

Tuesday, October 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 October 15th, 2024, commencing at 10:00 A.M

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

Discussion and Acceptance of September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Craig Smith MOVED to accept the September 23, 2024 Minutes; SECONDED by Jim Woolf.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of the September 2024 Payroll

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept the September 2024 Payrolls; SECONDED by Duane Nelson.
...CARRIED

Discussion and Acceptance of October 15, 2024 Accounts Payable

Jim Woolf MOVED to accept the October 15, 2024 Accounts Payable; SECONDED by Nicholas Barfuss.
...CARRIED

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

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED to accept October 15, 2024, Financial Statement; SECONDED by Craig Smith.
...CARRIED

Water Engagement online meeting with Minister Sigurdson

The UID received a thank you letter for voluntary participation in Alberta's largest water-sharing agreement from Minister of Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) Rebecca Schulz. She also sent an invitation for today's online meeting on October 15th with Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation RJ Sigurdson. Interbasin water transfer was the main topic discussed at the meeting.

IRP# 2378 F Lateral Open Ditch Phase 2

Last Friday, on October 11th we started to cut the ditch. Currently, we are hauling dirt about 1.5 miles away on Riverside Colony land. This Thursday, October 17th we are expecting culvert delivery. The weather has been very cooperative so far which allows us to work almost every day on the project.

Belly River Proposed Reservoir discussion

A Zoom meeting with the UID and SMRID has been organized on October 31st by the WaterSmart team to discuss how we should go forward with the proposed reservoir. The UID received many support letters from other districts and municipalities, however, we need to also ask Mountain View Irrigation District for a letter of support. Fred will contact them.

AIDA Board of Directors meeting

The meeting will be held on October 31st in Lethbridge in person. Fred and Jim are planning to attend the event, and possibly some other Board members.

AIDA Conference

The conference will be held on February 3rd – 5th, 2025 at the Westin Hotel in Calgary.

Water Sharing Agreement Manager's meeting - Lessons Learned Workshop

The Next Water Sharing Agreement meeting will be an in-person meeting held in Calgary on October 29th. Fred is planning to attend the meeting.

BBQ party

An appreciation BBQ party for crew and Board members was organized on October 10th at Fred's place. The crew appreciated the dinner, the Board thanked Fred for allowing us to use his building and everyone enjoyed the delicious food prepared by Nick.

The ratepayer dissatisfaction

One of our ratepayer asked to have a pipeline full of water for another week after we closed our canals. He needed water for his cows but there was a turnout left open which drained the pipeline. Monday morning Fred told Ditchrider to send more water and water should have been there around 1:00 pm, however, the turnout was plugged and at 5:00 pm there was no water. Fred was able to get water for him at midnight that day, but the ratepayer strongly voiced his displeasure. He said that UID workers are incompetent, that he should be treated with higher respect because he is a big ratepayer of the district and he does not want to have any future dealing with the UID.

New Excavator

Fred received a new price for the Hitachi Excavator 300 which is \$346,000 and 0% financing is available. The price is available until December 15th. This is a stronger machine with a longer reach. The Board would like to know the new price for the Excavator Hitachi 250 and the JD Excavator as well.

JD 240 DLC Excavator

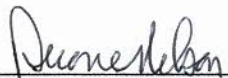
New rails are needed badly for this equipment. Brandt Tractor quote is for \$10,589.35. The Board agrees with replacing rails.

Another gravel truck needed

Fred suggested to the Board that for this project and with constantly repairing our old gravel truck we need to look into buying a newer gravel truck. The Board agrees to hire a gravel truck for now and try to find some for sale.

Nicholas Barfuss MOVED that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Friday, November 15th, 2024, at 10:00 A.M


Chairman – Duane Nelson


District Manager – Fred Rice