

October 8 & 21, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 8th and 21st days of October 2020. Those in attendance on October 8th 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. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]	Mrs. Nancy Lassiter	Financial Services Supervisor
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Mtgs and Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite
- 4.0 Pipeline Capacity

2020-10-307 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 2020/2021 Budget Discussion

2.01 Overview

N. Lassiter presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2020/2021, including comparisons to past years' revenues and expenses. Mr. Friesen, Mrs. Lassiter and Mr. Gagley welcomed comment and answered questions from Directors throughout the meeting.

[8:42 a.m. C. Getz, D. Syvret and S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

Chuck Getz – North Division Superintendent, Don Syvret – South Division Superintendent and Shawn Dahl – Buildings & Grounds Superintendent entered the meeting. Several items were discussed for the Operations and Maintenance departments, including capital purchases, maintenance, District residences, Bassano Dam and campgrounds.

[9:10 a.m. Getz, D. Syvret and S. Dahl exited the meeting; R. McLean and E. Palaschak entered.]

2.03 Equipment & Shop

Roger McLean – Equipment Superintendent and Earl Palaschak – Shop Supervisor/Heavy Duty Mechanic were in attendance. Mrs. Lassiter advised that cost recoveries from this department are set up to result in neither a profit nor loss point of balance. Various equipment, insurance, and capital purchases were discussed, along with projected increases in truck hours, equipment hours, and fuel.

[9:28 a.m. – 9:34 a.m. Short break; R. McLean and E. Palaschak exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton entered.]

2.04 Lands

Nathan Fontaine – Land Supervisor, Rick Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing, and Staci Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands joined the meeting. Discussion included the proposed Patricia Grazing waterline, the Scott Lake Inlet, and the West Kitsim Watertank where maps were presented. Also discussed were weed control, Torxen land purchase, capital assets, Farm Improvement Grants, campgrounds and boat launches. The property taxes relating to the Torxen land purchase of approximately \$25,000 were a one-time expenditure and N. Lassiter and R. Volek pointed out that those costs should not be recovered through the grazing associations. It was requested that numbers for daily vs seasonal camping at RHRC and the new insurance coverage for Community Leases be brought back as information. An Aquatic Invasive Species report on 2020 statistics will also be presented at the October meeting.

[10:48 a.m. N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton exited the meeting; M. Porter and R. Moen entered.]

2.05 IT & EIDNet

Mark Porter – Information Services Supervisor and Ronan Moen – Internet Services Supervisor entered the meeting. Various capital purchases were commented on. Development of a digital file data bank and linking this to GIS mapping, enabling remote employee work, and the EIDNet fibre project were additionally discussed.

[11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Lunch break; M. Porter and R. Moen exited the meeting.]

2.06 Administration

Remaining items of note from the Administration department were reviewed and discussed. Directors were encouraged to contact Admin with any questions or comments as they further assess the full budget prior to the regular meeting on October 30th. It was also a request from a Director to again trial digital board packages for the next regular meeting.

[12:49 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2020-10-308 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings and Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

[1:26 p.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

[2:13 p.m. – 2:19 p.m. Short break.]

2020-10-309 Moved by T. Helsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**3.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Mtgs and Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.**

Given the imminent announcement from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Board gave direction to postpone the Plebiscite Public Meetings so that this and developing information could be discussed and evaluated as it pertains to the EID Expansion Plebiscite. The plebiscite process will be examined as to resetting the plebiscite date, and initial revisions to the Information to Water Users booklet will be presented at the continuance of this meeting on October 21st. In addition, the proposed bylaws relating to the plebiscite will be revised as needed, and any additional information will be brought back to the Board for direction at the end of the month.

2020-10-310 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board authorizes the District to execute the memorandum of understanding amongst the Canada Infrastructure Bank, the Government of Alberta and seven other irrigation districts, and authorizes the District to continue pursuing the close of this matter to the loan agreement stage. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Continuation of Agenda**4.0 Pipeline Capacity**

D. Jacobson reintroduced a conversation concerning District pipelines which are evident that have or may be presumed to have developed capacity issues in serving potential acres. Admin reviewed aspects such as extra capacity being used for development by water users over the years, design and cost-share policy parameters, project feasibility limitations, the relative flat landscape of this District, the shift in adding corner arms, lower gallonage pivots, allottable flows compensating for potential pump or nozzle upgrades, and the draft Rotational Water Delivery Policy. Mr. Gagley advised that he will be bringing specific examples and cost estimates to the Board for further discussion on this topic at the October Regular Meeting.

[4:08 p.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 4:08 p.m.

Those in attendance on October 21st 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
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Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

[8:00 a.m. E. Wilson, R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda cont'd.

Day 2 of the agenda was approved as presented.

2020-10-311 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt day 2 of the Agenda as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-312 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

5.01 Information to Water Users - Revised

5.02 Capital Assets - Discussion

[9:43 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Short break.]

5.03 Plebiscite Schedule - Revised

[11:04 a.m. – 11:09 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

6.0 Commercial Updates

2020-10-313 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

5.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

In follow up to the October 8th Board Meeting and subsequent federal and provincial government funding announcement on October 9th, plebiscite matters were brought back for Board reconsideration.

5.01 Information to Water Users - Revised

The draft revisions to the Information to Water Users booklet will be further amended to take into account factors arising from the federal and provincial funding opportunity available to the EID and brought back to the October 30th Board Meeting for further review, and direction for mailout. A map showing river supported and reservoir supported areas of the District was requested and will be provided to Directors at the next meeting.

5.02 Capital Assets - Discussion

Direction was given to include the suggested capital asset charges and the associated revenue to be generated in the revised Information to Water Users booklet.

2020-10-314 Moved by T. Hemsing that for presentations to Water Users, and for their input, the proposed Capital Asset values be set at:

- **Infill and Efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres be set at \$1,000/acre; and**
- **Infill and Efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and New Acres, be set at \$2,600/acre.**

Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

OPPOSED – J. Hale

5.03 Plebiscite Schedule - Revised

A new Plebiscite Date Bylaw will be presented for approval at the October 30th Board Meeting, and the previous bylaw will be repealed. As well, public meeting dates will be set and the associated plebiscite process regarding circulation of information, advertising and reading of bylaws will also reset and proceed.

6.0 Commercial Updates

Admin was directed to obtain additional information for the Board.

7.0 Upcoming Events

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| 7.01 | Plebiscite Public Meetings | - POSTPONED |
| 7.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, October 29 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 7.03 | Plebiscite | - To be POSTPONED |
| 7.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[12:23 p.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:23 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager