

## June 21, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023. Those in attendance were:

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Tracy Hemsing Chair [Division 7]
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]

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

## 1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

In response to recent increased flows in the Bow River, a Special Board Meeting was called to discuss the opportunity of increasing the maximum water limit, under Stage 3 of the Drought Plan authorized through Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959 (2022). Mr. Friesen advised that recent precipitation in the mountains, flows not being captured in Ghost Reservoir, cooler local weather, some pockets of notable precipitation, and a reduction in irrigation demand have enabled the District to resume diversions to reservoirs while supplying all current water orders and downstream requirements. It is anticipated that Lake Newell Reservoir and Rolling Hills Reservoir will be near full in approximately a week's time. As it is projected to see increased river flows maintained temporarily, it would be advantageous for irrigators to be granted an extra inch of water while it is available from the river and to enable irrigators to make timely on-farm decisions. A number of questions were responded to by management and discussion was held.

## 2023-06-140 Moved by R. Hiebert that due to recent favourable river conditions the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:

- a maximum of 13" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir, and
- a maximum of 17" per acre for all acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir; effective June 21, 2023. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Operations will have a text message supplied by Mr. Kroschel for circulation to irrigators. Information will be added to the website and irrigators and the public will be kept informed of the status of the ongoing situation. This matter will continue to be monitored by management and will be reviewed again with the Board at next week's meeting.

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D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

General Manager

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