

Monday, June 20, 2022, 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 June 20th, 2022, 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 May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the May 24, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the May 2022 Payroll

Craig B. Smith MOVED to accept the May 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of June 20, 2022 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the June 20, 2022 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.

...CARRIED

After reviewing the number of frozen valves and the price for replacements, Board members decided that the land owners will be responsible for the frozen valves.

Jim Woolf MOVED that each land owner using the 2” air valves to supply themselves with irrigation water is responsible for a damaged valve if it is caused by freezing an unopened valve; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to June 20, 2022

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept June 20, 2022, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

Replacing flow meter sensor for F Lateral

The flow meter sensor for F Lateral has stopped working again. Fred contacted Carbon Controls Ltd. for a quote on a replacement sensor with a 100ft cable. We were surprised as the price has doubled from the last time. This is already the third sensor we are having an issue with. New technology is not working with outdated flow meters.

We are not going to order the replacement yet and will do an estimate for the report. The flow meter for the UID’s main canal is accurate.

2013 Dodge

Fred backed up the truck into the trailer and damaged the left box side and rear bumper. The estimate for repair is around \$5,000 from Carstar Cardston. We decided not to claim it through insurance so the premium is not raised.

The meeting with Cardston county regarding a culvert on Range Rd 272

Both ends of a culvert on Range Rd 272 are lifted and the culvert is bending in the middle. It is a multi-plate culvert probably 10 feet in diameter on Glen Lateral. After discussion, the county concluded that there is no significant damage to the culvert to replace it and they will just cut out the lifted ends.

Bruce Wynder's project

The project for Bruce is completed and the drain from the pipeline goes into Glen Lateral. The total cost is around \$6,000 and Invoice will be sent out as soon as all the remaining invoices are received.

Fence posts

A full truckload of fence posts 4"x5"-7' is ordered from Pincher Creek Co-op but will not be available until late August.

Evaluation of IRP#1129 from Alberta Agriculture

We received the evaluation on IRP#1129 this spring. It is the pipeline on Darcy Barfuss' and Hengerer Farms' lands. One of the pictures they provided was for a different IRP project that had rebar exposed. We grouted it up and looks good now.

Gas storage tank

Fred was looking for gas tank prices in case we will have trucks for Ditchriders. A 500-gallon tank will cost around \$4,500. The Board mentioned that we might need a 1,000-gallon tank but we will wait until after the irrigation season is finished.

Electrical short at Headworks

On June 9th one of the gates that control inflow into our main canal had an electrical short and the gate was not closing. Our crew closed it manually but it still took them 1.5 hours to be able to close it as the river was at the flooding stage. An electrician from D.A. Electric Ltd. came to help us but we don't have a wiring diagram for the gate. Now we are trying to find the wiring diagram and cause of the problem.

Dodge's new truck

At this stage, we have not been advised of the delivery day. The deposit of \$1,000 has been paid.

89 Ford gravel truck

The Board was discussing the table which shows the usage of each truck in hours for the last 5 years. Gravel truck 89 Ford was used very well and it paid itself. Currently, prices for gravel trucks are high so the Board decided to proceed with the repair of 89 Ford.

Duane Nelson MOVED to repair 89 Ford gravel-truck at MoBoots AG Mechanics Ltd. in Fort Macleod and negotiate a warranty for the engine with them; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

New trucks for Ditchriders

We have not found trucks for Ditchriders yet. Neil would like to keep using his own truck.

Alberta Agriculture – documents for expansion

The Board discussed the expansion again and has concerns about whether the plebiscite will even pass. With rationing water for the last couple of years in August and sleeping acres, farmers do not want to take a higher risk of not being able to irrigate. The discussion will be brought up again at the AGM next March.

B Lateral

The crew started to haul dirt for the last modernization project B Lateral. We hauled dirt from the old dugout on Daniel Hunsperger's land and are looking for more dirt from Daniel.

QGIS

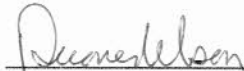
Darin Wilde has a new employee who is working on updating our mapping system QGIS. Fred asked how detailed we want this system.


3 assessed acres bought by Ben Layton

Lawrence sold privately 3 assessed acres to Ben Layton.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, July 25, 2022, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice