



**February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1] <i>[apologies]</i>	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corp Serv
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Ops
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4] <i>[online]</i>	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
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 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 13.0 *[an additional item under Commercial Updates]*

The following item was deferred to the March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- 7.04 Reservoir Pumping – Duane Hale

**2024-02-043 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**2.01 January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2024-02-044 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

**3.01 Tateson Reservoir Pumping**

The Board was advised that Mr. Tateson has chosen not to enter into a cost-share agreement to re-excavate a channel to his pump site off Bantry #1 Reservoir. Rather, he opted to contract the EID to complete the work at his full cost pursuant to a construction agreement.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

**4.01 AIDA 2024 Conference**

Several Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Lethbridge February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Topic categories included water management awareness, implications of 2023, adapting to drought, responding to extreme drought, and on-farm drought response options. I. Friesen took part in a 2024 water management panel discussion and in the technical session, presented information on the Eyremore Reservoir on-stream storage option.

**4.02 Drought Working Group**

R. Gagley and B. Kroschel represented the EID at the Drought Working Group session in Calgary on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Reps from the Government of Alberta, irrigation districts and other major stakeholders reviewed water modelling data and the goal of securing formal water sharing agreements. For the Bow River, a ratio sharing plan was proposed by the BRID for the 3 irrigation districts. The plan is based on the number of assessed irrigation acres, reservoir evaporation area, and allocations for Ducks Unlimited projects, feedlots, industrial use, and municipal use for each district, with a comparative percentage assigned to each district for receiving water over the year. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is not unlike the cooperative methods that have been in place for years between the districts. The draft one year sharing MOU will be brought to the boards for review and to be ratified.

[9:27 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Financial Report**

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

**5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2024**

The financial statements to January 31, 2024, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$15.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$10.1 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$5.7 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow and Admin.

**2024-02-045 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 with picker, deck and toolbox for an estimated \$160,000 through Enterprise. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2024-02-046 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.02 2024 Rate Bylaw #971**

The 2024 Rate Bylaw was presented at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting, revised as directed, and given 1<sup>st</sup> reading. The bylaw includes a \$5.00/acre water rate, an Annual Agreement rate of \$30.00/acre, a surcharge rate of \$60.00/acre for acres under a terminable agreement which have been identified as being eligible for conversion to irrigation acres but have not been converted at the request of the agreement holder, and a pressure system surcharge of \$12.50/acre.

**2024-02-047 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #971 (2024) the second time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**2024-02-048 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #971 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Annual Agreement Rates, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount, and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2024 Rate Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

**5.03 2024 Fees Bylaw #972**

The 2024 Fees Bylaw was presented at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting and given 1<sup>st</sup> reading. The bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, this year \$37.20/ac-ft being the average cost per ac-ft of water used. Depending on the type of water conveyance or agreement, the fees are either based on a percentage of this cost or will have a flat fee assigned and may include charges for additional water over a typical set amount. The bylaw now also contains current charges and hook-up fees for household purposes agreements and various rural water use agreements, and current charges and hook-up fees for other purposes agreements. Charges for water delivery to newly subdivided parcels are increased to \$5,100/acre foot, with a minimum of \$10,200 for 2 acre-feet.

**2024-02-049 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board read and approve Bylaw #972 (2024) the second time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2024-02-050 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #972 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements, and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2024 Fees Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

**5.04 Country Residential Subdivision Policy**

As the revised bylaw now incorporates concepts previously contained in the Country Residential Subdivision Policy, this policy may now be rescinded.

**2024-02-051 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Country Residential Subdivision Policy be rescinded. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.05 Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy**

As the revised bylaw now incorporates concepts previously contained in the Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy, this policy may now be rescinded.

**2024-02-052 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy be rescinded. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:47 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

## 6.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project

First presented to the Board in 2018, the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project has been given extensive consideration regarding its operational benefits to fully supply 50,000 irrigation acres downstream and thereby reducing off-river acres by 35%, its construction viability, and the project's overall feasibility. In 2020, the Government of Alberta (GOA) announced a historic investment to expand irrigation through Provincial funding grants and Federal financing, with the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project receiving approval as one of the off-stream storage projects eligible for the Alberta Irrigation Modernization (AIM) program. In light of this, the District included the project in its irrigation expansion modelling and 2021 plebiscite proposal.

In March 2022 the project footprint lands were secured by the District. Throughout 2022 and 2023, extensive boreholes, penetration tests, rock cores and laboratory analysis have been undertaken to analyze the physical, chemical, and geotechnical properties and to determine the existing ground conditions under the proposed dam berms and within the expanded reservoir.

A provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, and the District is awaiting government comment on its Terms of Reference (TOR) which outline the potential impacts of expanding the reservoir that must be addressed. It is estimated that once the final EIA is submitted, it will take at least a year to receive approval from the Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (EPA) Environmental Assessment Group, EPA Water Act Group, and the Natural Resources Conservation Board.

The Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project is located approximately 15 km southeast of Bassano and 32 km northwest of Brooks. The current reservoir is contained by 2 earth-fill dams: 1 along the east end, and 1 along the west end. The maximum storage at its present size is 14,900 acre-feet at full supply level (FSL). Outflow from the reservoir is through the East Dam Outlet Structure, located near the north end of the East Dam. Water is conveyed from the reservoir via the Snake Lake Canal to the Springhill Canal, which supports approximately 50,000 acres downstream.

It is being proposed to expand the size and capacity of Snake Lake Reservoir, which will help offset the direct use of water from the Bow River when it tends to run lower in the summer. Earthworks will include the construction of approximately 8 km of earthen berms, up to 20 m in height. Total storage in the expanded reservoir is estimated to be 70,000 acre-feet which would support the 50,000 acres downstream with 16.8 inches of water, excluding evaporation and operational spill. A new low-level outlet structure will be constructed at the north end of the expanded reservoir to deliver water into the Snake Lake Canal, which will have its capacity increased to 800 cfs under the IRP program to fully support the downstream acres.

It is recommended that the expansion be funded up to \$218 M under the AIM program and the remainder through the Capital Works program at an estimated cost of \$273 M (full contingency option).

**2024-02-053 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project to expand the reservoir to approximately 70,000 acre-feet by constructing 8 km of earthen berms:**

- **at an estimated full contingency project cost of \$273M, to be funded:**
  - **up to \$218M under the AIM program where a 30% grant from the Alberta Government and financing through the Canada Infrastructure Bank are available,**



- o **and the remainder to be funded through the Capital Works program. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:54 a.m. R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering**

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

**7.01 Project Status**

Only 1 pipeline is left to complete. The One Tree Pipeline has approximately 25% remaining and is on schedule to be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>, at which point it will be ready for the 2024 irrigation season. Final cleanup is still necessary on all projects and will continue into late spring. Work on the Lake Newell Feeder will continue until the end of March, and whether it is entirely complete or not, will be ready to run water into Lake Newell Reservoir come spring.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- construction underway, 45% complete
Bow Slope Spillway	- 100% complete
Springhill Canal Liner	- 80% complete; drain rehab remains
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 100% complete; cleanup remains
01 One Tree Pipeline (AIM)	- construction underway, 75% complete
02-H West Bantry (AIM)	- 100% complete; cleanup remains

<b>IRP PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
01-A One Tree Pipeline	- construction underway, 75% complete

**7.02 03 East Branch**

J. Kabut presented the 03 East Branch synopsis, advising that this project is located approximately 14 km southwest of Brooks and is slated for the 2024/2025 construction year as an IRP project. The proposed rehabilitation will consist of a closed gravity pipeline which will tie into an existing, full pressurized pipeline; enabling 2 lift pump stations and 1 full pressure pump station to be removed. Priming pressure only will be supplied to the existing deliveries and as a result, landowners will need to install their own pumps. The size of the main pipeline will be 36" and a portion of the existing pipeline will need to be twinned to provide priming pressure. This new system will supply 887 acres, of which 98% will be pivot. It is recommended that this project be funded under the IRP program at an estimated cost of \$3,102,000. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

**2024-02-054 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project to install a closed gravity pipeline at a cost of \$3,102,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cliff Sewall will be installing a pivot in NE 22-18-16 W4M and has also agreed to eliminate his delivery to the north. By converting from flood to pivot at the time of the project and eliminating a delivery, which reduces overall costs for the District and increases water efficiencies, the landowner is eligible for two \$20,000 grants under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

**2024-02-055 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Cliff Sewall for converting from flood to pivot in NE 22-18-16 W4M at the time of the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2024-02-056 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Cliff Sewall for eliminating the north delivery in NE 22-18-16 W4M at the time of the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.03 V Tilley

R. Summach presented the V Tilley synopsis, advising that this project is located 3 km south of Tilley, beginning at the intersection of Hwys #876 and #535. It is being proposed to install a 3.3 km closed gravity pipeline. Pivots will receive 3 cfs and the pipeline will have greater priming pressure than the existing canal. The total area served is 1,025 acres, 254 of which are flood, and the potential for expansion is limited. It is recommended that this project be funded under the AIM program at an estimated cost of \$2,660,000. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

**2024-02-057 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the V Tilley rehabilitation project to install a closed gravity pipeline at a cost of \$2,660,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:19 a.m. – 10:24 a.m. Short break; R. Summach & J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

## 8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

### 8.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to be below normal ranges for this time of year and are below the previous year's levels in most ranges. If this trend continues, the 2024 snowpack will end below average.

