

Monday, April 22, 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 April 22nd, 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 March 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the March 20, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2024 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the March 2024 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of April 22, 2024 Accounts Payable

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

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to April 22, 2024

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept March 20, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Fred welcomed Duane Nelson and Daniel Hunsperger to the Board of Directors of the United Irrigation District. Duane and Daniel were elected in the election on April 10th for another election term. Fred called for nominations for Chairman. Nicholas Barfuss Nominated Duane Nelson. Seconded by Jim Woolf. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that Nominations cease. Duane Nelson was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Duane called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Craig Smith Nominated Daniel Hunsperger. Seconded by Nicholas Barfuss. Duane Nelson MOVED that Nominations cease. Daniel Hunsperger was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and ATB Wealth

Jessica Joss from Joss Wealth Advisory Group came to report on our investments in RBC. She explained our portfolio, suggested new possibilities for investments, and as discussed with the Board, she will prepare a new investment proposal.

Darren Tanner from ATB Financial was also present at the meeting to report on our investments in ATB. He reported to the Board on the UID investments and highlighted the possibilities of saving a significant amount of funds by investing just with one institution instead of two.

After all, our investments are looking much healthier than in 2022 and the losses are slowly being gained back.

Presentation on Belly River Reservoir Proposal for Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta

On April 5th Fred was invited to the meeting for Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta in Lethbridge to present the Belly River Reservoir Proposal. Grant Hunter, ECA MLA was in attendance as well. The presentation was well received and we will most likely receive a lot of letters of support.

2024 Water Sharing Agreement

The agreement has been signed by 38 major water users in the South Saskatchewan River Basin including our district. The 2024 announced allocation Farm Gate Delivery for the UID is 8" per acre when the agreement is implemented.

The public announcement of the final water-sharing agreement for the South Saskatchewan River Basin took place on Friday, April 19th in Calgary. Fred and Duane represented our district and attended the event. After the event, there was an opportunity for networking with other attendees. They were particularly fortunate to meet Rebecca Schulz, Minister of EPA, and had a good discussion.

Meeting with MLA Members and some Ministers

Hon. Joseph Schow organized a meeting with MLA members and some Ministers on May 14th in the Legislature Building in Edmonton. The UID is invited to present the Belly River Reservoir Proposal at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. All Board members and Fred will attend the meeting. We might invite Margo Redelback, AIDA, and also one member of the WaterSMART team to join us for the presentation.

Rezoning the land for the dam to Direct Control

Fred was speaking with Joe Thomas from the Development Department at Cardston County. They are not ready to rezone the land to Direct Control for the Belly River Proposed Reservoir.

IRP# 2407 F4 Lateral

The pipeline for the project was delivered and we started pipelining on April 8th. The work on the project is going very well. The elbows are still to be delivered and if we are not able to install them in the ground before irrigation season, the old ditch might be used again for this season. The structures for the project should be ready in the first couple of weeks of May.

The crew of the UID is already working on the Hengerer F4 Lateral capital project pipeline. Mr. Hengerer paid \$267,165.36 for PVC pipe and this project is not part of IRP#2407.

AIDA Virtual Annual General Meeting

The virtual meeting is planned for April 26th. Jim and Fred are planning to join the meeting.

UID Inter-District Tour 2024

The agenda for the tour was discussed again and food for lunch was planned. The tour will take place either on June 6th or June 13th.

Letters to Campgrounds, Household Purpose Agreements, and villages

Fred suggested sending a letter to other purpose agreement users and advising them to be mindful and conserve water as much as possible this summer as the signed Water Sharing Agreement might be implemented.

Lands include into United Irrigation District

Standoff Colony and Duane Nelson applied to include some of their land in the UID.

Jim Woolf MOVED to approve the application to include requested lands into the United Irrigation District; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

Larry Gibb's Annual Acre Agreement

Larry Gibb bought 65 assessed acres to replace half of the Annual Acre Agreement and paid for another 65 acres under the Annual Agreement. He is planning to buy another 65 assessed acres next year.

Larry Gibb, Jim Folsom and Mitch Merrill paid 2nd installment for former terminable acres. Standoff Colony paid for 135 assessed acres and David Steed paid for 7 acres which were approved at a previous meeting.

Alan Harold's 50 years of dedication celebration


We have received the invitation to be a part of the celebration for Alan Harold on April 26th at Sandman Lodge in Anton Room from 3-6 pm come & go reception. Fred is planning to attend the reception.

Dan French complaining

Dan came to the office to address a complaint about the water level in Dipping Vat Lake. The Board discussed his concerns and figured out that it was probably from runoff.

Jim Woolf MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice