

**Monday, December 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

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, 2019, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Duane Nelson – Chairman  
Jim Woolf – Board Member  
Craig B. Smith – Board Member  
Daniel Hunsperger – Vice-Chairman  
Brandon Gibb – Board Member  
Fred Rice – Manager  
Viera Ducky – Assistant Manager  
Public in attendance - Lloyd Smith

**Discussion and Acceptance of the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the November 25, 2019 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the November 2019 Payroll**

Brandon Gibb MOVED to accept the November 2019 Payroll; SECONDED by Craig Smith.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of December 16, 2019 Accounts Payable**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept December 16, 2019 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Brandon Gibb.  
...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to December 16, 2019**

Craig Smith MOVED to accept December 16, 2019 Financial Statement; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.  
...CARRIED

Fred asked the Board if we should transfer our IRP share to Cost Share Account for 2019 even we haven't receive IRP funding yet. The Board agree with it, but Fred will also contact our Auditor Hakon Skoein to ask for his opinion.

**Bylaw No. 9-2019 Date of Election and date of Annual General Meeting**

Duane Nelson MOVED that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2020 and the Election will be held on April 8, 2020 if needed; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.  
...CARRIED

**By-Law No. 9-2019 – Date of Election**

The By-Law was read the First Time by Duane Nelson. Brandon Gibb MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED  
Read Second Time by Jim Woolf. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the third time. Brandon Gibb SECONDED. ...CARRIED  
Read the Third Time by Daniel Hunsperger. ...PASSED.

**Code of Conduct**

More discussion was done to this matter. Some of the Board Members likes it because it creates more responsibility and accountability. This document provides informantion on the level of personal conduct expected from the Board Members.  
Brandon Gibb MOVED that the United Irrigation District will adopt and implement the Code of Conduct; SECONDED by Craig Smith. ...CARRIED

### **AIDA Annual General Meeting**

Daniel Hunsperger represented the UID at the AIDA AGM on December 13 in Lethbridge and he gave report to the Board.

Richard Phillips, the Chairman of the AIDA presented the Report from the Chair and put up his resignation. New Chairman is Alex Ostrop from the SMRID.

Margo Jarvis Redelback presented the Report from the Executive Director and Price&Comin presented the Financial Statement of the AIDA.

Municipal Bridge Infrastructure Funding was discussed; AIDA and municipalities are in agreement that the funding should continue.

After the AGM, Fortis of Alberta provided insight into their 2020 Proposed Rates-New Phase II Rates. Generally speaking, all rates will raise but land owners with huge transformers will pay significantly higher rates in 2020.

### **Mitch Merrill bought assessed irrigation acres from the UID**

Bar Double M Ranching Ltd, Mitch Merrill bought 31 irrigation assessed acres from the UID. Mr. Merrill would like to transfer 70 Terminable acres from SE 17-4-27-W4 to NW 5-4-27-W4. He also informed Fred that he is planning to buy 40-60 assessed acres from Lynn Bishop. Our Board has approved buying acres before.

### **Letter to Campgrounds**

Letter was sent out to all campgrounds with the explanation why the rates for RV Campgrounds were significantly increased this year. No feedback has been received so far.

### **Dave Layton from Whisper Valley Campground**

Mr. Layton came to the meeting to discuss the fee for RV Campgrounds again. As per Dave, he was not representing other RV Campgrounds. His opinion is that the fee for campground is too high for the amount of water they get. This was quite long discussion with a detailed explanation, however the Board is unified about this matter and is not planning to change the fee for campgrounds as mentioned in Minutes previously. Dave Layton thanked Fred and Board for their time.

### **Office closure for Christmas Holidays**

The UID office will be closed for Christmas Holidays from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 including. Those who didn't pay their irrigation rates, they can still do it personally this week until Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 4:30pm or send cheque by mail.

### **Sending Ditch Rider Jared Nelson to AIDA Conference in 2020**

Fred asked the Board for opinion about sending our Ditch Rider Jared Nelson to coming AIDA Conference in February 2020. Most of the Board Directors are not able to attend this event and they agree with Fred's suggestion.

### **2020 AIDA Recognition Award**

As every year, the AIDA is asked to submit a suggestion for AIDA Recognition Award. Our Board mentioned that they would nominate Richard Phillips when he retires.

### **Duane Nelson met with Darcy Barfuss**

Duane Nelson informed the Board that he talked to Darcy Barfuss regarding to fence problem. Darcy and Bruce finally settled this issue. Fence will not be build. Duane will talk to Bruce as well.

### **Suggestion for investments**

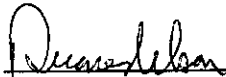
Duane suggested to invite representative from Edwad Jones Investments and see if our investment

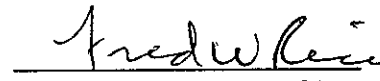
expenses could be lower. Duane personally has really good experience with this investment company. Viera will invite the representative for the next meeting.

**Brandon Gibb mentioned marking our lines**

The UID received couple Alberta One-Call ticket in December and our pipelines were marked. When actual digging was done by Derrick Beck, the line was not found and Brandon Gibb occurred additional expense. It was suggested by Brandon that we should put in a tracer wire with our pipelines at the time of installation to easily locate the pipeline in the future.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 P.M.  
Next Meeting: Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

  
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Chairman - Duane Nelson

  
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District Manager - Fred Rice