

April 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3rd of April 2020.

Those present in the boardroom were:

Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]
Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager	
Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.	
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

Those connected on Teams call were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

1.0 2020 Election Date Postponement Bylaw

I. Friesen referenced the email sent to Directors earlier that day that, received April 2, 2020 from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, whereby the Department advised due to the current public health emergency for COVID-19 and concern over unnecessary exposure of people to COVID-19, the Ministry will be cancelling the requirement for irrigation districts to hold an election for the duration of the public health crisis. Irrigation districts could postpone an election for at least until the public health emergency is over.

To aid discussion and for the Board's consideration, a draft bylaw was included in the email which could act on this temporary option being granted, summarized in paragraph 3:

3. *The election, scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 pursuant to Bylaw 933 (2019), is hereby postponed until the public health emergency is no longer in effect at which time the District will comply with advice from the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry with respect to holding the election.*

Board consensus allowed T. Brummelhuis, incumbent candidate for Division 5, a moment for comment prior to disconnecting. R. Owen advised that he informed Don Jacobson, additional candidate for Division 5, of this meeting and conveyed comment to the Board from him as well.

[2:15 p.m. T. Brummelhuis declared a pecuniary interest and disconnected from the meeting.]

Time was taken for each Director to present their opinion on holding or postponing the election, ask questions of Admin and comment on any concerns. Some discussion also focused on occupying the Division 5 seat and a possible election date, should the election be postponed.

2020-04-091 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #939 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Further discussion was held on provisions and restrictions of the *Irrigation Districts Act* and the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which govern irrigation district elections.

Motion 2020-04-091 was seconded by B. Chrumka.

Mr. Friesen advised that for procedural compliance to the Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers Bylaw, a motion to approve absentee votes is required.

2020-04-092 Moved by J. Hale that Absentee Votes be allowed for the purposes of voting on the proposed "2020 Election Date Postponement Bylaw". Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Owen called for a vote on motion 2020-04-091.

**IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing
Motion 2020-04-091 was DEFEATED**

Mr. Owen and Mr. Friesen confirmed that a tie vote is a defeated vote and that as the bylaw did not receive readings for approval the election in Division 5 (Scandia/Rainier) scheduled for April 7, 2020 will go ahead as planned.

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:52 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager