

**Monday, January 27, 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 January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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 attended meeting virtually  
Fred Rice – District Manager  
Viera Ducky – Office Manager

**Discussion and Acceptance of December 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the December 16, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

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

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the December 2024 Payrolls; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of January 27, 2025 Accounts Payable**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the January 27, 2025 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.

...CARRIED

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to January 27, 2025**

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept January 27, 2025, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.

...CARRIED

**JD 240 DLC Excavator sold**

We sold the excavator on January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the price we were asking and they picked it up the next day. Everything went well with the buyer.

**New 2024 Hitachi ZX300LC-6 Excavator**

The new excavator was delivered on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. The monthly payment of \$7,218.75 will start on June 1<sup>st</sup> for 0% financing for 48 months.

**New eavestroughs**

The eavestroughs are done by Calm Construction. They did it in one day and if there is some damage to them they will take care of them.

**The furnace for the office**

Fred found out after Christmas break that our furnace for the office was not working. Chief Mountain Gas Co-op fixed the problem and they suggested replacing the furnace and air conditioning soon as parts for these appliances are not manufactured anymore.

The quote from Chief Mountain Gas Co-op in Cardston for replacing the furnace is \$5,485.09+GST and \$5,485.43+GST to replace air conditioning.

The quote from MD Plumbing & Heating is for \$9,487.64(GST included) to replace both appliances including installation. The Board decided to go with the second option.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to order furnace and air conditioning from MD Plumbing and Heating; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

... CARRIED

**Applications to buy irrigation-assessed acres**

Duane Nelson applied to buy 69.28 assessed acres from the UID. He wants to replace 32 acres on the Annual Acre Agreement with assessed acres on SE 8-5-26-W4. Another 37.28 assessed acres will go to NE/NW 9-5-26-W4.

Standoff Colony applied to buy 157.47 assessed acres which will be assigned to SE/SW 29-6-25-W4.  
Some of the acres need to be added to the district.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to sell 69.28 assessed acres to Duane Nelson and to sell 157.47 assessed acres to Standoff Colony for \$1,200 per acre and add parcels to the district; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.  
Duane Nelson abstained. ...CARRIED

### **Water rates for 2025**

On an annual basis, the Board members discuss the water rates for the upcoming year.

Duane Nelson MOVED to keep the water rates the same as last year; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.  
The motion was defeated.

Craig Smith MOVED to increase water rates by 3% except Village of Glenwood and Hill Spring. Their rates are increased by 6% for fiscal year 2025; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Three members voted for an increase and two members opposed.

...CARRIED

### **United Irrigation District Bylaw 2025**

#### **a. Bylaw No. 1-2025 – Remuneration**

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Daniel Hunsperger. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Jim Woolf. Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Duane Nelson. ...PASSED

#### **b. Bylaw No. 2-2025 – Rate Bylaw**

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

Read the second time by Duane Nelson. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Craig Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED

#### **c. Bylaw No. 3-2025 – Water Conveyance Fee Bylaw**

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Jim Woolf. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Daniel Hunsperger. Craig Smith MOVED to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED

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

#### **d. Bylaw No. 4-2025 – Household Purpose Fee Bylaw**

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Daniel Hunsperger. Duane Nelson MOVED to read the second time. Craig Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Craig Smith. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Duane Nelson. ...PASSED

#### **e. Bylaw No. 5-2025 – Water Conveyance Fee to Users without a Water License and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw**

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

Read the second time by Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED

**f. Bylaw No. 6-2025 – RV Campgrounds**

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the second time. Craig Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the second time by Craig Smith. Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED

Read the third time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED

**Salaries 2025**

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to increase salaries and wages by 2% for all full-time employees and seasonal employees and increase Viera Ducky's salary by 13% effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

Duane Nelson MOVED that Viera Ducky is allowed to use ATB Master Card Reward Points for personal use; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.

**Water rates for 2023 and 2024**

All water rates for 2023 were paid by ratepayers.

Some of the water rates for 2024, including penalties, are still outstanding: D. Fox - \$466.97, A. Stephan - \$416.94, and Daniel Goetz - \$397.08.

**Town Hall Meeting for Provincial Water Availability Engagement**

The meeting took place on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Coast Lethbridge Hotel& Conference Centre. Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Rebecca Schulz, representatives from AEPA, and several officials attended the Town Hall. Fred Duane and Nick represented the UID at the meeting. Rebecca Shultz mentioned that as for licenses, those FITFIR licenses will not be touched.

**IRP# 2378 F Lateral Open Ditch**

The UID received a letter from the Irrigation Secretariat with approval from the Irrigation Council to increase the cost estimate for the project as requested and the new cost estimate is \$2,686,000.00.

**Oldman Watershed Council**

The Oldman Watershed Council is kindly asking for ongoing support in a letter from January 2nd, 2025. Their suggestion is a standardized rate of 3.2 cents per irrigated acre.

The Board decided to support them the same as last year and send them a \$250 cheque.

**Fraud issues or concerns in 2024**

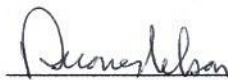
Each year Fred brings to the Board the question of whether anyone is aware of any fraud or concerns as this is one of the questions from the auditor. No concerns were raised.

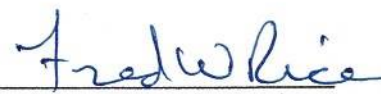
**AIDA AGM meeting**

The meeting is scheduled for the first day of the AIDA Conference on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 afternoon in Calgary.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 A.M

  
Chairman – Duane Nelson

  
District Manager – Fred Rice