

Monday, November 24, 2025, 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 November 24th, 2025, commencing at 9:00 A.M

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman
Daniel Hunsperger - Vice-Chairman
Craig Smith – Board Member
Nicholas Barfuss – Board Member
Brandon Wynder – Board Member
Fred Rice – District Manager
Viera Ducky – Office Manager

Discussion and Acceptance of October 27, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 27, 2025, Minutes; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2025 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the October 2025 Payrolls; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of November 24, 2025 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the November 24, 2025, Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Brandon Wynder.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 24, 2025

Darren Tanner, ATB Financial Investment Advisor, contacted Fred and Nick and asked if the Board would like him to come to the meeting to report on UID's investments. We will invite him for a meeting in January or February.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the November 24, 2025, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

IRP 2378 F Lateral

Fred and crew were able to install two structures this year with Hitachi 300, and we did not need to hire a crane. Rocks are placed, and the fence along this stretch of the ditch is done. Phase 3 of the project is substantially completed.

Phase 4 of the project is planned for next year and will require one large and two smaller structures. Fred is considering ordering pour-in-place structures to save money on the project.

We signed a contract with ATCO Gas to relocate the gas pipeline, and the initial invoice was paid.

AIDA Board Development Seminar & AIDA Board of Directors meeting

The event took place on November 3rd. Fred, Duane, Daniel and Viera attended the event, and we all agree that the seminar was very informative. Margo sent us the presentation via email so we can share it with the other Board members who were unable to attend the seminar.

AIDA Executive Committee meeting

The meeting followed the seminar mentioned above. One of the topics discussed was the Future Water Sharing Agreement. The agreement can not be done the way it was in 2024 unless there is a change in the Water Act. The 2025-2026 AIDA Operational Budget was also discussed and approved at the meeting.

Three-Year Plan 2026-2029

We are still working on the plan and waiting for some cost estimates for A1 Lateral and D Lateral from our Engineer, Darin Wilde.

2007 Western Star

The estimate from New West Truck Centres in Lethbridge for repairing this gravel truck is around \$25,000.

2011 Ford Boom Truck

After the truck was parked at Castle Ford Sales in Pincher Creek for several weeks and no repairs were made, Fred and Byran moved the truck to a recommended different mechanic - Diesel Fuel Only. He already gave us an estimate of \$8,300.

98 Kenworth

The truck suddenly stopped working while we were moving the Hitachi 300. There was no oil pressure, so we replaced both sensors, and it did not help. Duane moved the truck with our trailer to STK Mechanical in Lethbridge.

2022 Dodge RAM

The truck was damaged during a collision with a deer. An insurance claim was filed, and the estimate for repair from CARSTAR Cardston is \$13,510.

Meeting with AGI over water issues last fall

Fred invited Troy Ormann, Lawrence Wegwitz and Paul Conrad from AGI to discuss filling Payne Lake last fall. They recognize UID's priority on the Belly River. It was a good meeting without any confrontation. Duane attended the meeting as well.

Repair on Glen Lateral

We needed to do some repairs on Glen Lateral by Marie Barfuss, as we got a couple of corners where water is washing out ditch banks. The crew is currently working on repairing, and Fred will not place rocks on the banks unless it is necessary.

2026 Irrigation Crop Production Update

Lethbridge Polytechnic will host the annual Irrigation Crop Production Update, and Fred was asked by Dr. Willemijn Apples, Senior Research Chair at Mueller Irrigation Research Group, to speak at the event. They are looking for a speech reflecting on how our most recent year was. Fred agreed to speak at the conference. The event will take place on January 22, 2026.

Our older gravel trucks for sale

1982 International gravel truck and a 1989 Ford 8000 gravel truck will be up for sealed bids. The Board decided to start with a minimum bid of \$4,000 for the '82 International and \$13,000 for the '89 Ford. The bids will be accepted until January 15, 2026.

Duane suggested doing some maintenance and cleaning before the sale.

1996 Ford

The truck, which was primarily used for spraying, has a problem to start. It already burned a new starter, and it seems that we need to update this truck. Brandon will help to find a newer truck.

Fred's vacation

Fred informed the Board that he is planning to leave for a 2-week vacation in December.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at 9:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice