

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 10:00 A.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 March 29th, 2023, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman  
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman  
Jim Woolf – Board Member  
Nicholas Barfuss – Board Member  
Fred Rice – District Manager  
Viera Ducky – Office Manager  
Craig B. Smith – Board Member - absent

The main purpose of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was to discuss the offer for canceled terminable acres which became permanent assessed acres.

**Acting Manager**

Duane Nelson MOVED to appoint Viera Ducky as Acting Manager while Fred Rice is away. Valid as of April 13, 2023; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Fred welcomed Nicholas Barfuss and Craig Smith back to the Board of Directors of the United Irrigation District. Both members were elected by acclamation for another election term.

Fred called for nominations for Chairman. Jim Woolf Nominated Duane Nelson. Seconded by Nicholas Barfuss. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that Nominations cease. Duane Nelson was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Duane called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Nicholas Barfuss Nominated Daniel Hunsperger. Seconded by Duane Nelson. Jim Woolf MOVED that Nominations cease. Daniel Hunsperger was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**Transfer of terminable acres into permanent assessed acres**

Larry Gibb personally delivered his letter with the proposal for buying permanent assessed acres on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mitch Merrill and Chad Folsom contacted Fred as well as they also want to buy permanent assessed acres. The Board still thinks that it is not necessary to buy these acres as lands with former terminable acres can be irrigated under Annual Acre Agreement. However, the owners with former terminable acres have the first right to buy permanent assessed acres. The Board discussed all options and suggestions in detail.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to sell all former terminable acres as permanent assessed acres at \$1,000 per acre to original owners. Payments need to be done within five years with five consecutive payments with no interest and no later than by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

**Expansion in our district**

Fred came with a question about how much the UID would like to expand. So far we were speaking about 500 acres but we might change it.


The Expansion Analysis prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development in May 2022 shows that a 10% expansion - which is 3,440 acres, would have no change in risk for water shortage. However, Fred and the Board members are worried about “sleeping” acres in our district. Before the final decision about expansion size, the Board decided to speak with as many ratepayers as possible and ask them about their opinion.


**Annual Acre Agreement for Waterton Colony**

Waterton Colony delivered a letter with the request for an Annual Acre Agreement for 135 acres on SW 30-3-27-W4. They would rotate the use of water with the other pivot on NW 31-3-27-W4, so there will be only one pivot running at a time and they would plant one pivot to hay to help conserve water.

Duane Nelson MOVED to approve Annual Acre Agreement for Waterton Colony for 135 acres on SW 30-3-27-W4; SECONDED by Jim Woolf. ...CARRIED

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

  
Chairman – Duane Nelson

  
District Manager – Fred Rice