

**Monday, April 28, 2025, 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 April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, commencing at 10:00 A.M

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

**Discussion and Acceptance of March 26, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the March 26, 2025, Minutes; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the March 2025 Payroll**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the March 2025 Payrolls; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of April 28, 2025 Accounts Payable**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the April 28, 2025, Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to April 28, 2025**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept April 28, 2025, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Fred welcomed Brandon Wynder, a new member to the Board of Directors of the United Irrigation District. Brandon was elected in the election on April 16<sup>th</sup> for his first election term.

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

Duane called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Duane Nelson nominated Daniel Hunsperger.

Seconded by Nicholas Barfuss. Craig Smith MOVED that Nominations cease. Daniel Hunsperger was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**ATB Investments**

Darren Tanner, Senior Financial Advisor from ATB Securities Inc., came to report to the Board on our investments.

Some of our investments are in a conservative portfolio, but the bigger portion of the investment is in a balanced portfolio. All our investments are 100% guaranteed; only interest fluctuates. We always have access to all our funds; they are all liquid, and we can pull them at any time.

In the long term, investments are doing well, they are healthy, and moving them to GIC at this time would not be beneficial, as currently, interest on GIC is only around 3%.

**Payroll liability balance**

At the February Board meeting, when Audit 2024 was presented, Nick asked about Accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The biggest part of that amount is the accrued payroll liability balance payable to Fred for his unused vacation time since 2009. Hakon Skoien, the auditor, came to the meeting to explain to the Board possible options to minimize payroll liability for Fred.

After the discussion, Fred and the Board came to an agreement that the UID would pay the vacation liability as management fees to Fred's company. A written agreement will be signed by Fred and the Board.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the accrued payroll liability balance payable to Fred Rice, as of December 31, 2024, will be paid to corporation 1648369 Alberta Ltd, c/o Fred Rice, as Management fees; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

#### **Emails from Kim Sturgess, WaterSMART**

Fred informed the Board that we have received an email from Kim congratulating us on getting funding for a feasibility study for the Proposed Belly River Reservoir.

In another email, she asked Fred about our engineer, as they are working on assembling a team to work on the Belly feasibility study. There will be bids, and they want to be the best possible team. However, our engineer Darin Wilde has already discussed cooperation with Stantec, which wants to bid as well.

#### **AIDA AGM meeting on April 3, 2025**

Fred, Duane, Jim, and Nick attended the annual meeting as well as the AIDA General Board meeting.

The main topic discussed at the regular meeting was a new Dip Tank 6 technology to eliminate the zebra and quagga invasive mussel species. AIDA reserved \$10,000 to check into patents.

Richard Phillips was voted as the new AIDA chairman and Alex Ostroph as the Vice-Chairman at the meeting.

#### **UID representative for AIDA meetings**

As Jim Woolf, who is no longer a UID Board member, cannot represent us at the AIDA meetings, the Board decided that Fred Rice will be the new representative, and any board member can be a proxy in case Fred is not available.

#### **On-farm allocation limit for 2025**

With the irrigation season approaching soon, Fred asked the Board if our district would set an on-farm allocation limit for 2025. After the discussion, the Board decided to set 14.7" irrigation water per acre as an on-farm allocation limit for UID in 2025. Some other districts set their limits as well.

#### **Gravel truck at Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers on April 29th**

Fred found more gravel trucks, which will be on a timed auction tomorrow at auction in Edmonton. Fred will go to Edmonton with Byran to check these trucks and try to buy one. The limit for trucks is \$52,000/each if we can buy two or \$85,000 for a single gravel truck.

#### **IRP#2378 F Lateral**

Our crew was working on finishing Phase #2 this spring. Road crossing, landscaping, and fencing are done.

#### **'89 Ford**

The turbocharger had to be replaced, and the truck is running.

#### **Hitachi 300**


After some time working with the new equipment, Fred is happy with the new machine.

#### **Borrowing bylaw for a credit card**

We were planning to increase our credit card limit, but after the discussion, the Board and Fred decided to leave it as is.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 A.M

  
Chairman – Duane Nelson

  
District Manager – Fred Rice