

Monday, July 17, 2023, 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 17th, 2023, 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 July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the July 17, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the June 2023 Payroll

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the June 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of July 17, 2023 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the July 17, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to July 17, 2023

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept June 19, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

The Belly River flow and damage on headworks

The river flow is dropping drastically and it is about three weeks ahead compared to last year's data. We have had to turn down our canal to meet the required minimum river flow. To maintain Lateral A & B we might ask Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation to let more water go down the river. The cooperation with them has always been good.

When Fred and Neil were checking our headwork, they noticed scraped dirt, a barbwire support brace broken and one of the steel posts was bent. The damage has been caused by a front-end loader tractor we believe belongs to Blue Ridge Colony. The UID will repair it and a bill will be sent out to them. A letter explaining the damage and warning to not use our headwork structure for swimming will be sent out as well as swimming is not permitted there. The UID is concerned that someone can get hurt.

Plebiscite and Change of Expansion Limit bylaw

Bylaw No. 8-2023 – Change of Expansion Limit

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Jim Woolf. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Daniel Hunsperger. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED

Capital Assets Charge Bylaw

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept applications for the first 600 assessed acres in 2023; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

The UID will accept applications for the first 600 assessed acres from August 1st to October 15th, 2023 which will be advertised on our website and will send emails or mail to the ratepayers. The charge is \$1,200.00 per acre plus GST. Each applicant is responsible for the cost of the infrastructure.

Bylaw No. 9-2023 – Capital Assets Charge

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Jim Woolf. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Craig Smith. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED

Taylor's are irrigating our canal bank

Fred noticed that Taylor's farm was irrigating our canal bank to grow grass. The UID let them keep sheep there to graze weeds. There are no assessed acres and they are pumping water straight from the canal. Fred talked to them and they stopped irrigating the canal bank.

Direct-Ag Services land on NE 36-4-27-W4

We were able to get the information from Cardston County that Direct-Ag Services still has 5 acres zoned as agriculture. However, irrigation-assessed acres were removed from the land when land zoning was changed to recreational. The agricultural crop is not allowed to be irrigated under the agreement for the RV campground.

Ted Shipley's land on SE 36-5-27-W4

Another piece of information from Cardston County is that all of Ted's land on SE 36-5-27-W4 is zoned as commercial/recreational. He has agricultural crop on the south side of the land and he has assessed acres there as well. Ted is in touch with the county to change the zoning for that part of the land.

Barn Dance land on NE 31-4-27-W4

This land is also zoned as commercial/recreational. They have irrigation-assessed acres that are used to refresh the lake.

Jim noticed weeds growing on the island on that lake and Fred will speak to Trevor Kunked to maintain the weeds so they are not spread with the irrigation water as the water from the lake gets back to our system.

Irrigation Council Meeting/Tour at the UID

August 1st is the day for the meeting with the Irrigation Council. The exact time will be decided later.

The Board discussed the agenda, places to visit during the tour, and options for lunch.

Honorable R.J.Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation will be invited to the meeting.

BRID inter-district tour on July 6th, 2023

Fred and Viera attended the event. The tour was very interesting and long and we visited many places.

Fred also talked to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation during the tour.

Stampede reception 2023 hosted by Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

Fred attended the event on July 9th in Calgary. He had a good discussion with the minister about expansion and new projects in our district. Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta was present at the event as well.

Blue Ridge Colony – seepage from a fish pond

Fred talked to the colony and they are willing to cooperate and repair the bank. They are going to drop down the level of the pond in the fall and line the bank with clay. Duane suggested that Fred should supervise the work.

Collin Beazer

Collin Beazer bought the property across from the Barn Dance on the Rex Wynder land and he was asking for a Household Purpose Agreement in the near future. Three Board members were in favor and two abstained. Mr. Beazer will get an agreement and all infrastructure will be at his cost.

Fred’s accident

Fred was hauling PVC pipe with his own truck and Larry Lybbert’s trailer from Calgary. Rudy Hengerer crossed the highway and ran into the trailer. The trailer was damaged and Mr. Hengerer was charged with two traffic violations.

Fred’s insurance does not want to cover the repair of the trailer. The quote for repair is around \$4,800.00 from FalCan Industries where the trailer is currently parked. As of July 10th, his brother Joachim Hengerer said that he would either repair the trailer or pay for repair. Fred suggested buying the trailer from Larry Lybbert for the UID.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to buy the FalCan Industries trailer from Larry Lybbert for \$ 9,000.00 and let Joachim Hengerer repair it to our specifications; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Letter to Owen Doherty

As per Daniel Hunsperger’s request, a letter was sent to Owen Doherty expressing Daniel’s concerns about irrigation water getting into his property and causing damage.

Leak on E Lateral

The leak was successfully repaired. The gasket was wrong when installed. It needed to be a transition gasket.

Folsom Dairy flood irrigation

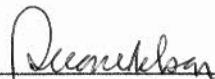
Fred will check it out.

Concrete line leaking on Hengerer Farms’ silage place

Fred will explore and figure out what is going on.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:500 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 18th, 2023, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice