

Monday, April 24, 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 April 24th, 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 March 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the March 15, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of March 29, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the March 29, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2023 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the March 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of April 24, 2023 Accounts Payable

The Board suggested writing a letter to accompany the cheque for Spring Glen Junior High School explaining that the donation/scholarship is for the new greenhouse project only. In case the project is not realized, the UID will require the funds to be returned.

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the April 24, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to April 24, 2023

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept April 24, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.
...CARRIED

AIDA Board of Directors meeting on March 31st, 2023

Fred attended the meeting in Lethbridge. During the meeting bylaws were passed.

AIDA's chairman and vice-chairman can be in the position for five consecutive years.

Each district can have its executive representative, this also applies to smaller districts. If they will not choose to have one, then Kirsten Cleland from MID will continue to represent them. However, Kirsten can have only one vote for all those districts she represents. Our Board decided to have our own representative for the UID.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to nominate Jim Woolf as executive representative of the United Irrigation District at AIDA's meetings; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Expansion presentation by Jollin Charest and Jennifer Nitschelm

Jennifer and Jollin were willing to come to explain possible expansion in our district and answer all related questions. Jennifer started with the introduction and Jollin followed with an explanation of the Expansion Analysis from May 2022 made by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development (AFRED). AFRED analyzed these scenarios in the Raymond Irrigation District modeling to determine the change in risk of water shortage magnitude and frequency for UID with a 10% expansion which is 3,440 acres. The Board discussed the expansion in more detail and came to the conclusion to proceed with the public meeting before a resolution to hold a plebiscite to obtain approval from the irrigators.

Jim Woolf MOVED to hold a public meeting on June 8th, 2023 to discuss expansion with irrigators in our district; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. Craig Smith abstained. ...CARRIED

Training for All Materials Locator (AML)

From April 17th to April 20th Fred attended the training for AML in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The training was free and UID covered the flight cost. Fred was very satisfied with the whole event and they even adjusted our locator. Fred just needs to practice with it more.

United Irrigation District Bylaw 2023

Bylaw No. 7-2023 – Former terminable acres sold to become permanent acres bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Daniel Hunsperger. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Craig B. Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Duane Nelson. Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED

Bylaw for wasting water

Fred inquired with other districts if they have a bylaw in place to prevent wasting water by irrigators. These bylaws were not what we were looking for. The Board decided to not proceed with a bylaw, instead trying to speak with the ratepayer in case we find out there is water wasted.

CIB loan interest for 2022

Interest on the loan for 2022 was paid in the amount of 2,855.44 on March 30th.

Former terminable acres

Larry Gibb and Mitch Merrill informed the UID that they would like to purchase all former terminable acres as permanent acres and agree with the conditions from the UID as written in the letters from March 30, 2023.

Lateral D3 - drainage extension is completed

The drainage extension across Jerry Reed's land was finished. As agreed before, Kelly Thomas will pay 2/3 cost of the material, Tracey Correia will pay 1/3 and the UID installed it. 4" PVC pipe was used and it is a closed system.

JD 240DLC bucket quick attachment had a crack

Monty French welded up a major crack on the bucket which was noticed while working. The crack was about 1 foot long and Monty did an exceptional job as always.

Fred Rice's salary

Duane Nelson MOVED to increase Fred Rice's salary by \$4.50 per hour effective May 1st, 2023. There will be no salary raise for the next 3 years; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

Custom work for Darcy Barfuss

The UID installed a 24" COID pipe on Darcy Barfuss' land. Darcy covered the cost of the material.

Custom work for Jim Bester

The work for Jim has started.

Duane Nelson MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice