

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 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 November 16th, 2023, 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 October 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 23, 2023 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2023 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the October 2023 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of November 16, 2023 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the November 16, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 16, 2023

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept November 16, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.
...CARRIED

IRP # 2378 F Lateral open ditch

The first section of the ditch is cut completely. Fred sent a hoe back for trimming and the work on the armor has been started. There are around 700 meters of rock armor left to be finished this year. About 1/3 length of rock armor is left to be done which will take one day. More rock armor needs to be placed around four structures which is going to be installed this year. The total cost for the project as of today is approximately \$665,000.

New pictures of the project were shown to the Board.

750 C Equipment

The injector pump is failing and will need service. The dozer does not want to shut off. Fred suggests looking for some newer similar equipment.

89 Ford Gravel Truck

The cost of replacing the engine is \$37,378.39, however, there will be a few warranty issues.

2022 Dodge RAM

The estimated cost from Carstar Cardston to fix the 2022 Dodge is \$3,143.70. They do not have time to fix it until January 29, 2024. Fred asked Board members whether a claim from the insurance should be made. Four members out of five do not want to make a claim.

The Board mentioned the self-insurance option and that topic will be discussed more in the next meetings.

Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan 2024-2027

The plan contains one continuing project IRP#2378 – F Lateral, and as per the above point, our crew is currently working on this project. This project is extensive and the UID will need several years of IRP funding to complete the project.

However, the UID is submitting one New Year One Project F4 Lateral due to some significant issues with seepage in that area. This project will be an open pipeline project using a 48" PVC pipe. If the project is approved and we will be able to purchase the pipes, we plan to start work on it in the spring of 2024.

No Proposed Year Two Projects and beyond this year in plan.

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the IRP 2024-27 Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan as presented;
SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ... CARRIED

AIDA Board of Directors meeting

Jim and Nick attended the meeting on November 7th, 2024 in Taber.

Jim went through draft minutes and reported on some topics discussed. He specifically pointed out a graph that shows a 10-year Average Diversion and Irrigated Area. We can see that with the same amount of water larger area is irrigated thanks to higher irrigation efficiency.

Remuneration for AIDA meetings

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to pay Jim Woolf \$300 remuneration for each in-person AIDA meeting, and \$200 for each Zoom meeting when he is representing our district; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

One Board member abstained.

... CARRIED

AIDA Conference 2024 “When In Drought”

AIDA Conference will take place at the Sandman Signature – Lethbridge Lodge on February 5-7, 2024. Viera will register all Board members who are interested in attending the event.

Applications for new assessed acres

All applications to buy new assessed acres that were approved by the Board were sold and paid for.

Standoff Colony

Standoff Colony applied for another 135 assessed irrigation acres.

Incremental Revenue

Kristien Renaud, Financial Administrator for Irrigating Alberta Inc. informed us that Incremental Revenue from assessed acres sold in 2023 needs to be paid by January 31st, 2024.

SSROM meeting

Ph3 Working group #7 meeting will take place on December 7th, 2023 at the University of Calgary Downtown Campus. Fred is planning to attend the meeting in person.

Thoughts on Employee Appreciation Supper

Everyone agrees that the appreciation supper was a very good event and everyone enjoyed it. The food was excellent prepared mostly by Nick with the help of other Board members.

WCB premium will be increased

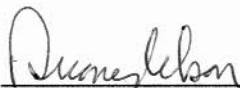
We have received a warning email from WCB that our premium will increase due to poor performance. The UID had 4 claims in the course of the last three years. One of the recommendations from WCB to our district was to get a Certificate of Recognition (COR). We will look into it.

Presentation at the AIDA Conference

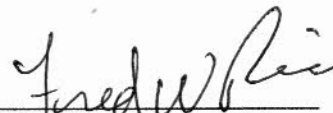
AIDA asked Fred to do a 10-minute presentation about the Belly River reservoir. Fred agreed on that.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 18th, 2023, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice