

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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 March 20th, 2024, 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 February 22, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the February 22, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the February 2024 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the February 2024 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of March 20, 2024 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the March 20, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to March 20, 2024

Craig Smith MOVED to accept March 20, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

RBC Joss Wealth Advisory Group

Kalee from RBC asked if we would like Jessica to come and provide us with an update on our investments. The Board decided to invite her and Darren Tanner from ATB Financial to the next meeting to discuss the investments mentioned above.

Water Sharing Agreement – Workshop #2 Meeting

This meeting took place at the Carriage House Inn on March 1st, 2024 and Fred attended the meeting in person. Fred provided the Board with a brief report on the meeting.

Water Sharing Agreement will be drafted by the WaterSMART working group and final decisions should be made by April 15th. When an agreement is ready, two representatives of the district are required to sign the document.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that Fred Rice, District Manager, and Duane Nelson, Chair will sign the Water Sharing Agreement 2024 on behalf of the United Irrigation District; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

Rezoning the land for the dam to Direct Control

Joe Thomas from the Development Department at Cardston County asked if we want to rezone the land to Direct Control for the Belly River Proposed Reservoir. Moving to this stage would require notifications to all surrounding landowners. Because this proposal is in a very early stage, the Board decided to wait with the rezoning at least until the proposal is presented to Rebecca Shulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas of Alberta.

AFSC – AgriInsurance info for Irrigation Districts

A letter from AFSC was forwarded to all Irrigation Districts. The letter highlights some recommendations from districts to those Irrigators who have insurance on irrigated land. This letter will be mentioned to the irrigators at the UID AGM this afternoon.

IRP# 2407 F4 Lateral

48" PVC pipe was ordered and IPEX honored the old price which resulted in a 6% saving for the UID on the pipe.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to use funds from restricted fund if needed for UID operation; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

IRP funding 2024

Budget 2024 provides \$19 million for irrigation. It is a \$5.5 million increase compared to the year 2023. The UID will receive approximately \$489,000 from the government and our share will be around \$163,000.

AIDA Executive meeting

The last executive meeting took place at the UID office here in Glenwood. Jim gave the Board a brief report from the meeting. The main topics discussed at the meeting included:

- Water Sharing Agreement,
- Invasive mussels in our waters and
- Relationship with the government

New water measuring system app

Brandon Wilde from Wilde Bros Engineering received the required data from us and is working hard on the system for our district. Once the system is ready, we need to include information from all water users on how many gallons of water per minute their system is using. We also need to provide wifi hotspot data for Ditchriders to be able to use the system everywhere in our district.

Meeting with Hon. Joseph Schow and others - thoughts

The Board was very satisfied with the presentation, the meeting, and the delicious lunch. Mr.Schow mentioned that he will try to organize a meeting with other ministers in Edmonton and invite Fred to present the Belly River Reservoir Proposal. Nick will remind Mr. Schow of the meeting.

Election 2024

Two Board Members' positions are up for election and the deadline for nominations for the Board of Directors is today at 4:00 PM. We have received two nominations.

UID Inter-District Tour 2024

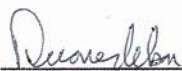
Fred prepared a draft agenda and map for the tour.

Former UID Secretary Theo Niessen passed away


On March 17, 2024, Theo Niessen passed away at the age of 93. The UID will send flowers for the funeral.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 22nd, 2024, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice