

August 25, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of August 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2020-08-260 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services**1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**

2020-08-261 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**1.0 Legal & Corporate Services****1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**

Mr. Koochin will bring a further revised policy back to the September or October Board Meeting.

Continuation of the Agenda**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.01 Solar Krafte Tour – Vauxhall, August 20th
- 15.0 Government of Alberta Meetings
- 11.03 EIDNet Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis

The following items were removed from the agenda:

- Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft
- Reservoir Project Update

2020-08-262 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes for July 28th and August 6th were discussed and it was directed to draft a note of explanation prior to the vote on motion 2020-07-237. This was brought back later in the meeting.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

5.01 Solar Krafte Tour – Vauxhall, August 20th

B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson, I. Friesen and M. Koochin attended a tour at the Solar Krafte project site near Vauxhall on August 20th. A number of practical matters were reported and discussed.

[9:04 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2020

The financial statements to July 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$37.91 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$25.48 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.43 million.

2020-08-263 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 Setting the Interest Rate Applicable to Financing Agreements

The interest rate applicable to financing agreements for capital assets charges and capital construction charges is reviewed annually in August, in preparation for the new construction season. A range of lending rates through some financial institutions and indications on the forecasted prime rate were provided.

2020-08-264 Moved by R. Owen that the interest rate applicable to Capital Assets Charge and Financing Agreements and to Capital Construction Charge and Financing Agreements remain at 7.0% per annum during the first 5 years of the term, and at 7.0% effective the first day of the sixth year of the term and for the balance of the term of the loan. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:29 a.m. – 9:34 a.m. Short break; N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Gagley, R. Summach and N. Fontaine entered.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The hot dry weather this past month has been reflected in the increase in demand, with July 31st seeing the most parcels irrigating this year. The river has been quite strong up to mid-August and now as low as passing 700 cfs to meet irrigation demands and reservoir levels. Passing 700-800 cfs will continue to be targeted to provide better than required downstream levels, while still meeting the District’s needs. Demand is anticipated to decline, and reservoirs will slowly be brought down to or maintained at winter levels to the end of the season.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	August 2020	August 2019
Water Diverted to Date	289,527 ac ft (11.32"/acre)	458,000 ac ft (18"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	6.48"	12"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	368 – 869	212 – 1,013
Parcels Using Over 12"	240	1,572
Parcels Using Over 16"	43	607
Parcels Using Over 20"	6	142
Total Firm Live Storage*	262,050 ac ft	282,000 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

7.02 Set Water Shut Down Date

Reservoirs are presently at normal operating levels for this time of year and will be lowered over the next month and a half to winter levels, prior to operations being completed for the season. Mr. Friesen recommended to set the water shut down date no later than October 8th, which is near the long term average.

2020-08-265 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Thursday, October 8, 2020. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

In follow up to last month’s meeting, cost estimates for a pump, pumphouse, electrical service and controls for irrigating new plantings of trees on the Rodeo Grounds were presented to the Board. The total for this portion of the watering system is estimated at \$10,000. It was the consensus of the Board to grant the funds and allow the Kinsmen to purchase and install equipment specific to their requirements.

2020-08-266 Moved by B. Schmidt that the District donate \$10,000 to the Brooks Kinsmen Club for a pump and pumphouse to be installed on the rodeo grounds for the tree planting beautification project. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:50 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

9.01 Project for Approval – 16-H West Bantry

R. Summach presented the 16-H West Bantry synopsis. This rehab project is located east of Rolling Hills Reservoir, 3.5 km south of the intersection of Hwys 875 and 535, and runs for a total of 3.3 km. The canal will serve 1,112 acres and it is being proposed to convert the canal to a closed pipeline to reduce spill. The project will require 1 road bore under Hwy 875, and Operations has requested a screen cleaner be added for an estimated cost of \$45,000. It was recommended that the 16-H West Bantry pipeline be funded under the Capital Works Program at a total estimated cost of \$2,042,000.