## 9.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following draft bylaw.

### 9.01 Maximum Water Bylaw #970

Maximum Water Bylaw #970 was presented at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting and given 1<sup>st</sup> reading. This bylaw governs the maximum amount of water that may be delivered by the District to each acre receiving water for irrigation purposes and for any other purpose. At Corporate Planning and the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting, a focus of review was given to the Drought Plan

Guidelines and the maximum amount of water allowable per acre. The 24"/acre maximum on a parcel (average of 18"/acre across the District) remains (Stage 1 of Drought Plan Guidelines); however, to support efficiencies in water use the District will begin each irrigation season with an 18"/acre maximum on a parcel (Stage 2), and will increase or decrease this amount by entering a different stage of the plan, taking into account various factors including time of year, snowpack, precipitation, river and reservoir levels, and weather forecasts. Each operating month, the stage will be confirmed, or may be adjusted by resolution of the Board. The ability to transfer or purchase deliveries of water is provided in selected stages of the drought plan. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of this bylaw were deferred to the end of the meeting to enable additional wording to be included in the bylaw.

[10:55 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

## 10.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

### 10.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Work continues on the next phase, being Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia. In response to a Director's enquiry, it was confirmed that a written request for internet support at local fire halls may be submitted for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

[11:04 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

## 11.0 Lands

### 11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine presented the following Lands, Oil & Gas Report.

#### 11.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2024 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review of the prior year's campground and marina rates was presented, along with suggested opening and closing dates. Once again, 35 campsites will be assigned for seasonal use, 18 of which will be reserved for the water user portion of the draw. A Director requested to increase the boat slip charges to be at comparative rates with Crawling Valley Campground.

#### 2024-02-058 Moved by B. Schroeder that the 2024 rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for:

- **Camping be set at:**
  - **\$40/night, including GST, on all daily sites,**
    - **plus an additional \$5 per day for 50 amp sites,**
  - **\$3,200/season, plus GST, for all seasonal sites,**
    - **35 seasonal sites available, distributed throughout the campground,**
    - **18 of the seasonal sites being reserved for Water Users,**
  - **\$500 for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable towards the full seasonal fee); and**
- **Boat Slips be set at:**
  - **\$15/day, including GST,**
  - **\$90/week, including GST,**



- \$500/season, plus GST; and
  - \$500, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee).
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2024-02-059 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the 2024 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and close Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2024-02-060 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – GCG Cattle Co Ltd (George & Carmen Graham)**

**11.01.3 Request to Purchase Land – Pedro Giesbrecht**

[12:01 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek entered the meeting.]

**11.02 Grazing**

**11.02.1 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC**

[1:34 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton and B. Kroschel entered.]

**11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands**

**11.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

**11.03.2 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy**

**11.03.3 Rural Water Use Agreements**

**12.0 Irrigation Development**

[2:16 p.m. – 2:23 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited.]

**9.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd**

**9.02 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973**

**9.03 Water Delivery & Operations Policy**

[2:43 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

**13.0 Commercial Updates**

[3:34 p.m. B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]



**14.0 Communications and Outreach Overview**

**2024-02-061 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING****11.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – GCG Cattle Co Ltd (George & Carmen Graham)**

A request to purchase Pt SE 14-17-16 W4M was received from GCG Cattle Co Ltd. This request was denied.

**11.01.3 Request to Purchase Land – Pedro Giesbrecht**

A request to purchase NW 04-14-13 W4M was received from Pedro Giesbrecht. This request was denied.

**11.02 Grazing****11.02.1 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC**

A letter was received from JBS Food Canada ULC. Direction was given to Admin/Staff.

**11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands****11.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

A motion to approve the Farm Improvement Policy as presented and with further revision, was made after reconvening.

**11.03.2 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy**

A motion to rescind the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy was made after reconvening.

