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## 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

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### 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.

**APPROVED**

### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were none.

### 4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by Mike Kauzlaric that the previous minutes of February 5, 2025 be received.

**APPROVED**

### 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**

- Ashleigh Myers, Niagara-on-the-Lake Government Relations, Economic and Tourism Office, presented a one-page document for FarmNOTL which spotlights local agriculture.
- The committee provided comments.

### **6.2 AG Roundtable**

- Ashleigh Myers discussed an agricultural roundtable event on April 4, 2025, "Rooted in Growth, Exploring Future of Niagara's Agriculture", 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 intention of the April 4, 2025 event 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.

- Brandon Enns, Drainage & Irrigation Superintendent, 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, proposed that the committee purchase the three meters from the Bosys Technologies Inc. presentation, and they will be offered to growers on a trial basis.

Moved by George Lepp to purchase meters from Bosys Technologies Inc.

**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.