A discussion followed on District owned vs landowner owned screen cleaners. Equitably allocating screen cleaners to rehab projects, possible grant cost-shares, responsibilities for ongoing maintenance, etc. will need to be given further discussion at this winter's Corporate Planning Sessions.

~~2020-08-267 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 16-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 3.3 km of pipe and adding a screen cleaner for the estimated cost of \$2,042,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-08-269]~~

Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Rick & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M – Converting to Pivot
Rick & Gail Volek are proposing to convert from flood to pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M at the time of the 16-H West Bantry rehab project. Upon completion, this quarter section conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2020-08-268 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Rick & Gail Volek for converting from flood to pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M at the time of the 16-H West Bantry pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional discussion was held regarding designing pipeline projects for future expansion; where previous rehab projects had conversions allowing for potential increases in capacity, some new projects serve 100% pivots and the installation of corner arms is becoming prevalent. In addition, land values, existing corner acres, and potential infill acres warrant a revision to the existing design practice. 9-H West Bantry, 10-H West Bantry and engineering design practices will be brought back to the Board for re-consideration.

2020-08-269 Moved by B. Chrumka that motion 2020-08-267 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 16-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 3.3 km of pipe sized for the capacity to serve potential corner arms, and adding a screen cleaner, for the estimated cost of \$2,266,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Rick & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M – Moving Delivery
Rick & Gail Volek are willing to move the delivery for a new pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M 700 m upstream of the existing flood delivery. This will result in a savings of \$19,600 for the District in downsizing the pipe.

2020-08-270 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Rick & Gail Volek in NW 21-16-13 W4M, for moving the existing delivery upstream 700 m at the time of the 16-H West Bantry pipeline project, enabling the pipeline to downsized and resulting in a savings of \$19,600. The 50/50 cost savings grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,800. Seconded by B. Chrumka CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:40 a.m. R. Summach exited the meeting.]

9.02 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

In follow up to the July 28th Board Meeting, R. Gagley advised that an estimate was received from Hillside Excavating Inc for the installation of a 6" waterline in the old ROW in NW 13-17-17 W4M using all plastic parts. This estimate does not include fencing, seeding, the removal of trees nor dealing with any frost. The matter was given discussion and was then deferred to the end of the meeting.

[11:00 a.m. – 11:06 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

[11:07 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer, Brooks Region entered the meeting.]

11:07 a.m. Pathways Presentation

Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer for the Brooks Region was in attendance to reintroduce the conversation around pathway development on District owned lands, and to request consideration of off-highway-vehicle (OHV) use on District lands, as pertinent to the Economic Recovery Taskforce suggested initiatives. The paved pathways currently being investigated are to extend from the County of Newell building south to Lake Newell Resort and branching off east to parallel Hwy #875 from the City to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park. Street legal OHV use on City and County owned roads is presently being deliberated by those municipalities. Directors were asked whether they would consider renewing the discussion regarding paved pathway development on its lands, and would Directors also consider OHV use being permitted for access to EID lands or a trail system on its lands. Concerns from previous pathways discussions noted matters of litter, fire hazard, environmental impact, livestock disturbance, liability, maintenance, loss of frontage, capital cost, and ongoing costs. Benefits cited include economic stimulus, expanded tourism and promotion of outdoor recreation. There was willingness of the Board to look at pathway proposals, but as the District has ongoing issues of nonpermitted OHV use on its lands, there was clear objection to entertaining general or trail system OHV access on District lands. J. Surgenor will contact I. Friesen to further this discussion.

[11:32 a.m. J. Surgenor exited the meeting.]

10.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

10.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids

Mr. Friesen advised that the following bids were received for the 2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator, 2016 Deere 250GLC Excavator and 2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower.

2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator	
Company	Bid
Pacesetter Equipment Ltd	\$111,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$60,000 + GST
Team Equipment Ltd	\$56,700 + GST
McDougall Auctioneers Ltd	\$48,000 + GST
Ion Holdings Ltd	\$36,432 + GST
Century Auctions	\$155,000 + GST for all 3 units*

2016 Deere 250 GLC Excavator	
Company	Bid
Pacesetter Equipment Ltd	\$93,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$92,000 + GST
McDougall Auctioneers Ltd	\$91,000 + GST
Team Equipment Ltd	\$87,500 + GST
Century Auctions	\$155,000 + GST for all 3 units*

2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower	
Company	Bid
Team Equipment Ltd	\$8,100 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$4,000 + GST
McDougall Auctioneers Ltd	\$500 + GST
Century Auctions	\$155,000 + GST for all 3 units*

All bids for the 2016 Deere 250 Excavator were rejected. The unit will be auctioned through Ritchie Bros. at an auction date yet to be determined. Admin will follow up on the results of the auction.

- 2020-08-271 Moved by R. Owen that the District sell:**
- **the 2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator to Pacesetter Equipment Ltd for \$111,000 + GST;**
 - **the 2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower to Team Equipment Ltd for \$8,100 + GST;**
- and auction:**
- **the 2016 Deere 250GLC Excavator through Ritchie Bros Auctioneers.**
- Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:44 a.m. R. Moen and S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

11.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

11.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Although there was a decrease in customer accounts due to people moving out of the area, there have been renewed installs this month. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 19 names are on the waiting

list for Duchess and 25 for Rosemary. Engineering on the fibre path is almost complete and waiting on landowners to come to agreement.

11.02 Internet Service at Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Campgrounds

In follow up to last month's request, R. Moen provided cost estimates to supply internet access throughout Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground. Currently there is only a WiFi hotspot at each campground office. It was determined that the most cost effective method would be to place WiFi hot spots on the washrooms and other facilities that already have power; approximately 15 per campground. With the benefit of an existing tower, the estimated cost for the project at RHRC is \$50,000. Due to CVC being serviced via a standard customer radio which will need to be upgraded, the estimated cost for that campground is \$58,500. In addition to the new equipment, a Super Business 50 Mb/10 Mb monthly account was recommended, with the option of upgrading in the future if required. The WiFi can be installed and running for next camping season.

2020-08-272 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve:

- **the installation of WiFi equipment at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, at an estimated \$50,000;**
 - **the installation of WiFi equipment and Point-to-Point connection at the Crawling Valley Campground for an estimated \$58,500; and**
 - **Super Business 50Mb/10Mb internet accounts at \$285/month per campground;**
- with cost recoveries to be made through an additional \$5/day charge to the base rate, beginning in 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.0 Buildings & Grounds

12.01 Rolling Hills Shop / County of Newell Fire Hall

Brought back from the July 28th meeting, S. Dahl updated the Board on conversations with the County regarding their potential full use of the EID Shop in Rolling Hills, detailing 2 options of either lease or purchase. Through discussion, it was recommended by Directors that the cost for subdividing the west portion of land with the existing shop plus the cost for building a replacement garage for the District be proposed as the County's payment, in exchange for them receiving ownership of the existing shop and related lands. A shared access road, location of new garage and subdivision boundaries are to be investigated and this matter brought back for final approval.

[12:15 p.m. R. Moen and S. Dahl exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton entered.]

13.0 Lands

13.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

13.01.1 Set Round-Up Date

In late spring and early summer all areas of the District received ample rainfall, resulting in exceptional grass growth. This, along with reduced cattle allotments for 2020, led to the Grazing Associations favouring an extended Round-Up Date 1 or 2 weeks past the normal 5 month period normally ending October 15th. Consensus was also received to possibly increase total listings for 2021 based on the

large volumes of carryover grass that will be seen at the end of the 2020 season. In discussion with the Board, it was noted that Plebiscite public meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the third week in October, which would conflict with round-up. Directors approved round-up for the 24th, and requested that the public meetings be held the following week, with the Board Meeting pushed to the 30th.

