



IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Buis - Chair, Erwin Wiens - Vice Chair, Michael Kauzlaric, Kurt Neumann, Rob Enns, George Lepp

Members Absent: Aaron Oppenlander

Staff Present: Brandon Enns - Drainage & Irrigation Superintendent, Cheryl Lootsma - Administrative Assistant, Operations

Others Present: Ashleigh Myers, Niagara-on-the-Lake Government Relations, Economic and Tourism Office.
Osama Saadeldin, Bosys Technologies Inc.
David Wallace, Farm HQ
Gerad Vanden Bussche, Vanden Bussche Irrigation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Buis, Chair, at 2:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by George Lepp that the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mike Kauzlaric moved to accept the previous minutes of February 5, 2025.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A presentation on metering was given to the committee by:

- Osama Saadeldin from Bosys Technologies Inc.
- Gerad Vanden Bussche from Vanden Bussche Irrigation

- David Wallace from Farm HQ

The committee participated in a question and answer period following the presentation.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Farm NOTL Initiative

- Town staff Ashleigh Myers presented a one-page document for FarmNOTL which spotlights local agriculture.
- The committee provided comments.

6.2 AG Roundtable

- Town staff Ashleigh Myers discussed an agricultural roundtable event on April 4, 2025 in partnership with the Niagara Falls Innovation Centre.
- The event is for growers only.
- The committee will be invited via email.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Questions for AG Roundtable

- The name of the April 4, 2025 event is "Rooted in Growth, Exploring Future of Niagara's Agriculture"
- The intention is to discuss the importance of the local agriculture industry and its future.
- There will be panel discussions from key sectors.
- The committee offered input during a question and answer period.

8.2 CIB Update

- Vice Chair, Erwin Wiens provided an update for the CIB (Canadian Infrastructure Bank) application.
- Town staff, Brandon Enns sent out a draft RFP to committee members, requesting feedback by March 14, 2025.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Annual Growers Meeting

April 9, 2025 in the Mary Snider Room at 7:00 p.m.

9.2 Motion to Purchase Meters

Chair, Kevin Buis, submitted that the committee will purchase the three meters from the Bosys Technologies Inc. presentation and they will be offered to growers on a trial basis.

Motion to purchase meters from Bosys Technologies Inc. was moved by George Lepp.

APPROVED

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:19 p.m.