**Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

These are the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Directors of the United Irrigation District, held in the Glenwood Office on January 12th, 2022, commencing at 2:00 P.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

The purpose of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was to meet with Joseph Schow, MLA representing the district Cardston-Siksika.

**Cochrane Lake Dam**

As a result of previous discussions about Cochrane Lake, the Board of the UID decided to invite Mr. Schow to discuss the concerns regarding rating Cochrane Lake as a dam of high consequences. Fred and Board members explained the issue and took Mr. Schow to show him the lake to better understand the whole picture.

Mr. Schow pointed out right at the beginning that he will always support irrigation districts as he knows how irrigation is important. He agreed with the Board and promised to write a letter to AEP that they should consider reevaluating the ranking for Cochrane Lake.

**Spring Glen Park and decommissioning the relief well**

This was another topic about which the UID has concerns. It is not an issue for the UID, it is more that we want to help this park. Spring Glen Park is a very nice park that serves both communities Glenwood and Hill Spring. The AEP is working on decommissioning some relief wells in our district and one of them was supplying the park with water. It is well water, not treated but potable water. Without this water park will be without water at all and left only with irrigation water from the UID which is not potable water. Our canals are usually open from the end of May until the first week of October, but the park needs water earlier and longer than is our irrigation season. It looks like AEP doesn’t recognize how important is that well to this local beautiful park.

Mr. Schow will also be writing a letter addressing these concerns.

**Ditch rider’s position for the UID**

Jared Nelson, our Ditchrider for the Hill Spring area submitted a resignation letter as of January 31, 2022. The Board discussed the position. Ad will be posted as per Board’s request.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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Chairman – Duane Nelson District Manager – Fred Rice

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