

**Monday, July 19, 2021, at 9:00 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 19, 2021, commencing at 9:00 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 21, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the June 21, 2021 Minutes; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the June 2021 Payroll**

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the June 2021 Payroll; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of July 19, 2021 Accounts Payable**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the July 19, 2021 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to July 19, 2021**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept July 19, 2021, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.  
...CARRIED

**WCB – Raymond Leek**

A letter from WCB informed us that Mr. Leek is not fit for any employment. Given this, he will continue to receive his full benefits paid monthly in the amount of \$1,877.71 per month as of July 1, 2021.

We were asking WCB how this will affect the premium for the UID. According to the WCB, benefits for Mr. Leek should not affect us at all as we didn't have any claim since 2016. If it will affect us, it would be a maximum 5% premium increase.

**Irrigating Alberta Inc. virtual meeting**

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Fred attended a zoom meeting for the Board of Directors organized by David Westwood. The main topics discussed during the meeting were as follows:

- Financial administrator contract position – motion was made to proceed with negotiation of a contract position with the proposed candidate; suggested up to \$50/hr., no guaranteed hours, no benefits.
- Round 2 Project Intake Loan documentation update – UID is not part of round two projects
- Recap of Public Relation efforts to counter anti-irrigation articles and environmentalist challenges.

Even though the UID is not part of the second round of modernization project, the UID is required to participate in legal fees due to being a part of Irrigating Alberta Inc.

**Southern Irrigation – SDI Fiel Day**

Southern Irrigation is organizing the annual SDI Field Day on August 4<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate and explain the benefits of subsurface drip irrigation as they tour Valk Land and Cattle's newly implemented SDI system. The UID received an invitation to the event.

**IRP Funding**

IRP funding agreement has been signed by the district and the funds should be transferred to the cost-share account soon.

### **Lateral A1e Modernization project**

PVC pipe for Lateral A1e was delivered on July 6<sup>th</sup> and work on this project started the same day. The old ditch is filled in and today we should tie in a structure. We can't complete work on this project now because The Alberta Environment and Parks office is not allowing us to continue until their canal is dewatered. It will not take too long to finish the project.

### **IRP# 2340 Lateral F7**

The crew finished work on this project until we start pipelining. All the dirt is moved and this will speed pipe installation.

### **Post-project funding for solar system**

A virtual tour of our solar system with Mr. Dhillon from Enerva Energy Solutions Inc. was on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The visit was brief and now we just need to wait until funding is released.

### **Subsequent Seepage Control Plan**

The United Irrigation District is responsible to file a Subsequent Seepage Control Plan before October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 in order to continue the Irrigation Seepage Claims exemption under Section 164(1) of the Irrigation Act. The UID prepared the subsequent plan for submission.

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

- Lateral F7 on SE/NE 6-6-26-W4
- Lateral A1e on NE/SW 28-4-27-W4 & NW 21-4-27-W4
- Lateral D1 on Sec 3-5-27-W4 & SE 4-5-27-W4
- B Lateral on SW 9-5-27-W4
- B Lateral on SE 6-5-27-W4
- F Lateral on SW 34-5-26-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.

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the Subsequent Seepage Control Plan for 2021-2025 as submitted; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

### **Ag Minister's Reception & Minister Dresheen's summer tour to modernization projects**

Fred and Viera represented the UID at the reception and they found the event interesting and successful. Fred had the opportunity to speak with Minister Devin Dreeschen at the reception and they quickly discussed his tour. Even though the tour was already done, he is still interested to come to visit the UID's modernization projects together with MLA Joseph Schow.

### **Lynn Bishop – severe crop damage**

L&S Bishop Enterprises Ltd. experienced severe crop damage from hail this year. Fred talked to Lynn about paying for crop damage where the Lateral D1 pipeline will be placed. We will ask Darin Wilde to survey for crop damage from the UID pipeline. The UID's Board approved to start with work on the pipeline.

### **Pipeline leak on Lateral B8**

We found a leak on the Lateral B8 pipeline on an old section in Larry Lybbert's land. A repair coupler was installed. In a few days, two other leaks showed up after repairing the first one. All three leaks were within 25 meters and bad gaskets were the reason. The old pipeline was rated for 100 psi, however, the line was never under that much pressure. Jim suggested buying a couple of repair couplers to have on hand if more leaks show up.

### **Damaged windows on Riverside Colony's tractor**

Fred was moving high hoe with 98 Kenworth truck from Lateral F7 pipeline when he met Riverside Colony's tractor. A rock from our truck hit the tractor's window and broke the window. Riverside Colony will most likely ask to pay for a new window.

**Rationing system**

Nick asked if the UID has any kind of protocol about water rationing as this year is very dry and we are coming soon to that time when irrigation water is scarce. The Belly River without storage is always subject to flow. The UID presently has a flexible protocol but may need some guidance from the Board of Directors.

The board was also discussing different kinds of crops and which crop needs more water and which uses less. They all agree that this subject should be discussed at the Annual general meeting.

**UID's BBQ**

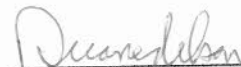
UID's BBQ for employees and Board members is planned for Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm in Spring Glen Park. The Board discussed what kind of food they would like to buy and serve. Viera will do shopping on Monday.


**Transferring funds for purchasing pipe for Modernization project Lateral D1**

Fred asked the Board for approval to move money from restriction funds to purchase PVC pipe from IPEX Inc if we need to.

Duane Nelson MOVED to transfer money from restriction funds for purchasing PVC pipes for Lateral D1 if it's needed; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 A.M.  
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M

  
Chairman – Duane Nelson

  
District Manager – Fred Rice