



**November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Those in attendance were:

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

[9:30 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 6.0 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee

**2021-11-305 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-306 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Corporate Planning**

**2.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

[10:37 a.m. – 10:44 a.m. Short break; M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**3.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

**3.01 Capital Assets Bylaw**

[11:20 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

**3.02 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy**

[11:38 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

**3.03 Audio Recording Policy**

[11:56 a.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break.]

**4.0 02 Bow Slope****4.01 Canal Rehab****4.02 Requested Water Users' Meeting****4.03 Water User Information/Correspondence**

[1:50 p.m. – 1:56 p.m. Short break.]

**5.0 Pathway****6.0 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee**

**2021-11-307 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hensing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING*****2.0 Corporate Planning****2.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

To aid discussion in considering a seasonal water averaging or transferring system, information was provided to Directors on a sampling of high water use parcels and the availability of unused water in associated farm link parcels. For further discussion, a breakdown of irrigation methods and crops on these parcels will be brought back to the Board. Direction was given to amend the Maximum Water Bylaw to provide irrigators with an additional option of purchasing up to 4" of additional deliveries of water (in 1" increments) in excess of the 24" maximum. The amended bylaw is to be passed with the 2022 Rate Bylaw in January. It was noted in general that although some parcels may irrigate up to 24", the sustained overall maximum average for the District is 18"/acre; directors requested that water users be reminded of this point.

**3.0 Legal & Corporate Services****3.01 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw**

As the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw is to be presented for review of the Board at least once per year, a draft was presented which reflected recent Board direction. Confirmation was obtained to remove financing arrangements for capital assets and capital construction charges, incorporate an automatic annual 2% increase, and clarify the general assessment audit penalty. A revised bylaw will be presented for readings and potential approval at the November 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**3.02 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy**

The Sale of District Owned Lands policy is also to be presented for review of the Board in November of each year. The present policy was discussed, along with examples of recent land sales throughout the District. Current land sale values were confirmed to remain the same. Direction was given to add wording to the policy to reinforce the District's consideration of facilitating the consolidation of previously severed parcels, when rehabbing and circumstances permit.

**3.03 Audio Recording Policy**

In response to a motion from the floor at the 2020 AGM, a Board of Directors motion, 2020-04-100, was carried to audio record meetings and post recordings to the District's website. Development of an Audio Recording Policy, presenter's consent form, and website disclaimer have since been in progress with the Board, and final drafts were presented for review at this meeting. Various aspects were discussed and a motion to approve the policy was made at the end of the meeting.

**4.0 02 Bow Slope****4.01 Canal Rehab**

A motion for the rehabilitation of the top end of 02 Bow Slope was approved at the September meeting. Supplementary investigation of the entire system has been completed and options were discussed for future rehab of downstream areas. Project approval for rehabbing the mid and lower end of the system will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

**4.02 Requested Water Users' Meeting**

Engineering will arrange a meeting with affected landowners to inform of short term canal rehabilitation plans, considerations for long term rehabilitation, and to answer questions concerning water supply.

**4.03 Water User Information/Correspondence**

Previous correspondence received from two 02 Bow Slope irrigators was discussed. The matter will be further discussed at the November 30<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**5.0 Pathway**

Additional pathway project information and details are to be brought back to the Board prior to an unconditional commitment being made.

**6.0 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee**

Developed by the Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee, a draft Soil Conservation Policy was presented for review of the EID Board. The draft will be taken to County Council for discussion and potential approval.

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*CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA*

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**3.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****3.03 Audio Recording Policy cont'd**

The November and December regular Board Meetings will be used as trial runs for Directors, Admin, and Staff to adapt to the audio recording format, with the policy coming into effect January 2022.

**2021-11-308 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Audio Recording Policy as presented, to become effective January 2022. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|--------------------------|--|
| 7.01 | Regular Board Meeting    | - Tuesday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 7.02 | EID/County Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>             |
| 7.03 | Regular Board Meeting    | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 7.04 | Corporate Planning       | - January, 2022 [TBD]                            |

**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:47 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager