# Monday, September 22, 2025, at 9:00 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 September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, commencing at 9:00 A.M

Present:

Duane Nelson - Chairman

Daniel Hunsperger - Vice-Chairman Craig Smith – Board Member Brandon Wynder – Board Member Fred Rice – District Manager Viera Ducky – Office Manager Nicholas Barfuss – absent

Discussion and Acceptance of July 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the July 21, 2025, Minutes; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the July and August 2025 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the July and August 2025 Payrolls; SECONDED by Brandon Wynder. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of September 22, 2025 Accounts Payable

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the September 22, 2025, Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to September 22, 2025

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 22, 2025, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Brandon Wynder. ...CARRIED

Doug Carlson wants to sell assessed irrigation acres

The UID received a letter from Mr. Carlson with a request for approval to transfer 26 assessed acres from NE 1-5-28-W4 to the land on NE 20-5-27-W4 owned by 412199 Alberta Ltd., c/o Al McEwen. Doug is selling assessed acres privately to Al as he wants to replace his alternate acres. The Board has no objection to this matter.

Brandon Wynder MOVED to approve the request from Doug Carlson to transfer 26 assessed acres from NE 1-5-28-W4 to NE 20-5-27-W4; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

The feasibility study for the Belly River Reservoir

The feasibility study for the Belly River Reservoir was awarded to WSP Canada on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Alberta's government hired WSP Canada to investigate water storage in Southern Alberta and study whether to build a dam on the Belly River and make possible improvements to the Waterton and St. Mary Headworks System.

The government's news release on the Belly River-Waterton-St. Mary project was published on the Government of Alberta website.

Fred also prepared a Press Release on behalf of the UID. The Board has approved the release, and it will be published on our website.

# IRP 2378 F Lateral

The entire west bank of the Phase 3 canal has been cut to elevation, and as soon as water is shut off, the crew will work on it. The east bank needs to wait until Timothy hay is baled from the adjacent field. One gas line needs to be lowered, and we are in communication with ATCO Energy Systems. While working with the new Hitachi 300 on the project, Fred mentioned that he is very impressed with this equipment, it makes a big difference working with it.

## WID withdrew from the AIDA benefit group

Jared Cox from Cox Financial Group informed all districts that the Wester Irrigation District has requested to exit the AIDA Group Benefits Plan effective September 30<sup>th</sup>. WID will transition to a new insured benefits arrangement with another carrier. Even though this decision was unexpected, it was not due to any dissatisfaction with the committee or the Cox Financial Group team.

## The Board governance training seminar

During the last AIDA Executive Committee meeting, members discussed the possibility of AIDA supporting a board governance training seminar. Margo Jarvis Redelback, AIDA Executive Director, asked whether each district would support AIDA spending the required funds to facilitate the seminar and provide feedback to the group on the commitment of the district directors to attend the seminar. The Board of the UID has no problem with the funds spent for the seminar, and Fred, Nick and Daniel will possibly attend the seminar. The seminar will most likely happen around November 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Western Irrigation District's Board of Governance

At the outset of the year, the WID initiated the development of a Board Governance training manual/document, specific to their district. Troy Tangedal, District Manager, offered to any district to use their material and adapt it for their district.

## 2026 AIDA Annual Conference

The conference is taking place on February 2-4, 2026, at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. Registration is expected to open by mid-November.

#### Cochrane Lake

The Cochrane Lake shore is repaired. We used rocks from Hengerer Farms. and from 1648369 AB Ltd.

# **Custom work for Folsom Dairy**

The UID installed a 16" pipeline for Jim Folsom at Hidden Valley to prevent silt from getting into the dugout.

## 24" Valve for Larry Gibb

The UID installed the valve to help fill his dugout higher. Larry is satisfied with the job done by Fred and our crew.

## Solar panels

The solar panels are repaired and working again after one inverter burned down.

## Shut-off day for the UID canals

We need to be careful this year with the shut-off day. The west end of the district is very sensitive due to a flow in the Belly River, which is currently very low. We are planning to shut our canals off on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, on the east end of the district; however, the west end might be closed earlier.

## **Gravel trucks**

As we are progressing with work on the project, we need at least one newer gravel truck in about three weeks. Fred found 2016 Western Star trucks for sale in Edmonton. The owner is selling trucks privately, and the trucks were mostly used for asphalt. Fred will contact the seller and possibly go to check the trucks.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 A.M. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 27th, 2025, at 9:00 A.M

Chairman - Duane Nelson

District Manager - Fred Rice