

Monday, July 25, 2022, 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 July 25th, 2022, commencing at 9:00 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 June 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the June 20, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the June 2022 Payroll

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the June 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July 25, 2022 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the July 25, 2022 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to July 25, 2022

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept July 25, 2022, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Irrigating Alberta Inc.

At the Board of Directors meeting on June 23rd, 2022 one of the discussed topics was how to approach the government for more funds because of the inflationary pressure districts are experiencing. It is recommended to each district to discuss what level of support to offer to collectively lobby the government for additional funds for modernization projects in the new economic environment that we are in.

The UID has three modernization projects of which two are substantially completed. The last project will be completed by the end of this year and we already have PVC pipe delivered. The Board of the UID has no issues with lobbying the government for extra funding for modernization projects because of inflation but would also like to lobby for extra funding for the IRP program.

Online Power + webinar

Fred attended the webinar on July 11th, 2022. AIDA is looking into electrical price savings as a group for irrigation farmers. We do not know if this program would work for our district and we are waiting for more detail to come.

Instream Water Control Projects Ltd. quote for Headwork repair

As a result of the communication between Instream and the electrician from D.A. Electric who came to repair the gate at our Headworks, we have received the quote for \$6,225. We are not even sure if the quote includes work. The Board needs a more detailed quote before making any decision as the price is high.

Evaluation of IRP from Alberta Agriculture

The team from Alberta Agriculture did and sent to us an evaluation of IRP# 1129. They changed the report for IRP# 1294 where pictures were showing rebar on the structure. The problem is now repaired.

Modernization project B Lateral

All dirt is hauled in to fill the old ditch and we got clay from Daniel Hunsperger from his dugout. The dugout is nicely sloped now and we would like to express thanks to Daniel for the clay. Daniel is happy with UID's work.

AIDA’s 2022 Inter-District Tour of St.Mary Irrigation District

Fred and Daniel attended the tour on July 7th and were satisfied with the whole event. The tour was very interesting for them, especially the big pumphouse.

Accounting software Quickbooks

Price & Comin LLP is changing its Server systems over the next couple of months and moving to a private cloud setup. It means that they will no longer be able to offer the Quickbooks solution we have been using. The UID needs to buy our own software – desktop version or online version. Price & Comin promised to help with the transition of our data.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to buy the Quickbooks desktop version which is suitable for UID’s needs; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Seepage at Hengerer Farms Ltd.

Mr. Hengerer contacted Fred and showed him part of his field on Lateral F4 full of barley foxtail. According to him, it is caused by seepage from the UID’s canal. It is taking his whole corner of the field about 5-6 acres. As Fred went to check it, there is a sign of water sitting in the pointed area but this might be as a well low spot or overwatering the field, or a combination of all.

The solution might be lining the ditch or pipeline. The board will discuss this topic again during the next meetings. Duane suggested that this be a pipeline but we can’t get PVC pipe until 2028 at the earliest.

UID’s investments in RBC

Fred just wanted to inform the Board about a quite significant loss in our investments in RBC due market situation we are currently in. We are hoping it will improve in the long term.

Seepage at Folsom Dairy’s land

Chad Folsom and Johny Folsom came to the meeting to discuss issues at NW 8-4-27-W4, east of Dipping Vat Lake. Chad pointed out significant seepage from our canal and as a result, they are not able to grow any crop for years on that part of the land. It is approximately 21 acres. According to Chad, they tried everything without a positive result because it was caused by the seepage and they are asking the UID to install a pipeline in that area. They tried adding manure and a lot of topsoils but the soil is still alkaline.


Fred thinks there is a bedrock east of the canal and the water is accumulating on that piece of land so in this case, the pipeline will not help. The UID will do test holes in the fall after a crop is harvested and the decision will be made based on what we find with the test holes.


UID’s BBQ

The Board is planning to host a BBQ evening for the crew, some guests, and board members. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 pm most likely at Spring Glen Park.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2022, at 9:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice