

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 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 24th, 2022, 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 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the April 26, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the April 2022 Payroll

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the April 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of May 24, 2022 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the May 24, 2022 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to May 24, 2022

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept May 24, 2022, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.
...CARRIED

Meeting with the AEP – Mr. Stephen Mathyk

Fred attended a zoom meeting with Mr. Mathyk on May 4th regarding modernization projects. Together they reviewed the project points and the meeting brought a positive outcome for the UID. Our company does not need the approval under the Water Act for either of the three modernization projects: Lateral A1e, Lateral D1, and Lateral B.

AEP Dam Safety zoom meeting

Fred also attended another zoom meeting with the AEP on May 5th regarding local dam and dam safety.

Southern Alberta Group for the Environment (SAGE)

The meeting taking place on May 12th in Lethbridge with SAGE concerned modernization projects as well. The meeting was focused on the importance of environmental impact study for these projects and how the environment will be affected by projects. SAGE is concerned about native pastures generally, expansion on native pastures, and the impact of irrigation on those pastures. This group requires a mapping program from each district to determine native pastures.

Lateral B

PVC pipe for our third modernization project was delivered and stacked on Barry Allred's land, close to where the project is planned PVC pipe for custom work for Bruce Wynder was delivered with this order as well.

IRP#2368 Lateral F Drain

The project is substantially completed and all work went very well. The total cost for the project is \$255,502; the estimated cost was \$296,000.

Standoff Colony - Annual Acre Agreement

Standoff Colony had a meeting with Fred regarding assessed acres for their project. They are interested in Annual Acre Agreement however not this year yet.

New truck for Fred

Fred gathered information and submitted it to the Board about the replacement and availability of a new truck for the UID to trade in a 2013 Dodge. The Board discussed all options.

Jim Woolf MOVED to buy a 1-ton truck from Davis Dodge in Fort Macleod and trade it for a 2013 Dodge as per the quote; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

New trucks for Ditchriders

Fred brought the idea to buy trucks for Ditchriders. We are most likely the last district where Ditchriders use their own trucks for ditch riding during irrigation season. Their trucks are not new and the UID needs to be sure they are always safe and able to do their job in a timely manner.

Nick suggested researching preowned trucks in the amount max around \$15,000 per truck. He will try to find some.

Board also talked about truck allowance payments for Ditchriders due to the gas price increase.

Duane Nelson MOVED to pay a \$2,300 truck allowance to each Ditchrider for each month during irrigation season from May until October including; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith. ...CARRIED

89 Ford gravel truck

MoBoots AG Mechanics Ltd. in Fort Macleod was trying to find new parts for a gravel truck with a dead hole. They were not able to find parts, however, they found an 8.3 cummins engine that would work for \$10,000 and installation would be for \$8,000.

The Board wants more information about it before making the decision.

Need to transfer money from investments to cover June's expenses

Jim Woolf MOVED to transfer \$185,000 from ATB investments to cover June's investments when needed; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Fence posts

The UID needs some fence posts 4x5-7' and Fred asked Board if we should order a whole truckload or just a few bundles for this year. The Board decided to order the whole truck (32 bundles) as we will use them in the future.

Alberta Agriculture – documents for expansion and Financing Agreement with the CIB

The UID received public information report that provides the information the district needs to hold an expansion plebiscite and draft an expansion modeling report if our district decides to expand. It came to our attention that the Financing agreement between Irrigation Alberta Inc. and CIB is not subject to expansion.

Agreement with Hengerer Farms Ltd. regarding Lateral C

Mr. Hengerer signed an agreement regarding payments for Lateral C as discussed last meeting.

Alternate acres for Alan McEwen

412199 Alberta Ltd. c/o Al McEwen and Hengerer Farms Ltd. signed an Alternate Acre agreement for 25 acres.

Leak on C Lateral – Jim Woolf's land

Shortly after opening ditches and filling lines a leak on Jim Woolf's land appeared. We shut C Lateral for a couple of days, the leak was repaired and Fred and the crew did a great job. The pipe was steel pipe and is in the ground for close to 30 years. Duane asked if the UID will implement some procedures about the old pipes or just wait for leaks. Fred thinks we will wait for leaks.

Road culverts in the ground are starting to rust out

North on the Lone Rock rusty culvert collapsed. This could be an issue going forward. We need to use galvanized culverts which is a Cardston County requirement.

Another rusted-out culvert was found and we are having a problem getting water through it. We have a replacement culvert in our yard, but Lateral F4 needs to be shut off for a day to replace it.

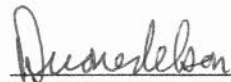
Irrigable Units

Levi Bevans bought 9.8 acres from B. Craig Smith and wants to combine his lands into Irrigable Unit to avoid a double Minimum Parcel charge.

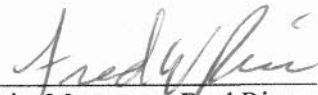
Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to combine Levi Bevans' lands into Irrigable Unit; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Duane Nelson MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice