

August 6, 2021 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 6th day of August 2021.

Those present in the boardroom were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]
Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager	
Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services	
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

Those connected via Conference Call were:

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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]

[8:55 a.m. D. Syvret – South Division Superintendent and C. Getz – North Division Superintendent entered the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Temporarily Relaxing the 24 Inch Water Limit

The Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #907 (2016) limits the maximum amount of water per irrigation season that may be delivered to each assessed irrigation acre to 24". The weather conditions to date in 2021 have been drier and hotter than normal which have increased the demand for irrigation water in some areas of the District and for some crops. Additionally, some irrigators to date have used in excess of 20" per acre and it is anticipated that they will require slightly more water during the 2021 irrigation season to complete irrigating this year's crop and may exceed the 24" water limit.

1.01 Bylaw #953 (2021)

As an alternative to being shut off by the District for exceeding the 24" water limit, and further to the previous meeting's preliminary motion, M. Koochin presented for consideration a draft bylaw to temporarily relax the 24" water limit. A subsequent discussion was held on how to best respond to the present need, with confirmation to thoroughly address this and related matters this winter. A discussion on crop varieties, optimum yields, ground variations, perennial and under seeded crops, on-farm water management, communication with Water Operators, present reservoir and river capabilities, and the estimated amount of additional water that might be used occurred. It was the consensus of the Board, subject to water availability and for use in completing 2021 crops only, to permit the relaxation of the 24" irrigation cap but to also implement a user pay system with incremental increases to act as a disincentive for more water used and to conserve reservoirs for the next year. The water user will be required to complete a request form at the EID Office indicating in advance the number of inches they are purchasing, parcel location(s), etc., and must:

- purchase in 1" increments, up to a maximum of 4";
- receive approval from the General Manager or designate;

- pay in advance, with no reimbursement for part inches used:
 - \$20/inch/acre for the initial 1" of water
 - \$30/inch/acre for the 2nd inch of water
 - \$40/inch/acre for the 3rd inch of water
 - \$80/inch/acre for the 4th inch of water
- purchase on or before September 15th (water may be used after September 15th)

The draft bylaw was amended to reflect the above requirements.

2021-08-220 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #953 (2021) be introduced and read the first time this 6th day of August 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-08-221 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #953 (2021) be read the second time this 6th day of August 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-08-222 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #953 (2021) this 6th day of August 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-08-223 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #953 (2021), being a bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Temporarily Relax the 24 Inch Water Limit, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

An information sheet will be developed, and Water Operators will inform water users that have used 20" or more of their option to purchase additional water this irrigation season. Averaging water use over the farm link, water purchasing, and the drought plan will be reviewed this winter.

2.0 Upcoming Events


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| 2.01 | Alberta Open Farm Days – Bassano Dam Tours | - Saturday, August 14 th , 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. |
| 2.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 2.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 2.04 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 7 th |

[10:01 a.m. D. Syvret and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:01 a.m.



Chairman



General Manager