

**Monday, December 18, 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 December 18th, 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 November 16, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the November 16, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2023 Payroll**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the November 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of December 18, 2023 Accounts Payable**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the December 18, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 18, 2023**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept December 18, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Owen Doherty asked the UID for a letter**

Owen and Audrey approached the UID and asked for the letter stating that they did not cause damage to Daniel Hunsperger's property. Their concerns were discussed during September's meeting. The Board discussed this problem again and a letter will be sent to them stating that they kept good care of irrigation water in 2023.

**Motion to appoint an auditor for the fiscal year 2023**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that Skoein Profesional Corporation be appointed as auditor for the fiscal year 2023; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 10-2023 Date of Election and Date of Annual General Meeting for the UID**

Craig Smith MOVED that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, and the Election will be held on April 10, 2024, if needed; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 10-2023 Date of Election**

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Jim Woolf. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Craig Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read second time by Craig Smith. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED  
...PASSED

**Christmas bonuses for employees for 2023**

Christmas bonuses for full-time and seasonal employees was approved.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to pay a Christmas bonus for 2023 to employees as follows: Byran Cahoon and Robert Lybbert - \$150/each, Neil Allred - \$300, Steve Lybbert - \$400, Viera Ducky - \$750, and Fred Rice - \$1,000; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith. ...CARRIED

**Moving Ditchriders' leftover vacation time to next year**

Our Ditchrider Steve Lybbert was not able to use his entire vacation time for 2023 as the crew was busy working on projects this year.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that Ditchrider's remaining vacation time will be moved to the next year 2024; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

**Office closure for holidays**

The UID office will be closed for holidays from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The office will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**New acres for sale, second round**

The UID office received one application for 7 assessed acres during the second round. The application was approved by the Board.

Duane Nelson MOVED to sell 7 assessed acres to 2316622 Alberta Ltd (c/o David Steed); SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Four members were in favor, one member was against the decision. ...CARRIED

**IRP # 2378 F Lateral open ditch**

The ditch is cut completely, bank armor, structures, and culvert crossing are completed as well. Little of the landscaping and fencing will be done in spring 2024 but we are wrapped up for this year.

We had a problem with three out of four structures which was frustrating. One panel was completely wrong. Fred will have a meeting with Precon Manufacturing who made these structures.

**750 C Equipment**

They found a remanufactured injector pump. All service on this equipment is done, but we also need new blades. The cat is in the shop and we were not able to try it yet.

**JD 240 DLC**

We have noticed that the hydraulic fan makes noises. Only the part costs \$2,700 and about two days of work to replace it.

**'89 Ford Gravel Truck**

MoBoots replaced the clutch under the warranty, but we paid for the support for the transmission and for turning up the fuel pump. It has more power now.

**'92 Ford**

This equipment has leaned very badly for a long time and we found out that the leaf spring is missing. We are going to change both front leaf springs at the same time.

**AIDA AGM meeting**

The meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 afternoon at the Sandman Lethbridge Lodge, just before the AIDA Conference 2024 starts.

Jim and Fred are planning to attend the meeting.

**AIDA Conference 2024 "When In Drought"**

Fred, Jim, Craig, and Viera are planning to attend the conference.

**Incremental revenue**

Incremental revenue from the sale of new assessed acres needs to be paid by January 31, 2024. Viera will contact Kristien Renaud, IAI Financial Administrator.

**Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) Drought meeting**

The meeting took place on December 6<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge with MVID, SWID, UID, and Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation. MVID did not attend the meeting. The Drought Rationing Agreement was discussed. Fred suggested that the Water Smart team should prepare the agreement as they already have all the information needed. There needs to be two kinds of agreements for two different groups of irrigation districts. One group is for those with water storage and the second group is for those without water storage.

**SSROM meeting**

Fred attended this meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in person in Calgary. A lot of positive information came from the meeting, however, they are confidential until the meeting in February.

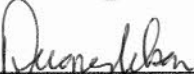
**DDIT data for 2023**

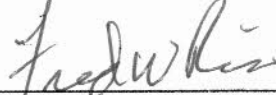
The DDIT data and flow meters information for 2023 needs to be submitted to Alberta Agriculture as per their request each year before December 20<sup>th</sup>. Flow meters are not accurate and some of them do not record any data.

**Rudy Hengerer**

Mr. Hengerer never answered the email sent to him with the request to cover the cost of the damaged trailer caused by him as his insurance did not cover the full price for the repair. The Board wants to send him a bill for that cost and contact him again.

Duane Nelson MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 P.M.  
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 A.M

  
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Chairman – Duane Nelson

  
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District Manager – Fred Rice