**11.03.3 Rural Water Use Agreements**

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the Board was informed of the administrative process being carried out this year to implement agreements with acreage owners who are irrigating or wish to irrigate outside their identified maintained yard area, by an efficient sprinkler method. A formalized agreement will clarify permitted uses for acreage owners, assist Water Operators in their operations and be permitted administratively. The Fees Bylaw and Rural Water Use Agreements will be revised for 2025 to include the option of a supplemental agreement applicable to the peripheral area for personal or recreational use of pastures, hay fields, etc. for a few horses or livestock. A fee per acre-foot will be applied and will be in addition to the annual fee for the yard area. The agreement will not be available for Business, Agricultural, Livestock Watering, or Household Purposes uses as these are administered through other specific agreements. Correspondence will be forwarded to acreage owners to inform them of this availability, update contact information, and receive preliminary requests. Aerial photos will also be reviewed to identify yard boundaries and current use. The Board will be updated on this matter at future meetings.

**12.0 Irrigation Development**

Discussion on this matter in general will continue at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting under the Irrigation Acres Bylaw item.

**9.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****9.02 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973**

Bylaw revisions were reviewed. Motions for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings were approved once reconvening.

**9.03 Water Delivery & Operations Policy**

Policy revisions relating to implementation of maximum instantaneous flow restrictions and registering restrictive covenant agreements against title to the landowners who are permitted by the District to irrigate subject to a reduced maximum instantaneous flow were reviewed. The policy will be presented for approval once the Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw has been fully approved.

**13.0 Commercial Updates**

Direction was given to Admin.

**14.0 Communications and Outreach Overview**

Direction was confirmed for staff.

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*CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA*

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**15.0 Request for Funding – Ag for Life**

A letter was received from Ag for Life requesting operational funding in 2024 for the “Know Your Food” educational trailer. The program’s purpose is to educate Albertans about where their food comes from, the importance of agriculture to this province, to increase consumer confidence, and showcase careers. The program provides a platform for ag and ag business and includes commodity specific and irrigated agriculture information.

**2024-02-062 Moved by D. Peltzer that \$10,000 be contributed to the Ag for Life “Know Your Food” mobile unit in support of the organization’s operating costs. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[3:48 p.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Lands cont'd****11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd****11.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy cont'd**

In follow up to Corporate Planning discussions, the Farm Improvement Policy was presented with the following revisions:

- increasing the cost-share amounts for landowners under 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 for machine leveling, gated pipe, and eliminating spill past a pump;
- eliminating 4.4 for surface irrigation to side-roll wheel moves;
- excluding brushing and the removal of trees from work that may be performed by the District for the landowner; and
- added clarity to 3.1, 5.3, and 5.4 regarding grant eligibility.



It was requested by Directors that the removal of buildings and foundations also be listed as work that will not be performed by the District.

- 2024-02-063 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised as presented, with landowner buildings and foundations to also be listed as exclusions from cost-share work that may be performed by the District for the landowner. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This policy may be viewed on the District's website.

**11.03.2 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy cont'd**

As the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and current Capital Works Program otherwise speak to the matter contained in this policy, the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy may now be rescinded.

- 2024-02-064 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy be rescinded. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This policy will be removed from the District's website.

**9.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd**

**9.02 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973 cont'd**

This bylaw regulates the delivery and distribution of water to a user, allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain activities occur, and imposes conditions that must be satisfied before the delivery and distribution of water to a user may be restored. Revisions to this bylaw were presented that prohibit irrigators from using water delivered by the District in excess of maximum instantaneous flow. In addition, the fee for turning back on water that has been turned off due to a landowner contravention of the bylaw has been increased to \$5,000.

- 2024-02-065 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2024-02-066 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #973 (2024) the second time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This bylaw will be brought back to the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for final approval.

**9.01 Maximum Water Bylaw #970 cont'd**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of this bylaw were brought forward from earlier in the meeting to enable additional wording to be included in the bylaw.



**2024-02-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the following wording be added to 2.0(b) of Maximum Water Bylaw #970 (2024):**

- **“Notwithstanding the foregoing, the stage of the Drought Plan Guidelines in effect on the date of a regular June Board meeting shall be reviewed by the Board at such meeting.”**

**and that the bylaw be read the second time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2024-02-068 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Bylaw #970 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Govern the Maximum Amount of Water that may be Delivered for Irrigation Purposes and for any Other Purpose, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Maximum Water Bylaw may be viewed on the District’s website.

**16.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 16.01 | Regular Board Meeting               | - Monday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                |
| 16.02 | Annual General Meeting              | - Tuesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 16.03 | Nominations Close                   | - Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.             |
| 16.04 | Election <i>[if required]</i>       | - Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| 16.05 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>                          |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:53 p.m.**

Chairman

General Manager