

December 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

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

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
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]
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

1.0 Borrowing Bylaw #947

2020-12-380 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-12-381 Moved by D. Jacobson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Borrowing Bylaw #947 cont'd

During the in-camera portion of the meeting, I. Friesen explained in further detail particulars concerning a proposed Borrowing Bylaw, also citing relevant sections of the *Irrigation Districts Act* as follows:

Section 44

- (1) *A district may borrow money if the borrowing is authorized by bylaw.*
- (2) *No district may borrow money if the borrowing causes the district to exceed its debt limit as determined by the regulations unless the bylaw is approved by the Minister.*

Section 177

- (2) *A district may make bylaws*
 - (l) *authorizing the borrowing of money*
- (4) *A bylaw passed under subsection (2)(l) must*
 - (a) *set out the maximum amount of money to be borrowed and, in general terms, the purpose for which the money is borrowed,*
 - (b) *set out the maximum rate of interest, the term and the terms of repayment of the borrowing, and*

(c) *set out the source or sources of money to be used to pay the principal and interest owing under the borrowing.*

To meet the requirements of the IDA a borrowing bylaw needs to be passed to proceed with the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) loan arrangements. Since the amount of the loan will exceed the debt limit of the District, approval from the Minister under section 44(2) of the IDA will also be required before the bylaw is effective. The bylaw and key points of the loan were reviewed in-camera and repayment provisions were given thorough discussion by the Board. Details specific to the terms of the loan are currently subject to contractual restrictions on disclosure.

**2020-12-382 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #947 (2020), be introduced and read the first time this 3rd day of December 2020. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen**

**2020-12-383 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board read and approve Bylaw #947 (2020) the second time this 3rd day of December 2020. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen**

Through continued discussion it was evident that unanimous consent for a motion to have 3rd reading of the bylaw at this meeting would not be achieved. It was decided to hold another special meeting, on December 7th, to have 3rd reading. Directors were reminded details concerning the CIB loan or the Borrowing Bylaw are currently subject to contractual restrictions on disclosure but in the interim may generally canvass water users for feedback on using potential capital asset charges and other revenue sources available to repay any loan.

2.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

2.01 Information to Water Users – Final Edits

Mr. Friesen advised of a few minor edits for the information booklet, indicating that it would be helpful to also clarify public meeting dates, times, and formats. Online platforms, recording and posting of meetings, presentations, and Q & A capacities were discussed. It was agreed that online, town hall type meetings that include hearing and answering questions from water users would satisfy the public meeting requirement for the expansion limit plebiscite, and that the meetings be held as follows:


PLEBISCITE PUBLIC MEETINGS		
Location	Date	Time
Online [www.eid.ca]	Monday January 18, 2021	2:00 p.m.
Online [www.eid.ca]	Thursday January 21, 2021	7:00 p.m.
In-person [venue To Be Determined] [if allowable under current COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions]	Monday January 25, 2021	[TBD]

Information specific to connecting to these meetings will be forwarded to water users in advance. As well, it was advised and supported that staff research online survey programs to enable straw votes on one or more matters. Additional information on survey capabilities and questions will be brought to the December regular meeting.

3.0 Upcoming Events

- 3.01 Special Board Meeting - Monday, December 7th, 10:300 a.m.
- 3.02 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, December 17th, 9:00 a.m.
[format to be determined]

TH moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager