

February 18, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 18th day of February, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.02 Proposed Ag Program – Altario Tour, February 4th
- 4.03 Joint Shared Services Meeting – February 11th
- 4.04 Director Divisional Meetings

2020-02-040 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

Discussion was held regarding agenda items 9.03 and 12.06 of the January 28th & 29th minutes. Direction was given on editing and it was requested to bring the revised minutes back to the March meeting for approval.

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 2020 AIDA Water Conference – February 3rd – 5th, Lethbridge

A number of Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Lethbridge on February 3rd – 5th. Conference topics included source water protection, water management through drought-like conditions, drainage, food trends, plant based protein trends in irrigated agriculture, precision irrigation, solar projects and a general manager panel discussion from a number of irrigation districts.

4.02 Proposed Ag Program – Altario Tour – February 4th

Along with Grasslands Public Schools reps, D. Peltzer attended a tour of the Altario School to learn about the agricultural program that has been developed and running at their facility. The mixed farming model was being examined as an example while the Rosemary School considers what may be conceivable at their site and possibly on a small plot of District land.

4.03 Joint Shared Services Meeting – February 11th

B. Schmidt attended the Joint Shared Services Meeting on February 11th. Updates on increasing the irrigation expansion limit and the EIDNet fibre optic project were shared at the meeting.

4.04 Director Divisional Meetings

All Directors reported having sought input from their water users on capital asset rates, whether on an individual or group basis. A number of Directors held meetings in their divisions, with some Directors receiving invitations or attending meetings in other divisions:

- Div 1 – Jason Hale: Bassano – January 30th, 22 people attended and Gem – January 31st, 40 people
- Div 2 – David Peltzer: Rosemary – February 5th, approximately 40 people attended
- Div 7 – Tracy Hemsing: Rolling Hills – February 11th, approximately 30 people attended
- Div 4 – Brian Schmidt: Cassils – February 12th, approximately 30 people attended

5.0 EIDNet**5.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major operational issues since the last report. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1, connecting the Brooks, One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary towers is in progress and affected landowners are being contacted.

6.0 Operations**6.01 Snowpack Report**

Mr. Friesen advised that the 6 snowpack pillows affecting the Bow River basin continue to track above or just below the upper quartile.

[9:43 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

The recent snow melt has slowed progress, but both projects are on schedule and progressing as anticipated. The north crew will move to Tilley to begin the installation of the U-02 Tilley pipeline extension when E North Bantry is completed.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- work is complete for the season
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 65% complete
U-02 Tilley Extension	- work will begin after the completion of E North Bantry
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	
IRP PROJECT	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- construction began January 20 th

7.02 Drain Relocation – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

Justin Tateson is requesting the drain in NW 04-15-15 W4M be relocated from severing the SW corner of his quarter to the south and west boundaries, to allow the addition of a corner arm and the pivot to run full circle. Pivot stops will need to remain in place until additional irrigation acres have been approved. Torxen is willing to shut in and reclaim the oil & gas facilities on that corner if the District approves the drain relocation. The project is estimated to cost \$128,500; of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000.

2020-02-041 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Justin Tateson in NW 04-15-15 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000; subject to the pivot stops remaining in place until additional irrigation acres have been approved. The total project cost is \$128,500; of which the EID would pay \$50,000 and the Landowner would pay \$78,500 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:57 a.m. – 10:01 a.m. Short break; Tim Anderson entered the meeting, J. Kabut exited.]

10:00 a.m. Tim Anderson

Tim Anderson attended the Board Meeting to discuss the project charges involved in a capital assets cost-share for NE 36-15-14 W4M and NW 31-15-13 W4M. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the purchase of capital assets (irrigation acres), District policy concerning new and replacement infrastructure, return flow operations, adjacent rehab project and other cost-share scenarios.

[10:45 a.m. T. Anderson exited the meeting.]

[10:48 a.m. J. Kabut re-entered the meeting.]

7.03 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

At the January meeting, direction was given to staff for a surcharge rate to be presented to irrigators on the C Springhill and 01-C Springhill rehab project, should the project be rehabbed again as a pressurized system. J. Kabut advised that the water users have been contacted and that there is a request to meet with the Board. Through discussion it was agreed to hold an irrigator meeting on Friday, March 6th, 10:00 a.m. Admin will arrange for legal counsel to be available; staff will contact the landowners. R. Owen, D. Peltzer, B. Schmidt will be attending on behalf of the Board.

[11:32 a.m. – 11:37 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

8.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2020 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review was provided of last year's Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground camping and marina rates. It was approved by the Board to maintain the rates from 2019.

2020-02-042 Moved by T. Hemsing that the 2020 rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for:

- **Camping be set at:**
 - **\$40/night, including GST, on all daily sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$5 per day for 50 amp sites,**
 - **\$2,000/season, plus GST, for Upper Tier, Marina Upper Tier and all of Section B seasonal sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$100/season for 50 amp sites,**
 - **\$2,200/season, plus GST, for Waterfront and Lower Marina seasonal sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$100/season for 50 amp sites;**
 - **\$500 for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable towards the full seasonal fee); and**
- **Boat Slips be set at:**
 - **\$10/day, including GST,**
 - **\$60/week, including GST,**
 - **\$475/season, plus GST; and**
 - **\$475, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee).**

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-02-043 Moved by B. Chrumka that the 2020 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Thursday, May 14th and close at noon Thursday, September 10th. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2 Brooks Motocross Club Agreement

The Brooks Motocross Club has leased a parcel of land from the EID in SW 29-13-14 W4M, across from the Silver Sage Community Corral, since 1993. The lease was last increased to 132 acres to accommodate trail riding areas, for \$1,200/year. The current lease expires on April 30, 2020 and the Club wishes to renew for another term; the organization has liability insurance of \$5,000,000. This arrangement is working well to minimize motorcycle activity on District lands, as per the District's Public Access Policy.

2020-02-044 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Brooks Motocross Club be offered a 3 year lease on the current lands at a rental rate of \$1,200 per year. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.3 County of Newell Proposed AIS Bylaw

As information, N. Fontaine presented the County of Newell's proposed AIS Bylaw for review. This bylaw is being enacted to give County Peace Officers more authority to enforce regulations around AIS prevention. A number of questions were responded to by staff. A suggestion was made to make the District's mandatory watercraft form available online so that it may be printed and completed in advance, and for a summary of program statistics (originating location, watercraft type, etc.) to be provided to the Board.

[11:55 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Reservoir ROW Pasture Agreement – Vincent & Glenda Kraus

In response to a request from Vincent & Glenda Kraus to allow a portion of subletting on their leased EID reservoir ROW pasture, staff were requested to evaluate the implications and bring this matter back to the Board. This request and type of agreement was again reviewed by Directors. It was approved to allow a portion of the AUM to consist of sublet cattle. The leaseholder will be required to submit confirmation of cattle numbers for both parties each year that the amending agreement is offered.

2020-02-045 Moved by D. Peltzer that an annual amending agreement be offered to Vincent & Glenda Kraus to allow a portion of their ROW Pasture Agreement AUM to consist of sublet cattle. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:10 p.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

8.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.03.1 Alternate Parcel Transfers

8.03.1.1 John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – (various)

For the 2020 season, John Miller is requesting to transfer 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City: 19 acres to Sec. 27-17-17 W4M for an end gun, 17 acres to Sec. 29-17-17 W4M for an end gun, and 44 acres to Sec. 34-17-17 W4M to complete a pivot. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2020-02-046 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the 2020 alternate parcel transfer of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City:

- 19 acres in Sec. 27-17-17 W4M,
- 17 acres in Sec. 29-17-17 W4M, and
- 44 acres in Sec. 34-17-17 W4M.

Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.2 Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M

For the 2020 season, Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert are requesting to transfer 18 irrigation acres from SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M for a separate flood field.

2020-02-047 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2020 alternate parcel transfer of 18 irrigation acres from SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert; subject to the delivery location being turnout #4235, #4236 or #4222.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.3 County of Newell – Pt SE 29-16-16 to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20 & Pt SE 29-16-16

For the 2020 season, the County of Newell is requesting to transfer 35 irrigation acres from Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe: 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M to infill a wiper pivot and 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2020-02-048 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 2020 alternate parcel transfer of 35 irrigation acres from the County of Newell in Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe:

- 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M, and
- 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.2 Annual Agreement**8.03.2.1 Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M**

Through the General Assessment, Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M was identified as requiring additional irrigation acres but The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom were already at the maximum new irrigation acre limit. In addition to the prospect of purchasing and transferring privately owned irrigation acres, or adjusting infrastructure to irrigate within assessment, the Landowner was given a 3 year term option to provide time to reconcile the parcel. This is the final year of the term and the rate offered is as per clause 3(a) of the 2020 Rate Bylaw.

2020-02-049 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve an annual irrigation agreement for the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom:

- for 39 acres in Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M to accommodate an existing corner arm,
- for the final year of a 3 year term, and
- at the rate of \$52/acre for the 2020 irrigation season.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.3 Irrigable Units**8.03.3.1 Discharge & Registration – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe) and 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe)**

The existing pivot in SE 29-21-16 W4M crosses into both of the NE and SW quarters, requiring the current irrigable unit to be discharged and a new one registered which encompasses all 3 quarters.

2020-02-050 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on:

- SE & NE 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe).

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-02-051 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:

- SE & NE 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe); and
- SW 29-21-16 W4M; lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe) and 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe).

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

8.03.4.1 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 January (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 207,722 >
February (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 74,123 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 779,507

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$802,766 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$352,604.

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 \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 2 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*arm, pivot, subsurface*) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

8.03.4.2 Pivot Replacement & C/A – Ty Henrickson – NE 16-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 153 acres pivot (134 pivot, 17 corners)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade; keeping 2 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 153 acres (134 pivot, 17 corner arm, 2 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-02-052 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ty Henrickson for the pivot replacement upgrade in NE 16-20-13 W4M purchased for \$190,414. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,900 (17 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$24,300. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.3 Panel – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – Pt Sec 23-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 190 acres
- Current Assessment: 351 acres wiper pivot (45 acres added and 116 terminable acres converted in 2003)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 351 acres, all under wiper pivot

2020-02-053 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) for the panel upgrade in Pt Sec 23-21-15 W4M purchased for \$13,197. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$19,000 (190 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$13,197. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.4 Panel – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – NW 20-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres, all under pivot

2020-02-054 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) for the panel upgrade in NW 20-21-15 W4M purchased for \$11,626. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$11,626. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.5 Pump & Nozzles – DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas & Shannon Martin) – Pt Sec 03-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 231 acres (10 acres added through general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 241 acres (188 pivot, 48 wheel field, 5 acres outside)
- Installing: pump & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 241 acres (188 pivot, 48 wheel field, 5 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-02-055 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas & Shannon Martin) for the pump and nozzles upgrade in Pt Sec 03-21-15 W4M purchased for \$20,525. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$17,800 (178 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$15,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.6 Pivot Replacement – Logan Neely – Pt NE 27 & SE 34-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 107 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres (132 pivot, 2 outside pivot area); (27 acres added for general assessments)
- Installing: pivot replacement; keeping 2 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 134 acres (132 pivot, 2 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-02-056 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Logan Neely for the pivot replacement upgrade in Pt NE 27 & SE 34-21-13 W4M purchased for \$112,000. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$10,700 (107 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

The proposed Capital Assets Charges Bylaw, current bylaw (which is available from the District's website) and an average land sale value comparison chart as per District divisions were provided to Directors. The wording within the proposed new Bylaw was reviewed. This bylaw would replace the current bylaw, last updated in 2014, which has maintained rates since 2008. It is intended for the approx. 3,500 irrigation acres remaining and is to be revisited in the event a plebiscite passes.

Proposed rates for capital assets charges were given considerable discussion. A verbal summary of historical capital asset rates and comment from lending institutions regarding land values was also given. Directors reported on comments received from meetings in their areas (*see Reports on Meetings/Events*) and from one-on-one conversations. Varying approaches and reasonings in how to handle the matter were debated, however in speaking directly to what method should be used to set the capital asset rates, the following suggestions were heard and merits debated:

- develop a formula based on market land values
- base the rates on making development affordable
- base the rates on commodity prices over the last 10 years
- set the rates and adjust according to inflation
- base the rates on an average of the nearby districts

In an attempt to move the matter forward, the following motions were made.

2020-02-057 **Due to the fact that there is a huge majority of EID landowners, who attended meetings, not in favour of the proposed 428% increase in new acre and 333% increase in infill acre Capital Asset fees and not all landowners have had the opportunity to be consulted and provide feedback, I Jason Hale, move the Capital Assets Bylaw remain unchanged until all landowners of the EID have had the opportunity at a District wide general meeting to further discuss and have input on the Capital Assets Bylaw and a general consensus taken into account when setting this rate. Seconded by B. Schmidt. DEFEATED**
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer

2020-02-058 **Moved by T. Hemsing that the revised Capital Asset charges for the approximate 3,500 remaining irrigation acres for:**

- **infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres be set at \$750/acre;**
- **infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and**
- **efficiency acres on parcels assessed as dry as of December 31, 2019 be set at \$1,500/acre.**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. DEFEATED
IN FAVOUR – T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, J. Hale

[2:54 p.m. – 2:59 p.m. Short break.]

2020-02-059 **Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the revised Capital Asset charges for the approximate 3,500 remaining irrigation acres for:**

- **infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres be set at \$750/acre;**
- **infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and**
- **efficiency acres on parcels assessed as dry as of December 31, 2019 be set at \$1,750/acre.**

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing

Through continued review and discussion on the proposed bylaw, there was agreement to:

- increase the rate to convert from terminable acres to irrigation acres, from \$100/acre to \$250/acre (equivalent to the 2.5 increment in increasing the main rates)
- maintain the existing General Assessment rates (\$300 and \$700) until expiry deadline
- set the expiry deadline for current General Assessment rates for April 30th, or June 30th if waiting on soils testing results
- allow the existing 21 Farm Improvement or infill applications in queue (totaling 468 acres) to be presented for approval at the current bylaw rates (\$300 and \$700)
- retain the 75/25 cost-share program for new infrastructure, but to more closely define the parameters (wording revisions will be presented at the March meeting)
- increase the minimum amount to qualify for a term payment loan, from \$2,500 to \$5,000
- include an annual review clause for the bylaw and rates
- increase the amount that the District will pay to purchase irrigation acres from \$1,000/acre to \$2,500/acre (the same 2.5 increment)

2020-02-060 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #938 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 18th day of February, 2020. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing

1st reading was gained. It was requested that the bylaw be brought back to the March meeting with wording revisions to reflect direction and for possible 2nd and 3rd readings.

10.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

The proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw (2020) was provided to Directors. This Bylaw replaces the "Increase in Irrigation Acres Policy (2018)", is also intended for the approx. 3,500 irrigation acres remaining and would need to be replaced with a new bylaw should a plebiscite be passed. Wording was reviewed and clauses summarized; the Bylaw sets parameters for the process of approving increases, decreases or transfers of irrigation acres. A discussion was held and a number of questions were responded to by Administration.

2020-02-061 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #937 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 18th day of February, 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-02-062 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #937 (2020) be read the second time this 18th day of February, 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1st and 2nd readings were gained. The Bylaw is to be brought back to the March meeting for possible 3rd and final reading.

[4:04 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, E. Wilson entered.]

2020-02-063 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Irrigation Expansion

2020-02-064 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

11.0 Irrigation Expansion cont'd.

It was the direction of the Board to present the Irrigation Expansion information, as reviewed, at the AGM and it was consensus that this information can now also be shared with water users. This information will form the body of the information package that is required to be provided to water users in the process of setting a plebiscite concerning an increase in the irrigation expansion limit. It is anticipated to provide this complete package in fall.

Continuation of the Agenda

12.0 Bow Bloc Meeting Summary

A draft summary of the Bow Bloc Meeting, held January 17th at the EID Office, was provided to Directors as information.

13.0 Upcoming Events

- 13.01 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 9th, 9:00 a.m.
- 13.02 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 10th, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 13.03 Nominations Close – Div 1 & 5 - Wednesday, March 11th, 5:00 p.m.
- 13.04 Meeting with Minister McIver - Wed, March 11th, 1:30 p.m., McDougall Centre, Calgary
[MLA Glasgo & Bow Bloc Reps]
- 13.05 Aggie Days - Friday, April 3rd, Calgary
- 13.06 Election [if necessary] - Tuesday, April 7th
- 13.07 Organizational & Regular Meetings - Tuesday, April 14th, 9:00 a.m.
- 13.08 CWRA Conference - April 19th – 21st, Red Deer

[5:16 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

T. Helsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager