



July 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 19th 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 8:00 a.m.

1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

A Special Board Meeting was called to consider an increase to the maximum water limit, in response to a week of forecasted high temperatures. I. Friesen and B. Kroschel advised of total water usage over the entire District at this stage of the growing season and that it appears it will likely fall below 16" by end of season, which would allow for an increase at this point to compensate for the hot weather. If reservoirs are depleted more than anticipated, ending the irrigation season earlier than normal in order to replenish water storage for next season may be considered. Through discussion of Director areas, crop maturities, and those already planning their water needs for fall irrigation and vegetable harvests, the following motion was made:

2023-07-158 Moved by R. Hiebert that the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:

- **a maximum of 18" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir; and**
- **a maximum of 21" per acre for all acres support by Crawling Valley Reservoir; effective July 19, 2023. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The District remains 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. Irrigating of terminable acre parcels will continue to be permitted, although these parcels will be the first to be shut off if a shortage occurs. Irrigators and all other users are encouraged to continue to manage their water needs wisely.

A text message will be circulated to irrigators and an update added to the website regarding the present status. Mr. Friesen will contact the County of Newell, City of Brooks, and Newell Regional



Services Corp. to provide an update. This matter will continue to be monitored by management, information shared daily with Directors, and the restrictions reviewed by the Board as required.

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matt Jordan', is written above a horizontal line.

General Manager