

Friday, November 15, 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 November 15th, 2024, commencing at 10:00 A.M

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

Discussion and Acceptance of October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept the October 15, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the October 2024 Payroll

Duane Nelson MOVED to accept the October 2024 Payrolls; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of November 15, 2024 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the November 15, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the Financial Statement to November 15, 2024

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED to accept November 15, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Annual Rolling Three-Year Plan 2025-2028

The key component of the plan is our continuing project IRP#2378 – F Lateral. This project is planned in four phases and our crew is currently working on Phase 2. As mentioned before, this project is extensive and the UID will need several years of IRP funding to complete the project.

The estimated cost for the whole project needs to be updated and the UID is going to send a letter to Irrigation Council with the request for approval to increase the estimated cost.

Once the estimated cost increase is approved by the Irrigation Council, the Board will approve the Three-Year Plan 2025-2028.

No Proposed Year One and Year Two Projects and beyond this year are in the plan.

IRP# 2378 F Lateral Open Ditch

The crew finished rock armor today. We still need to install two structures and two culverts, landscaping and fencing to finish Phase 2.

As mentioned above, the UID needs the approval from Irrigation Council to increase the estimated cost for the project. Fred asked the Irrigation Secretariat to be added to the agenda for the Irrigation Council meeting on December 17th when he can explain the detailed cost increase of approximately \$813,000.

These are the multiple reasons to increase the cost estimate: the significant amount of earth material to be moved, additional culverts to be installed, the increase in the cost of the structures, two additional turnout structures that were not estimated in the original design, 2500 meters of the canal will be lowered by 0.5 meters to accommodate field drainage and cost of hauling the excess earth material.

Duane Nelson MOVED to increase the estimated cost for IRP#2378 F Lateral Open Ditch project by \$813,000 as presented; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
... CARRIED

Larry Gibb's turnout

Larry talked to Fred about the 24" turnout which is leaking and he is asking the UID to replace it. He fills his dugout with this turnout and he needs the turnout that holds the backpressure. There was an 18" turnout, and it was leaking, the UID replaced it for a 24" turnout and it is leaking again. The Board has some suggestions to use the plumber plug or Larry should replace the turnout at his cost.

Eavestroughs for shop

The shop needs new eavestroughs. The wind blew off recently one of them and the other has significant ice damage after last winter. The Board agrees to replace them.

'82 International gravel truck

Fred still would like to replace the '82 International with a newer gravel truck to be able to drive on the roads and not always haul this truck to the job site to use it only on the field. The board will discuss the matter again.

'92 Ford

The driveline was replaced and the truck is working now.

'89 Ford

The water pump needed to be replaced and motor mounts were missing on one side. All is repaired.

New bedding rock box

The UID bought a new bedding rock box to place rocks on the F Lateral Open Ditch project and it will be used in the future as well. We bought this box through Ritchie Bros. Auction for \$7,087.50.

Water Sharing Agreement Manager's closing meeting - Lessons Learned Workshop

The meeting was an in-person meeting held in Calgary on October 29th. Fred attended the meeting. He learned that Bow River and Red Deer never implemented the Water Sharing Agreement. All problems discussed during the irrigation season are mentioned in the final report.

AIDA Executive meeting and AIDA Board of Directors meeting

Jim attended the Executive meeting on October 16th in Lethbridge. He gave a brief report to the Board. Fred, Duane, and Jim attended the Board of Directors meeting on October 31st. The main topic discussed at the meeting was the AIDA White Paper on increasing water access in Alberta. It was passed unanimously.

New Excavator

After discussion, the Board made a motion to buy new equipment. Jim suggested asking Wajax for a warranty to be included in that price.

Craig Smith MOVED to buy 300 Hitachi Excavator for \$346,000 plus warranty with 0% financing from Wajax; SECONDED by Daniel Hunsperger. ... CARRIED

Pesticide use not-compliance activity

During this irrigation season, the UID used the wrong brand of chemical for spraying our canals because we were not able to buy chemicals we have approval for. There was the same active ingredient in them. There will be an investigation.

Meeting with Minister Joseph Schow

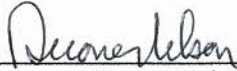
The meeting will take place on Saturday, November 16th at the LNID office. Fred and Duane are planning to attend the meeting. The AIDA White Papers will be discussed.

Byran Cahoon wage

Byran's wage was discussed but the decision was not made yet.

Daniel Hunsperger MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 15th, 2024, at 10:00 A.M



Chairman – Duane Nelson



District Manager – Fred Rice