

Monday, July 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 July 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 June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the June 17, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the June 2024 Payroll

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the June 2024 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July 22, 2024 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the July 22, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

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

Craig Smith MOVED to accept July 22, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Investments in ATB & RBC

Our financial advisor from ATB Financial Darren Tanner came to discuss the proposal on our investments in RBC. The Board discussed the investments again and came to a conclusion.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to transfer all UID investments into ATB Financial; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

IRP# 2378 F Lateral Open Ditch

Our crew finalized fencing on Phase 1 of the project during this summer as planned. Fred speeded the process by pushing 720 posts into the ground with a JD 240 DLC hoe in one day.

While discussing Phase 2 of the project, Fred also explained to the Board the situation with finances from government funding and our contribution to IRP.

Doug Pitcher's subdivision

Doug Pitcher recently purchased the property from George Porter on the corner of Hwy 505 and Hwy 810 south of Glenwood. The UID has an easement in place throughout that property over our pipeline. Doug is subdividing this property into five individual pieces and is planning to build the road and sell three of those subdivisions. Our pipeline is about 1.2 meters deep. The road will not be built over the pipeline, only crossings to each property would go over our pipeline. If there is any damage to our pipeline, it would be a property owner's responsibility to repair it.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the subdivision with the condition that if the road is built over UID easement, any damage to the pipeline will be the property owner's responsibility to repair it and this condition needs to be stated in the easement; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

Joachim Hengerer's rocks & Subsequent section on F4 Lateral

Yak Hengerer offered UID 250/load of rocks. Now we have one spot on Riverside Colony's land where we can use these rocks but we will use more of them in the future.

Mr. Hengerer also mentioned that he would like to support another section of the F4 Lateral. The Board would agree if Mr. Hengerer would pay a cost for PVC pipe and material for backfilling then the UID will install the pipeline.

Subsequent Seepage Control Plan

The United Irrigation District is responsible for filing a Subsequent Seepage Control Plan before October 1st, 2024 in order to continue the Irrigation Seepage Claims exemption under Section 164(1) of the Irrigation Act. We have prepared the subsequent plan for submission.

The seepage control plan has these projects to work on for the next five years:

- B Lateral on SE 6-5-27-W4
- F Lateral on SW 34-5-26-W4
- F Lateral on NW 27-5-26-W4
- B Lateral on SE 6-5-27-W4
- D Lateral on NW/SW 18-5-26-W4
- D Lateral on SE 14-5-27-W4

The regulations require the district to advertise the plan 60 days before filing it with the Irrigation Secretariat. The ad will be published in the Temple City Star newspaper this Thursday, July 25th.

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the Subsequent Seepage Control Plan for 2024-2029 as submitted; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Blue Ridge Colony's application to buy irrigation-assessed acres

Blue Ridge Colony applied to buy 90 assessed acres from the UID. We still have room in the first round of accepting applications for assessed acres so the Board approved the application. However, Larry Gibb was first interested in replacing the rest of the Annual Acre Agreement with assessed acres this spring. We will contact him before accepting an application for Blue Ridge Colony. The Board would approve the application from Blue Ridge Colony only if they would pay right away and it still be at \$1,200/acre for them and Larry Gibb.

Nick Barfuss MOVED to sell 65 assessed acres to Larry Gibb and to sell 90 assessed acres to Standoff Colony; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Premier's Stampede Breakfast

Fred attended Premier's Stampede Breakfast on July 8th, 2024 in Calgary with Kim Sturgess and it was well worth it.

New Excavator prices

The Board asked Fred to search the market for new excavator prices as we would like to replace our JD 240 DLC. He made a spreadsheet for five possible options. After discussion, the Board would like to know the pricing details for heavier excavators 300.

Dan French concerns

Dan complained that his land was flooded again. Fred found out that this was caused only by a misunderstanding between a Ditchrider and Dan. Dan asked to turn the water on. Neil turned the water on and said that he had to fill the line before he could turn it out. He did not hear from Dan so he thought that all was good. The water was turned on in the wrong location and a swather was stuck when trying to cut hay.


Water allocation changed

On June 28th UID water allocation was moved to 10" per acre.


Just for the information: LNID is at 11", UID, MID, and SWID are at 10", and RID with SMRID are at 9" allotment.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 23rd, 2024, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice