.

AIDA meeting – IRP Construction Eligibility Policy

AIDA is asking all districts about the new ideas on how the IRP program can be available for other purposes. The purpose of the IRP program might be a cost for dam safety review or the cost of infrastructure for expansion acres. The Board discussed the topic based on the current IRP Construction Eligibility Policy. All works done depend mostly on interpretation.

Fred reminded the Board about the upcoming AIDA Board of Directors meeting on November 7th in Taber.

SSROM Phase #3 meeting

Fred attended the last SSROM meeting on October 13th in Calgary in person. The meeting went very well. The proposed water storage on Belly River was discussed again in more detail and Fred was answering their question based on the preliminary study done by Wilde Engineering for the UID. It gives us hope that this water storage will become a reality one day.

New acres for sale

The UID office received three applications to buy 295 assessed acres during the first round. The number of acres did not exceed 600 acres available for sale, therefore all applications were approved.

Jim Woolf MOVED to sell 135 assessed acres to Blue Ridge Colony, 135 assessed acres to Standoff Colony, and 25 assessed acres to 2316622 Alberta Ltd (c/o David Steed); SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept applications for another 305 assessed acres in the second round in 2023 starting immediately until November 30th, 2023; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.
...CARRIED

The UID is accepting applications for the remaining 305 assessed acres effective immediately until November 30th, 2023 which will be advertised on our website. The cost is \$1,200.00 per acre plus GST. Each applicant is responsible for the cost of the infrastructure.

IRP # 2378 F Lateral open ditch

The first section of the project is completed. All structures from Precon Manufacturing were delivered and already paid out but we will need a crane to install them. Culverts from E.D. Marketing were delivered on Thursday, October 19th. The crew worked continuously on the project except for one week due to unfavorable weather conditions. Pictures and videos were shown to the Board.

Water usage from Waterton Dam

Fred informed the Board that the UID used 10,545.27 acre-feet of water from the Waterton reservoir in 2023.

The FalCan Industries gooseneck trailer

The trailer has been repaired and the full amount for the repair was calculated to be \$5,370.38. Rudy Hengerer's insurance covered \$2,967.88. The remaining amount needs to be paid before the trailer is released.

Duane Nelson MOVED to pay the remaining amount of \$2,402.50 for FalCan Industries by the UID; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

We will also contact Rudy Hengerer to pay the remaining amount as he is responsible for the accident.

Hengerer Farms

Irrigation classification for Hengerer Farms is completed, however, he will get results from Trace Associates Inc. when the invoice for services is paid.

Cattle guards by the chute in Hill Spring

Chad Folsom asked Fred to clean cattle guards by the chute north of Hill Spring. The guards are full of dirt and his cattle are walking across. The UID will clean them.

2022 Dodge Ram

Fred had an accident. He hit the front fender and door. We also need new tires for the truck.

89 Ford

The truck is supposed to be repaired with a new engine sometime this week.

1982 International truck


A hydraulic ram is leaking badly. Fred's question was if we should replace it or not invest in this truck anymore. The Board suggested to repair it.

Appreciation supper for employees

The Board of the UID is going to organize an appreciation supper for employees and Board members. The event will take place on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Hill Spring community hall.

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

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 20th, 2023, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice