



IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Present: Kevin Buis - Chair, Michael Kauzlaric, Kurt Neumann, Rob Enns, George Lepp, Aaron Oppenlander

Members Absent: Erwin Wiens - Vice Chair

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Buis, Chair, at 2:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: George Lepp

That the agenda be approved, as presented.

APPROVED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were declared.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Michael Kauzlaric joined the meeting at 2:01 pm.

Moved by: George Lepp

That the March 12, 2025, minutes be received.

APPROVED

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Pump Status Update

Brandon Enns provided an update to the Committee.

- Carlton Siphon was turned on April 9, 2025
- Pumps will be potentially turned on Mid-May
- Four Mile Creek should be turned on Mid-June

6.2 Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB)

Brandon Enns provided an update to the Committee.

- Irrigation projects have been fully funded by all levels of government
- The amount has yet to be announced
- The transfer payment agreements have been signed
- RFPs were released
- Brandon Enns and Darren MacKenzie will meet with potential bidders on April 16, 2025 to answer any questions regarding the irrigation system.

6.3 Financial Update

Brandon Enns provided a brief financial update on behalf of the Town Treasurer.

- The Committee requests to see more frequent financial updates going forward.
- The Committee requests a status update on the Green Machine.

6.4 Private Dams

- Brandon Enns discussed the consolidated by-law 3534-01 requiring the removal of private dams at the end of the growing season.
- The boards and/or makeshift dams with sandbags must be removed after the irrigation season.

- Chair Kevin Buis reiterated the requirement of reporting water prior to removing private dams.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: George Lepp

Adjournment unanimously took place at 2:35 p.m.

APPROVED