

Monday, October 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 October 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 September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 19, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the September 2022 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the September 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of October 24, 2022 Accounts Payable

Craig B. Smith MOVED to accept the October 24, 2022 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

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

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept October 24, 2022, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Lloyd Smith's land

Lloyd Smith sold the land on Pt. NW 24-4-28-W4 with no irrigation rights. The new owner would like to have 28 irrigation acres for the land and is requesting those acres via Annual Acre Agreement. Based on the flat table map the land was originally classified for 37 irrigation acres.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the Board of the UID allows the new owner to have Annual Acre Agreement for 28 irrigation acres; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

Four Board members are in favor, and one abstained.

...CARRIED

End of irrigation season 2022

The irrigation water was shut off on Friday, October 7th this year. Most pipelines were drained by Monday morning October 10th and as of now, all water was pumped except one drain which needs to be finished. The environment canal was closed on the same day.

Modernization project B Lateral

The work on the project started on Wednesday, October 12th. All the PVC pipes are in the ground except 150 meters. The structures from Precon Manufacturing Ltd. will be delivered this week on Wednesday, October 26th. Fred thanked Board member Daniel Hunsperger for helping with work as a volunteer. Byran Cahoon is back and working on this project as well. As long as the weather will permit, the project should be substantially finished by the end of next week.

Headworks gate

Larry Bester-electrician came to look at the Headworks gate's problem. He suggests that the issue is with a limiter switch. Larry is going to study the wiring diagram in more detail and will get back to Fred. There is no urgency now in doing so as the gate is closed for this year anyway.

Expiry date on some licenses transferred from the UID

Fred was discussing with Mr. David Hunt, Water Approval Coordinator from the AEP the expiry date on licenses as discussed at the last meeting. When the expiry date is close, the owner of the license can request the renewal and he should receive it. Fred asked Mr. Hunt for a letter stating this explanation but to this moment we have not received the letter.

1999 Ford service truck

The service truck's transmission was repaired at Mister Transmission in Lethbridge. The cost of \$7,582.70 includes a new clutch and flywheel. The fuel tank, air compressor, and greaser were moved back on the service truck and the crew is using the truck every day.

Irrigating Alberta Inc. meeting on September 29, 2022

During the meeting, the Board had a brief discussion about the repayments district's CIB loans. Kristien Renaud will review the CIB loan agreement and speak to CIB to clarify when districts need to start repaying their loans.

Jim suggested not to hurry with repayment unless we must.

AIDA's Board of Directors meeting on September 29, 2022

Fred, Jim, and Nick attended the meeting at the Taber Heritage Inn. Some of the discussed topics at the meeting are these:

- One of the Provincial Pre-budget proposed recommendations from AIDA is to increase GoA IRP funding.
- Indigenous membership – is still being negotiated
- Proposed Eryemore Dam – it is onstream water storage and our district supports the project

Ratepayers Donna & Roy Buettner

Duane talked to Roy and to his son Bernie who will take care of the 2022 payment. An invoice was sent out to him.

A Lateral test holes

Fred did test holes in Jim Folsom's land by Dipping Vat Lake on September 22nd when water was still in the canal. The test holes are showing that the water level in all holes is below the ditch bottom but one which is telling us that seepage from the canal is most likely affecting only one hole. If seepage would be from the canal, water would have the same level in holes as in the canal. Water in ruts is surface water from rain or irrigation.

Fred will re-survey the test holes now when our canals are closed with no water in the canal. Nick and Fred have suggested that Folsom Dairy should install drain tile in the affected area and drain the land into the coulee coming from a Dipping Vat Lake.

A request for financial support and participation in the South Saskatchewan River Operational Model project

AIDA is asking for financial support from all districts for the project. The UID decided to support the project.

Craig Smith MOVED to support the South Saskatchewan River Operational Model project at \$0.04/assessed acre; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Annual Three-Year Rolling Plan

Our district will have only one continuing project F Lateral on the plan. This project is quite extensive and we will most likely have to save money for a couple of years to start working on the project. The project was not approved for construction by Irrigation Council so we are waiting for approval.

EFT for Board Members

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that Director fees will be deposited via EFT to Board Members; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED
Three members are in favor, two opposed.

Bruce Wynder using UID's land

Bruce Wynder approached Duane and thanked the UID for letting him use our land as a resting spot for his cattle when he is moving them.

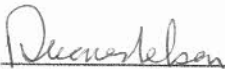
Policy for farmers who are not taking care of irrigation water


Nick was asking if we can shut off those farmers who just turn the water on in spring and do not take care of it during irrigation season. No signs of farmers moving dams and trying to spread water around. Fred will look into the Irrigation Act but there are only a few reasons that allow us to shut the water off.

BBQ for the crew and Board Members

The Board of the UID decided to organize a BBQ for the crew and Board members. The event will take place on November 14th, 2022 at the Hill Spring Community Hall.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 P.M.
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2022, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice