

**Monday, December 19, 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 December 19th, 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 November 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the November 21, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2022 Payroll**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the November 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of December 19, 2022 Accounts Payable**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the December 19, 2022 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 19, 2022**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept December 19, 2022, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**The fence between Folsom Dairy and the UID on SE 19-4-27-W4**

A conversation was reopened regarding the fence at the meeting as Chad Folsom received the letter and approached one of the Board members.

After the discussion, the Board came to the conclusion that there is no urgent need for the fence and our crew will monitor the situation. Bales absolutely cannot be stacked on the UID's property or property line. Folsom Dairy is also responsible for any damage to the canal bank and the cost of maintenance of the canal bank if damage occurs. The Board agrees that Folsom Dairy should pay for the damaged old fence.

The letter will be sent to Folsom Dairy.

**Seepage at Folsom Dairy's land on NW 8-4-27-W4**

The crew filled the test holes on Folsom's property on November 24<sup>th</sup> so the land can be used in spring.

**FOIP request for the Alberta government**

The UID and all other districts included in Irrigation Alberta Inc. received FOIP requests for copies of all agreements between the Government of Alberta and IAI and the district.

Lawyer Tom MacLachlan, MMH Lawyers LLP was hired and he responded to FOIP on behalf of all the districts involved.

**GIC at ATB Financial**

\$200,000 was moved into GIC at 4.5% investments at ATB Financial

**Loan at CIB**

As we substantially finished the last modernization project B Lateral and submitted Progress Certificate, we used the whole limit for the loan from CIB which is \$451,500.

### **Black dirt from Darcy Barfuss**

The UID is going to buy 10 loads of black dirt from Darcy Barfuss to use for landscaping on A Lateral-Robert Wynder's land where the pipeline was recently installed.

### **Office closure for holidays**

The UID's office will be closed for holidays from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 until January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

### **Christmas bonuses for employees**

Christmas bonuses for full-time and seasonal employees were approved.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to pay a Christmas bonus for 2022 to employees as follows: Neil Allred and Byran Cahoon - \$150/ each, Steve Lybbert - \$200, Viera Ducky - \$400, and Fred Rice - \$500; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith. ...CARRIED

### **Ditchrider Neil Allred's employment is subject to seasonal layoff**

Neil does not want to be on salary and he wanted to be laid off for the winter when he finished his water delivery bookwork and the IRP projects were done. His last day was December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Steve Lybbert's last day was December 14<sup>th</sup> and now he uses his vacation time.

### **Bylaw No. 7-2022 Date of Election and date of Annual General Meeting for the UID**

Duane Nelson MOVED that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and the Election will be held on April 5, 2023, if needed; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.

...CARRIED

Bylaw No. 7-2022 Date of Election

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Nicholas Barfuss. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the second time.

Jim Woolf SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read second time by Jim Woolf. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

...PASSED

### **Water used in 2022**

Fred informed the Board about the water usage in 2022 – 23,401 acre-feet out of the Belly River and 3,491 acre-feet out of the Waterton River which is in total 26,892 acre-feet.

### **AIDA's Annual General Meeting**

The event took place on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as a virtual meeting. The AIDA decided to close the office and Margo Redelback and Vicky Kress will be working from home. Another topic discussed was the IRP funding-they are going to ask the government for \$30 million IRP funding for next year. The New Executive member representing the small districts is Kirsten Cleland from Magrath Irrigation District. AIDA is considering having representatives from each district and First Nation in the future.

### **DDIT data for 2022**

The DDIT data and flow meters information for 2022 were submitted to Alberta Agriculture as per their request each year. Flow meters are not accurate.

### **Annual Acre Agreement**

Fred had a conversation with Larry Gibb about the land where he is using irrigation water paid by Annual Acre Agreement. Larry planted alfalfa on that land but he was made aware of the risk of not having enough water to irrigate the land late in the season in case of water shortage.

**Training for the All-Material Locator**

Fred contacted Spatial Technologies, the company where we bought AMLocator regarding training. At the time we bought the locator, Fred was not able to take training due to Covid-19 restrictions. They offered training for free in spring or even December or January. The UID would only need to pay for a plane ticket to Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Board wants Fred to take training whenever it works best for him and the UID will pay for the travel. We will look more into details of the training.

**89 Ford**

MoBoots AG Mechanics Ltd. in Fort MacLeod is going to start replacing an engine on 89 Ford gravel truck at the beginning of the next year.

**New Dodge**

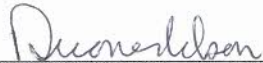
New Dodge – 2022 RAM for Fred is at the dealer shop Davis Chrysler Dodge in Fort MacLeod. They are offering us now \$2,000 less for a 2013 Dodge as a trade-in. The Board does not agree with this and is asking \$24,000 for a 2013 Dodge. If the dealership does not agree, we will sell the truck privately. The Board does not want to keep the truck for one of our Ditchriders.

**Fred's vacation**

Fred is going on vacation at the beginning of next year January 3-17, 2023.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice