

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 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 February 25th, 2026, commencing at 10:00 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 January 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the January 19, 2026, Minutes; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the January 2026 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the January 2026 Payrolls; SECONDED by Brandon Wynder.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of February 25, 2026 Accounts Payable

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the February 25, 2026, Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to February 25, 2026

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the February 25, 2026, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Audit 2025 – Auditor’s report

The audit was presented by auditor Hakon Skoien, Skoien Professional Corporation, and was discussed by the Board.

Mr. Skoien noted that it was a clean audit, we have a good balance sheet, and from the audit view, balances were reported correctly, so no significant adjustments will be processed. No indication of control deficiency.

Fiscal year 2025 was successful, ending with a surplus. The sale of 226.75 permanent acres and equipment, and labour recovery from Irrigation Rehabilitation Projects, were key factors contributing to the surplus. However, we spent \$852,333 into future IRP funding. Hakon pointed this out, as this can be an issue if we do not receive funding from the government.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the audited financial statements as presented; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

The Government of Alberta Budget 2026 validator lock-up and briefing

Fred was invited as a guest for the Budget 2026 embargo briefing on February 26, 2026, in Edmonton. He is planning to attend the event.

Riverside Colony

Riverside Colony wants a Water Conveyance Agreement for 75 ac-ft of water for their feedlot expansion and other agriculture usage, such as a chicken barn, etc. Jeremy mentioned that they do not necessarily need the whole amount of water right now, but would like to have it in case they need it in the future. After the discussion, the Board members do not agree on the agreement for the whole 75 ac-ft, and Fred will contact them and find out what amount of water they need right now for the feedlot expansion.

The Colony also asked to transfer some unused assessed acres on Section 32-5-26-W4. They want to eliminate the Annual Acre Agreement for 160 acres on that section. Fred went through transfers with Jeremy, and Riverside Colony needs to buy an additional 15.04 assessed acres to be able to irrigate this land.

However, the north-west quarter of the section is not included in the district, so we need to start the process to add the land to the district.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to allow Riverside Colony transfer unused assessed acres to Section 32-5-26-W4; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Trailer for outhouse

We purchased the outhouse for using especially when working on the project at the jobsite. Now we need to buy a small trailer to install the outhouse on it. Fred thinks that we should be able to buy one for around \$1,000. The Board approved purchasing the trailer.

Steve Leavitt – Complete Field Monitoring

Steve approached Fred with the request to talk about the Completer Field Monitoring at our AGM on March 18. The Board agrees with it, and he will have around 15 min to present the project.

2026 AIDA Conference

The event took place February 2-4, 2026, at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. Fred and Viera attended the whole conference; Nick and Craig were able to attend one full day.

The conference was very informative and interesting.

AIDA Executive Committee meeting with Irrigation Council

The meeting was on February 3rd at 4 PM, after the presentations on the second day of the conference. Some of the other districts were reminded about upkeeping IRP projects. There were concerns raised about the situation with water from Milk River after the broken siphon in Montana is repaired. They are making great progress on the construction.

United Irrigation District Bylaw 2026

a. Bylaw No. 1-2026 – Remuneration

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Brandon Wynder SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Duane Nelson. ...PASSED

b. Bylaw No. 2-2026 – Rate Bylaw

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Craig Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Brandon Wynder. ...PASSED

c. Bylaw No. 3-2026 – Water Conveyance Fee Bylaw

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Duane Nelson SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Daniel Hunsperger. ...PASSED

d. Bylaw No. 4-2026 – Household Purpose Fee Bylaw

Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. Brandon Wynder SECONDED. ...CARRIED

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

e. Bylaw No. 5-2026 – Water Conveyance Fee to Users without a Water License and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw

Brandon Wynder to read the third time. Craig Smith SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time by Craig Smith.

...PASSED

f. Bylaw No. 6-2026 – RV Campgrounds

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.

...CARRIED

Read the third time by Brandon Wynder.

...PASSED

Salaries 2026

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to increase Fred's salary by 3%. With the Board's approval, Fred decided to increase salaries for all full-time employees by 3% from January 1st and wages for seasonal employees by 3% starting March 1st. \$1/hour increase for Tim Correia; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Byran Cahoon

Byran worked for the UID for many years as a full-time seasonal employee.

With the Board's approval, Fred hired Byran for a full-time salary position as a Field Supervisor on March 1st, with two weeks of paid vacation. Additionally, the UID will pay 70% of his health and dental benefits.

Mig Welder

Fred purchased a Mig Welder for the shop. It works great.

ATB Investments

Darren Tanner, ATB financial advisor, gave the Board a brief report on the UID's investments over the phone. Investments are doing well.

Fred suggested closing the restricted savings account at ATB Financial, where we originally had all the restricted funds; there is \$9,000 left in that account.

Brandon Wynder MOVED to close the restricted savings account and transfer money to investments-conservative portfolio; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Election 2026

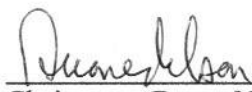
Two of our Board Members' term is up for election – Craig Smith and Nicholas Barfuss. The nominations need to be submitted by 4:00 pm on March 18, 2026.

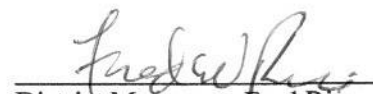
Fred's health

Fred informed the Board that he is on the list for a knee replacement, hopefully within the next two years.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice