

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kaleden Irrigation District held at the Kaleden Community Hall on Monday, April 24, 2017.

In attendance were: 10 ratepayers, Trustees, Steve Arstad, Diana MacDonald, and Kevin Larson; Manager, Kevin Huey, and Administrator, Cheryl Halla.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Acting Chair, Kevin Huey.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were reviewed by ratepayers. Moved by Meredith King, seconded by David Libby, that the minutes be adopted with an amendment under Introduction of Candidates for Position of Trustee, to record that just Kevin Larson was not present, as Bruce Shepherd was in attendance.

**Carried.**

There were no questions, other errors or omissions received from the floor.

#### **Chairman/Trustee Report :**

Trustee, Steve Arstad gave a slide presentation on some of the District's current issues and future plans which included:

Staff - Thanks were offered to KID staff for another safe year.

2017 Rates: It was announced that an overall 3% increase in rates for 2017 was approved by Trustees. The 4,3,2,1,0 IHA Compliance Levy was increased to \$49.50 from \$37.50.

Water Quality Improvements: The Board is looking at a UV option to treat our water; the project would require a budget of \$1.3 to 1.5 Million to upgrade and a filtration exemption for KID.

Watering Restrictions: For 2017 the District will be implementing the same restrictions in Stage 1, as in the prior year.

Questions from the floor included filtration exclusion and the target date for the UV project. A lengthy discussion ensued between the board and the ratepayers with respect to the watering conservation program and current restrictions. A ratepayer stated they had difficulty watering during the specified times. The comment was made that there are inconsistencies in watering restrictions between various districts and municipalities in the OK Valley, however it was noted by Kevin Huey that due to the differences in water systems it would be impossible to blanket restrictions. It was further noted that in Kaleden odd/even restrictions do not work due to the geographic nature of the land. After the discussion, the board agreed they would review the watering times.

#### **Superintendent's Report on Operations 2016: ( see written report for full details )**

Manager, Kevin Huey gave the report on operations for 2016. The report outlined improvements and upgrades on equipment and in the distribution system, which included a new control system and a new soft starter for Pump #1. Water consumption for 2016, was substantially lower than in 2015, which can be directly attributable to the repair of a large water leak on Linden Ave. A GIS mapping project partnered through Selkirk College was explained, whereby a student from the Water Engineering Technology Program at Okanagan College will be incorporating domestic and irrigation services into the GIS System, if we are approved under the Canada Summer Student Works Program.

Following the report, Len Bzdel inquired as to the status of our leak detection program. Kevin Huey responded that we are always watching certain areas for leaks, and we are looking at re-visiting having the entire District inspected again, as we did a few years ago.

#### **Financial Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 2016:**

The financial statement prepared by Omland Heal Chartered Accountants was presented to all attendees, noting that an amended Schedule 1 forms part of the statement. Administrator, Cheryl Halla also provided a spreadsheet to ratepayers, which outlined the financial position and revenue / expense summary of each fund from 2015 to 2016. Moved by Bruce Shepherd, seconded by Andy Rupp, that the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2016 be adopted as printed. There were no questions from the floor.

**Carried.**

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**Remuneration of Trustees for 2017- 2018:**

Remuneration of Trustees was discussed. Moved by Len Bzdel, seconded by Andy Rupp, to leave the trustee remuneration as per the status quo.

**Carried.**

**Introduction of Candidates for the Position of Trustee:**

Kevin Huey announced that there are currently two trustee positions open, for which two nomination papers have been received, from returning trustee Bruce Shepherd and resident Dave Libby. As there were no additional nomination papers received, both Bruce Shepherd and Dave Libby were declared elected by acclamation. Both Bruce Shepherd and Dave Libby addressed the audience and were congratulated. Kevin Huey gave special thanks to retiring trustees Sam Hancheroff, who served on the board for twenty-one years, and Diana MacDonald, who also served on the board twice, for a combined eleven years.

**Setting of Election Date:** Not required.

**New Business:**

An inquiry was made by Doug King if there was any progress to improvement districts having access to government grant funding. Kevin Huey responded that there has been little success, however, the Water Supply Association currently lobbies for the issue; it was noted that Interior Health Authority is fully aware of the fact that improvement districts are completely left out of any infrastructure programs, although they are required to upgrade their systems to the same standard as Regional Districts and Municipalities. It was noted that the *Local Grants Act* could be changed in the future to include improvement districts, if the Province would support the change.

Len Bzdel inquired if the KID would be looking after the management of the sewer once the project moves forward; the response was given that the RDOS would own and maintain the sewer infrastructure that would service Kaleden.

There were no additional questions received from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. on motion of Doug King.