

**Monday, December 16, 2024, 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 December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 November 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the November 15, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.  
...CARRIED

**Amendments to October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the amendments to October 15, 2024 Regular meeting Minutes; SECONDED by Craig Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2024 Payroll**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the November 2024 Payrolls; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of December 16, 2024 Accounts Payable**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the December 16, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 16, 2024**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept December 16, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Provincial Water Availability Engagement Meeting with the Minister Joseph Schow**

Fred and Duane attended the meeting with the Minister on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the LNID office. Discussed was mostly the White paper document. This document summarizes the consensus from AIDA members to improve water access in Alberta and four areas of concern stemming from the public documents issued to support AEPA's Water Availability Engagement process. During the discussion, some of the districts suggested making water transfers easier without a plebiscite, however, our district strongly believes that ratepayers need to know about these transfers.

**Provincial Water Availability Engagement meeting**

The meeting between irrigation districts and AEPA took place on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. It was an in-person one-on-one meeting with AEPA staff. Fred, Duane, and Nick represented our district. They all agreed that it was a good meeting. After the meeting, our district sent a letter with summarized key points of the meeting to AEPA.

**The Southern Alberta Water Availability open house**

AEPA organized an open house on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Fort Macleod & District Community Hall Society. The turnout was very good, a lot of ratepayers, districts' Board members, and Managers came to the meeting.

**Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan 2025-2028**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan 2025-2028 Plan as presented with the increased cost for IRP#2378 F Lateral; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
... CARRIED

**IRP# 2378 F Lateral Open Ditch**

The letter with the explanation for the increased cost estimate for the whole project was sent to the Irrigation Council. Fred will attend the Irrigation Council meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> and explain the reasons for the increased cost and answer their questions.

Work on Phase 2 of the project is completed for this year except for landscaping, fencing, and one road crossing which will be done in spring 2025 due to frozen ground.

**Larry Gibb's turnout**

Fred talked to Larry about the suggestion from the Board. Larry agrees to buy a butterfly valve if the UID is willing to install it. The Board members are in favor as long as Larry pays for all materials needed.

**Eavestroughs for the shop need replacement**

The quote for new eavestroughs with leaf guards from Calm Construction in Fort Macleod is \$3,583.13. The Board agrees with the replacement. Jim asked if we could have a warranty on them.

**New Excavator**

The excavator with quick attach bucket will be delivered in January 2025 and they will provide a premium warranty at 4,000 hours at no charge.

**JD 240 DLC Excavator for sale**

The 2011 year Excavator with bucket is field-ready and is for sale. The equipment was serviced, cleaned and the rails were changed by our crew for \$10,827 plus \$2,600 in labor. The Board agreed to post it for sale for \$89,000+GST.

**Motion to appoint an auditor for the fiscal year 2024**

Duane Nelson MOVED that Skoein Profesional Corporation be appointed as auditor for the fiscal year 2024; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss. ...CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 7-2024 Date of Election and Date of Annual General Meeting for the UID**

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, and the Election will be held on April 16, 2025, if needed; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

Bylaw No. 7-2024 Date of Election

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Nicholas Barfuss. Craig Smith MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read second time by Jim Woolf. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED  
...PASSED

**Pesticide use not-compliance activity**

We have sent a letter to the EPA with an explanation of used chemicals in 2024. On November 15<sup>th</sup> we received the message that the environmental incident has now been closed.

**Byran Cahoon wage**

Duane Nelson MOVED to increase Byran Cahoon's wage to \$32 per hour effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ...CARRIED

**Christmas bonuses for employees for 2024**

Christmas bonuses for full-time and seasonal employees were approved. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to pay a Christmas bonus for 2024 to employees as follows: Byran Cahoon- \$150, Neil Allred - \$300, Steve Lybbert - \$400, Viera Ducky - \$750, and Fred Rice - \$1,000; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED



**Office closure for holidays**

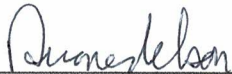
The UID office will be closed for holidays from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The office will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

**JD 750 C Dozer**

The equipment has many issues and Fred thinks we should be looking into a replacement. Nick suggested to write a list of equipment replacements over the next few years.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice