

Monday, January 23, 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 January 23rd, 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 December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the December 19, 2022 Minutes; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the December 2022 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the December 2022 Payroll; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of January 23, 2023 Accounts Payable

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the January 23, 2023 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Craig B. Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to January 23, 2023

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept January 23, 2023, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

The fence between Folsom Dairy and the UID on SE 19-4-27-W4

Soon after the letter was sent to Folsom Dairy, payment for the damaged fence in the amount of \$1,200 has been received.

Salaries 2023

Craig B. Smith MOVED to increase salaries and wages by 4% for Fred Rice, 3% for Steve Lybbert, and 3% for Neil Allred for the fiscal year 2023; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Water rates for 2023

On annual basis, the Board discusses the water rates for the upcoming year. The Board decided to increase rates by 3% for the fiscal year 2023.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that all terminable acres can be purchased as permanent acres for \$1,000/acre or they will be switched into acres irrigated under Annual Acre Agreement; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.

Duane Nelson abstained the motion.
...CARRIED

United Irrigation District Bylaw 2023

a. Bylaw No. 1-2023 – Remuneration

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

Read the second time by Duane Nelson. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED.
...CARRIED

Read the third time by Daniel Hunsperger.
...PASSED

b. Bylaw No. 2-2023 – Rate Bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Nicholas Barfuss. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the second time. Duane Nelson SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the second time by Duane Nelson. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Craig B. Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the third time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED

c. Bylaw No. 3-2023 – Water Conveyance Fee Bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Craig B. Smith. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the second time by Daniel Hunsperger. Craig B. Smith MOVED to read the third time. Jim Woolf SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED

d. Bylaw No. 4-2023 – Household Purpose Fee Bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Duane Nelson. Jim Woolf MOVED to read the second time. Craig B. Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the second time by Craig B. Smith. Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to read the third time. Nicholas Barfuss SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the third time by Daniel Hunsperger. ...PASSED

e. Bylaw No. 5-2023 – Water Conveyance Fee to Users without a Water License and Rural Water Use Fee Bylaw

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Duane Nelson. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the second time. Craig B. Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the second time by Craig B. Smith. Jim Woolf MOVED to read the third time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the third time by Nicholas Barfuss. ...PASSED

f. Bylaw No. 6-2023 – RV Campgrounds

The Bylaw was read for the first time by Craig B. Smith. Jim Woolf MOVED to read the second time. Daniel Hunsperger SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the second time by Duane Nelson. Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to read the third time. Craig B. Smith SECONDED. ...CARRIED
Read the third time by Jim Woolf. ...PASSED

Scholarship 2023

The Board discussed the option of offering a Scholarship in 2023. No decision on the scholarship has been made as yet. The discussion will be carried out again on this topic, however, based on the initial views, the Board will consider contributing to Spring Glen Junior High School to their new program in a more efficient way.

Fraud issues or concerns in 2022

Every 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.

Water Smart meeting

Fred will attend the zoom meeting today, January 23rd, 2023 at 2 pm. The next meeting will take place in Calgary on February 6th in person or as a zoom meeting. More details are yet to come.

Loan at CIB

In the letter from Kristien Renaud, IAI Financial Administrator has officially informed us about the CIB Loan balance for the UID and the amount of interest accrued is \$2,855.44. After the discussion, the Board agreed to pay at least the interest.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to pay interest for 2022 on the loan from National Bank in the amount of \$2,855.44 if possible; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

New Dodge

New Dodge – 2022 RAM for Fred has arrived. This resulted in an open discussion about the 2013 Dodge. A few final options are to consider, either keeping it and redesigning it to replace the spraying truck or selling it privately. Fred will think about it and decide what will be best for the district.

Renting Community Hall for AGM

The UID would host AGM in a community hall in Hill Spring one year and in a community hall in Glenwood the following year. This year the AGM was supposed to take place in Glenwood. The rental for the community hall in Glenwood is \$100 and \$40 in Hill Spring so the Board decided to have the AGM in Hill Spring.

Agenda for AGM

Fred was asking the Board for ideas on what needs to be discussed during AGM with attendees and what to change. A few ideas are as follows: ordering water and letting Ditchrider know of the day turning on and shutting it off; changing terminable acres into Annual acre agreement acres; expansion acres; bringing some professionals to educate ratepayers about irrigation or fertilization etc.

Oldman Watershed Council

The Oldman Watershed Council is kindly asking for ongoing support in a letter from January 2nd, 2023. Their suggestion is a standardized rate of 3.2 cents per irrigated acre.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the UID will support Oldman Watershed Council in the amount of \$250; SECONDED by Duane Nelson. ...CARRIED

TransAlta Corporation – Riplinger Wind Power Project

The UID received a Project Information Package from TransAlta regarding their new project south of the Hill Spring area. The whole area is included in our district and we have concerns about positioning their turbines so they do not interfere with our existing infrastructure and placing pivots in the future. The letter will be sent out to them with our concerns and Fred will represent the UID at the meeting planned on February 16th, 2023 in Hill Spring Community Centre.

District Associate at the AIDA meetings

Kirsten Cleland, Executive associate sent us a summary of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 10th, 2023. During the bylaws and policy review was a discussion about associates from each district. Currently, Kirsten is an associate for all small districts including UID. The UID is currently satisfied with one associate but if other districts want their associate, we would like one as well.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice