

Wednesday, May 17, 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 May 17th, 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 April 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the April 24, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 2023 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the April 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 17, 2023 Accounts Payable

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the May 17, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to May 17, 2023

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept May 17, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

SSROM Phase 3 Working Group Meeting – April 26, 2023

Fred attended the meeting in person in Lethbridge. Preliminary modeling for water storage on the Belly River was discussed. There were some inaccuracies, but Fred was able to advise on the changes that need to be implemented. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2023, in Calgary.

UID's public meeting about expansion in the district – June 8, 2023

The UID will hold a public meeting about expansion at Hill Spring Community Hall on June 8th at 7:00 PM. All information about the expansion was handed out to each Board member. Jennifer Nitschelm and Jollin Charest were willing to come and make an expansion presentation at the meeting, however, due to the election being called, they will be unable to publicly speak. Nick Barfuss is willing to be a mediator at the meeting and make a presentation together with Fred and other Board members. The ad was published in the Temple City Star newspaper and notices to ratepayers will be sent out this week by email or mail. If the district will pass the plebiscite and will expand, new acres will be sold to ratepayers in rounds instead of selling them all at once. In the first year, the Board will only release 600 acres and then decide later when more of the acres will be released in the following years. The first round will start on August 1st, 2023, through to October 15th, 2023. If those acres are not sold, the second round will start on January 1st, 2024. Each ratepayer who will buy new acres is responsible to pay for infrastructure. Additional acres will only be available once the Board determines that through updated infrastructure there is additional water being saved. Others scenarios made be determined.

Investments at RBC

Matured investment in the amount of \$97,000 is now in the high-interest account with 4.05% interest. Fred asked the Board if we want to keep it there or if we should invest it in GIC. The Board decided to keep it in the high-interest account for now.

Pump well at Hengerer's Farm

A pump well was found completely rusted out while checking seepage at Hengerer Farms' land. The pump well was replaced. Another culvert on Lateral F4 was also replaced for the same reason.

Hengerer Farms Ltd – seepage on Lateral F4

Joachim Hengerer is upset thinking that seepage from our canal is damaging around 40 acres of his land and is worried the soil will become alkaline. The UID will include the project in our IRP Three-Year plan this year.

Snowpack report or WSM Headworks report

Due to the Provincial election being called these reports can not be sent to us.

Alberta election 2023

AIDA sent us a list of potential irrigation-related questions to pose to candidates.

Inter-District Tour hosted by Bow River Irrigation District

The tour is hosted on July 6th, 2023. More information to come.

Irrigation Council tour at the UID

Irrigation Council would like to meet with the Board and the management of the UID sometime this year. The Board thinks that the best time would be late summer or early fall. The Council and the District last met in 2018.

LNID – 100th Anniversary Celebration

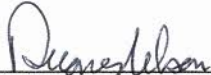
Just a reminder to the Board members that the celebration will take place on June 16th, 2023 and we need to RSVP by June 2nd.

Installment payments for former terminable acres

All payments were paid for 2023 before May 1st.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 19th, 2023, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice