

## **July 7, 2023, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023. Those in attendance were:

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Brent Kroschel	Operations Manager
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

### **1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date**

A Special Board Meeting was called to review the imposed irrigation restrictions. I. Friesen and B. Kroschel advised that, since last week's update, the District has received adequate river flows to meet off-river acre demand and supplement reservoirs. Current river flows are a result of Calgary area precipitation and the assistance of the Bow River Irrigation District passing more water downstream to the EID than is required. It was projected that Lake Newell Reservoir could support an additional inch to the acres it supports, and that the river could currently support an additional inch to off-river acres. It was also estimated that less than 1,000 terminable acres had been shut off since June 13<sup>th</sup>. A short discussion followed.

#### **2023-07-157 Moved by J. Ketchmark that due to recent favourable river conditions and storage levels:**

- **the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:**
    - **a maximum of 16" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir, and**
    - **a maximum of 19" per acre for all acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir; and**
  - **terminable acre parcels that were previously not permitted to irrigate this season, are now, subject to any future water shortages, allowed to irrigate;**
- effective July 7, 2023. Seconded by S. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was advised that terminable acre parcels will again be the first to be shut off if a shortage occurs. Likewise, it was reiterated by the Board that irrigators with terminable acres be encouraged to convert to irrigation acres, where the District has deemed possible.



It was confirmed that, even though the maximum irrigation limit for acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir has now been raised to 19", the District as a whole will remain under Stage 3 of the Drought Plan within Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959. Irrigators will continue to be permitted to transfer any amount of unused irrigation water between parcels, as permitted within the Bylaw. Application forms and additional information are posted on the website.

A text message will be circulated to irrigators and an update added to the website regarding the status of the ongoing situation. This matter will continue to be monitored by management, information shared daily with Directors, and the restrictions reviewed by the Board as required.

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 a.m.**

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matt Jones', written over a horizontal line.

General Manager