

**Monday, October 29, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

These are the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on October 29, 2018, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman  
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman  
Jim Woolf – Board Member  
Brandon Gibb – Board Member  
Craig B. Smith – Board Member  
Fred Rice – Manager  
Viera Ducky – Assistant Manager

**Discussion and Acceptance of the September 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the September 17, 2018 minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the September 2018 Payroll**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the September 2018 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of October 29, 2018 Accounts Payable**

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept October 29, 2018 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to October 29, 2018**

Craig Smith MOVED to accept October 29, 2018 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
... CARRIED

**Fred Rice injury at work**

On Friday, October 26, 2018 around 3:00 pm Fred reported an injury while working on IRP 2298 Lateral B8 project. When he wanted to shovel some dirt, pushed shovel down and he can hear and feel something popped in his left leg. Pain developed immediately. Fred visited emergency department at the Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge same day and the day after and as he anticipated it was a torn calf muscle. However Fred was back to work on Monday. Viera reported an injury to the Worker's Compensation Board.

**Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – Letter from Minister Oneil Carlier to Duane Nelson**

Duane Nelson received a Letter from the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, where Minister Oneil Carlier thanks for a letter of support to the Eastern Irrigation District sent on behalf of the United Irrigation District. Nothing was mentioned about any further steps for amendments to the Irrigation District Act in relation to the definition of an 'owner' of an irrigated parcel.

**Water Sharing Agreement Meeting**

The Meeting has been postponed and new invitation was received for December 11, 2018 at 1.30-3.30pm at the Readymade Hall. The Board of Directors doesn't like the agreement from 2001 where the district is committed to use only 60% of previous year usage in case of irrigation water shortage. This type of agreement can be a big problem for our district, because the UID was rationing irrigation water for last couple years. The UID is under a special consideration as the district doesn't have a storage on a Belly River.

We will ask for a draft agreement before the next regular meeting for the Board to discuss the matter further.

### **Oldman Watershed Council**

Oldman Watershed Council asked for an annual donation of unrestricted funds of \$250.00. As a way of thanking for the support, the Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon is organized on December 7, 2018 at the New Dynasty Restaurant. The Board of Directors agreed to make a donation and Fred will attend the Luncheon.

### **AIDA Water Conference**

AIDA Water Conference is scheduled for February 4-6, 2019 at the Calgary Deerfoot Inn and Casino. Jim Woolf, Fred Rice and Viera Ducky are planning to attend the event.

### **UID Christmas Party 2018**

Christmas dinner and party for the Board members, employees, guests and their spouse will be held at the Hill Spring Community Hall on December 7, 2018 at 7:00pm. Wendy & Tom Nish will cater the meal.

### **IRP #2298 - Lateral B8**

Fred gave the Board an update about work on the project Lateral B8. Construction on the project started from the north side at Perry Hunsperger's property and we tied on an existing line on Friday. Plan is to continue south, if the weather permits, until we reach the cement line and next spring the pipeline can be tied to cement line. We are hauling fines all the time because the material is not good for the backfill.

The structure from PRECON Manufacturing Ltd. will be delivered tomorrow. The crane from Mammoet Canada Western Ltd is ordered for tomorrow as well so the structure will be fitted into place. We will fill it up and leave it for now.

Fred was asking the Board for an advice whether to start digging existing cement line or to wait for Hengerer Farms to dig it up as originally promised by Mr. Hengerer. Because Mr. Hengerer is late with his harvest, he cannot dig it up earlier than in 2-3 weeks from now on. The Board members advised to continue with construction and use nice weather and the crew we have now. Fred said we will try pipelining as much as we can.

### **Buying Small Parcel Irrigation Assessed Acres**

The UID signed agreements with Mrs. Marjorie Ryan and with Mr. Richard Rutherford to buy their irrigation assessed acres (22 acres & 2.08 acres), cheques were already issued. Another request came from Mr. Simon Bassett to sell 2 irrigation assessed acres, the Board agree with buying those acres, agreement was not signed yet.

Daniel pointed that we should stick to the original offer to buy only acres from the Small Parcel landowners. If there will be offer to sell bigger amount of irrigation acres, the Board will discuss it. Anyway all offers are subject to the Board's approval. The Board was talking about selling irrigation acres. If there will be more interests, draw or lottery system will be used most likely. Brandon will prepare the letter about selling irrigation acres for ratepayers.

A question came up about the possibility to remove turnouts and using them somewhere else. Fred said probably not as they might be used there in the future for irrigating the land through Household purpose agreement or Annual Acre Agreement.

### **Bylaw to set a maximum Irrigation assessed acres bought per year**

Read first time by Brandon Gibb.

Craig Smith MOVED to read the second time. SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

Read second time by Daniel Hunsperger.

... CARRIED

Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.  
Read third time by Duane Nelson.

... CARRIED  
... PASSED

**AIPA Meeting - September 27, 2018 - Daniel Hunsperger report**

- By-law changes because of name change from AIPA to AIDA
- Duck's Unlimited presentation - in the UID area are two active projects
- Aquatic Invasive Species Update - still not sure if veligers are in Montana lakes ; trying to register potash to control invasive species
- 2018 Budget review and approval
- November 13, 2018 - AGM of AIDA

**Seepage Control Plan**

The UID Seepage Control Plan was not approved as some corrections are needed. Subsequent Seepage Control Plan was discussed and will be submitted today.

**Deficit situation for 2018**

As we are heading to the end of the year, deficit situation for 2018 is possible. Daniel Hunsperger made a MOTION that the UID will use restricted funds if the deficit for 2018 needs to be covered; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.


**Water tests**

On Sunday September 23, 2018 a foam on the water in our canal all the way to the Belly River was reported to Fred. When Fred went to investigate the situation, he found a foam at the headworks where water was 2-3 feet deep at the gate. Water samplers were submitted to Down to Earth Labs in Lethbridge. We received report on September 28th and all results were in safe level.

**End of Irrigation Season**

The UID finished the irrigation season on Friday October 5, 2018 even though it was planned for October 12. The Environment canal was closed that day as they wanted to work on the outlet of the Waterton Reservoir and water flow at the Belly River was very low. Water season was successful even when the UID was rationing irrigation water again this year. Brandon Gibb specifically thanked Ditch Rider Jared Nelson for a great job.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 P.M.  
Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

  
Chairman - Duane Nelson

  
District Manager - Fred Rice