

Eastern Irrigation District
BYLAW 889 (2012)
A Bylaw Governing the Appointment of the Grazing Advisory Committee

WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act provides that a district may make a bylaw governing the appointment of committees of the Board;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to establish a committee, as further prescribed herein, for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the Board on grazing policies and initiatives pertaining to the grazing of lands designated by the District as Community Pastures;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Grazing Advisory Committee Bylaw.
2. Definitions:
When used in this Bylaw,
 - (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) "Board" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
3. Pursuant to the following terms and conditions, the Grazing Advisory Committee (the "GAC") is hereby established.
4. The purpose and role of the GAC shall be to provide advice and recommendations to the Board on grazing policies and initiatives pertaining to the grazing of lands designated by the District as Community Pastures.
5. Each Community Grazing Association (the "Association"), licensed by the District to graze Community Pasture lands, shall recommend to the Board one member of the Association for appointment as a member of the GAC and a second member of the Association for appointment as an alternate member of the GAC. A member of the Board of Directors is not eligible for appointment to the GAC. The District shall advise the applicable Association of the Board's decision regarding the appointment of regular and alternate members of the GAC. Appointments to the GAC will typically be for a term of one year unless the GAC and the Board agree to an earlier change in representation or alternatively that the Board decides that the GAC is no longer required.
6. The GAC shall meet at least twice during each calendar year, usually once prior to turn-out of cattle and once following removal of cattle from the Community Pastures.
7. The GAC shall, at approximately one year intervals, elect a chairman and a vice chairman from amongst its members. The chairman, or in the chairman's absence the vice chairman, shall preside over all meetings of the GAC.
8. The GAC shall set its own agenda for its meetings, provided however, that any matter referred to it by the District shall be considered by the GAC and, in due course, the GAC shall report to the Board on the matter so referred.
9. A majority of GAC members shall constitute a quorum. The GAC shall not conduct any business in the absence of a quorum being present at the meeting.
10. The GAC shall make decisions by majority vote of the members present. Each GAC member has one vote. Members of the District's staff do not have the right to vote.

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11. The District's General Manager shall appoint one or more members of the District's staff to attend meetings of the GAC for purposes of providing secretarial, technical or other services as determined by the General Manager. A member of the District's staff shall prepare minutes of every GAC meeting. A copy of the GAC meeting minutes shall be made available for the Board's consideration, at the next meeting of the Board. A copy of the GAC meeting minutes shall also be forwarded to each Community Grazing Association. The GAC may request that one or more of its members attend a Board meeting to present any GAC recommendation, to answer any questions of the Board or to otherwise communicate with the Board.
12. The Board shall arrange for the GAC to be advised of the Board's decision relative to any recommendation forwarded to the Board by the GAC.
13. For attendance at GAC meetings, members of the GAC will be paid a per diem and will be reimbursed for mileage at rates approved by the Board.
14. Any recommendation submitted by the GAC to the Board is of an advisory nature only. The Board will consider, but is not bound or obligated by, any recommendation, advice or input provided by the GAC. The Board retains all decision-making authority.
15. **Bylaw 769 (1991)** is hereby repealed in its entirety.
16. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.



Chairman



General Manager

Introduced and read the 1st time on the 21st day of **November, 2012**.
Read the 2nd time on the 21st day of **November, 2012**.
Read the 3rd time and finally passed on the 20th day of **December, 2012**.