2020-08-273 Moved by D. Peltzer that for the 2020 grazing season, cattle are to be out of community leases by end of day on Saturday, October 24th. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to a query, Mr. Volek advised that the reseeded Newell Grazing North Bantry regrass field east of Lake Newell Reservoir germinated well and had good early growth, only to have been decimated by gophers over a 2-4 week period. Various measures were discussed, and it was supported that with the probability of regrowth and the issues of rodent control, monitoring the 1,700 acres at this point is likely the best option. It is planned to have the GAC review this at the December meeting for direction on management options next spring.

13.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine presented the following Lands, Oil & Gas Report.

13.02.1 Aggregate Lease – Pt SE 22 & Pt N ½ 15-17-17 W4M – Inland Aggregates

Inland Aggregates, a division of Lehigh Hanson Materials Ltd, is wishing to renew their sand and gravel extraction lease for Pt SE 22 & Pt N ½ 15-17-17 W4M near Bow City. The company is no longer able to use the south access road as per their County of Newell development permit and are now required to access the pit via the north road allowance and upgrade the road to County specs. As the road upgrade will take significant resources, the company is requesting security in a longer lease with the District.

2020-08-274 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District renew the Inland Aggregates sand and gravel lease on Pt N ½ 15 & Pt SE 22-17-17 W4M for:

- a 5 year term with the right to renew for an additional 5 years;
- at \$1,250/year or a royalty of \$1.50/metric tonne, whichever is greatest; and
- \$1,650/year grazing fee;

with royalties and grazing fees to be reviewed at the end of the first 5 year term. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:42 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

13.02.2 Review of Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

Last reviewed in May 2019, the Sale of District Owned Lands policy is to be reviewed on an annual basis. Directors discussed a revised policy which proposed rewording for further clarity, a set review time, to maintain the \$2,000/acre for land without assessment, and to increase the cost for land with assessment.

2020-08-275 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy:

- clause 4.2, be amended to read “acres with assessment are to be valued at \$8,000/acre, inclusive of capital asset costs”

and that the revised policy be approved as otherwise presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Going forward, this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in November, along with the Capital Assets Bylaw, for values to be set for the following calendar year. This process enables water users to know costs involved well in advance of applying for new acres in the fall.

13.02.3 Request to Purchase Land – Thomas & Barbara Mahrer – Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M

A letter was received from Thomas & Barbara Mahrer requesting to purchase 10 acres of District owned ROW along One Tree Drain in Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M, along with 10 irrigation acres, citing difficulty in vegetation management along the creek. The Board was not in favour of reducing the ROW along the drain due to access, maintenance, and other concerns. It is also not the practice to grant irrigation acres to small inefficient parcels. It was directed to remediate the identified driveway encroachment through the sale of a small portion of land, and to have Operations staff resolve any reasonable vegetation issues on District lands.

2020-08-276 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the sale of approximately 0.5 acres of land, pending legal survey, in Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M to Thomas & Barbara Mahrer to remediate the encroachment of the landowners’ driveway:

- **0.5 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$1,000 + GST;**
 - **with the land being consolidated into the parcel and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser;**
- but to deny the request to purchase ROW and irrigation acres adjacent to the One Tree Drain. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands Report.

13.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

13.03.1.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2020 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2019	\$2,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2019 *	< \$ 947,648 > *
2020 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,052,352
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through July (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 688,989 >
August (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 4,100 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 359,263

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$622,999 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$1,013,638.

All Farm Improvement Grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$2,500/acre. With proof of

installation, applications will be considered on a 1 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

13.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Carolea Renaud – NE 34-17-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 137 acres flood (15 acres added for general assessment in 2006)
- Converting: 121 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (121 wiper pivot, 16 outside)

2020-08-277 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carolea Renaud for the conversion of 121 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 34-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,100 (121 acres x \$100/acre) less \$8,000 (16 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,100. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:39 p.m. D. Jacobson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

13.03.1.3 Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd (Donald Jacobson and Wallace Jacobson) – SE 03-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (7 acres transferred out for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 12 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 150 acres, all under pivot (138 pivot, 12 corner arm)

2020-08-278 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd for 12 infill acres in SE 03-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,000 (12 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:40 p.m. D. Jacobson rejoined the meeting.]

13.03.2 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Eastern Irrigation District – SE & Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M

Historically SE & Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M had irrigation acres with a pivot located in the SE. The parcels have since been transferred, irrigation acres removed, and the north parcel is being consolidated with NE 15, therefore an irrigable unit is no longer required.

2020-08-279 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SE & Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M; all lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:41 p.m. – 1:44 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting, E. Wilson and R. Gagley entered.]

3.0 Approval of Minutes cont'd.

3.01 July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting cont'd.

The minutes were amended on page 107 by replacing:

- "The matter was further discussed. J. Hale called for a vote on the motion."

with

- "The matter was further discussed, and it was noted that motion 2020-06-194 from June 23 was similarly worded and presently tabled. J. Hale called for a vote to deal with this duplicate motion."

2020-08-280 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-08-281 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

14.01 Information to Water Users

14.02 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – Draft

14.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft

[3:54 p.m. – 3:58 p.m. Short break.]

14.04 Capital Assets Bylaw – Discussion

15.0 Government of Alberta Meetings

[4:44 p.m. E. Wilson and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

16.0 Solar Krafte Update

11.0 EIDNet cont'd.

11.03 EIDNet Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis

9.0 Engineering cont'd.

9.01 Project for Approval – 16-H West Bantry cont'd.

2020-08-282 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**14.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite****14.01 Information to Water Users**

Various revisions were suggested for the content of the information booklet. Once a last draft has been forwarded to Directors and opportunity given for final feedback, printing and mailout will take place the first week of September. Public meetings will be tentatively scheduled, booked, and will adhere to any applicable COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions which may be in place at such time.

14.02 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – Draft

The draft 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw was discussed and suggestions were made. 1st reading of the revised Bylaw is planned for the September Board Meeting, after which the bylaw will be presented at the public meetings for input. At the October 30th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made, followed by a 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

14.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft

The draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw was itemized, reviewed and various revisions suggested. 1st reading of the revised Bylaw is planned for the September Board Meeting, after which the bylaw will be presented at the public meetings for input. At the October 30th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made, followed by 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

14.04 Capital Assets Bylaw – Discussion

Additional discussion of the Capital Assets Bylaw is required to come to Board consensus. 1st reading of the Bylaw may occur at the September Board Meeting.

15.0 Government of Alberta Meetings

I. Friesen advised of the recent Government of Alberta Meetings.

16.0 Solar Krafte Update

I. Friesen and M. Koochin updated the Board as to the status of the Solar Krafte negotiations.

11.0 EIDNet cont'd.**11.03 EIDNet Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis**

M. Koochin advised the Board as to EIDNet fibre matters.

9.0 Engineering cont'd.**9.01 Project for Approval – 16-H West Bantry cont'd.**

Further discussion was given to the 16-H West Bantry project and policy implications.

Continuation of the Agenda

14.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

14.01 Information to Water Users

Water Users are encouraged to carefully review the information booklet, attend one of the information meetings, and discuss any questions or concerns with Directors or the General Manager.

2020-08-283 Moved by R. Owen that the Proposed Increase to the Irrigation Expansion Limit information be forwarded to water users with suggested revisions, in early September. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Engineering cont'd.

9.02 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.

Following a short recap, D. Jacobson requested to defer further discussion of the decommissioned ditch until after he could visit the landowner once again.

17.0 Upcoming Events

- 17.01 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
- 17.02 Special Budget Meeting - Thursday, October 8th, 9:00 a.m.
- 17.03 Public Meetings - October 27th, 28th, 29th [locations & times TBA]
- 17.04 Regular Board Meeting - Friday, October 30th, 9:00 a.m.
- 17.05 Plebiscite - Tuesday, November 17th

[5:41 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:41 p.m.



 Chairman



 General Manager