

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kaleden Irrigation District held at the Kaleden Community Hall at 7:30 PM Monday, April 25, 2022.

In attendance were: 4 ratepayers, Chair, Mike Gane, Trustees, Steve Arstad, Dave Libby and Bruce Shepherd; Operations Manager, Mike Snair, and Administrator, Cheryl Halla. Absent: Trustee, Kevin Larson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chair, Mike Gane.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 were reviewed by ratepayers. Moved by Darlene Bailey, seconded by Bruce Shepherd, that the minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

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

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

Chair, Mike Gane 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. Trustees were introduced to the ratepayers.

2022 Rates: It was announced that an overall 6.1% increase in rates for 2022 was approved by Trustees, stating this is largely due to the huge increase in construction costs over the past year. Mike also stated that the infrastructure tax will jump from \$154.50 to \$200 due to the increase in the projected UV Treatment Plan costs. He referred to a graph on 2020 Water Rate Comparisons, which showed the KID in mid-range. He commented that the OK Falls ID is soon to be run by the RDOS.

2025 Planning: The Chair reviewed planning for the UV Treatment Plant in order to be in compliance with IHA 4,3,2,1,0. Over the past year the KID had our engineers T.R.U.E. Consulting review costs for this project, slated to be built in 2025, noting that the costs have gone from 2.2M to over 6M, due to the requirement by IHA for dual UV lights in the chamber now. He explained how the KID is raising funds for this project each year, stating that as an improvement district we are not eligible for Federal or Provincial grant funding. There will be a referendum to borrow the remainder of funds required for the project.

There are currently 3 options in the new proposal from TRUE; the trustees will be meeting with the engineers to determine the best course of action. Ratepayers will be notified in due course.

Politics: Discussion on Improvement Districts being excluded from Federal / Provincial grant programs, encouraging everyone to write to their MLA's. MLA Roly Russell is currently working with the NDP Gov't to try and get ID's included in the grant funding programs.

Bylaw Reviews: The District's Meeting Procedure Bylaw has been updated to include a section on holding electronic meetings. Our subdivision bylaw is going to be updated hopefully this year.

Chlorine System Upgrade: The Chair noted that we are no longer using chlorine gas; Operations Manager will go into detail in his report.

Cemetery Gate Project: KID in the process of designing a new gate for the Cemetery and the project will be undertaken this year. Thanks to both the KCA and RDOS for grant funding to offset some of the costs of the project.

Mike also displayed several pictures with his report.

Following the report, there were no questions from the floor.

### **Operations Report for 2021 ( see written report for full details )**

Operations Manager Mike Snair gave the report on operations / water quality for 2021. Several initiatives were noted, including water quality and consumption, noting our various sampling locations; taking advantage of the Fortis rebate program with the installation of a VFD ( variable frequency drive ); the Valve Cluster project completed in 2021 that will be part of the UV Treatment Plant; conversion from chlorine gas to sodium hypochlorite 12%, which greatly increases safety for staff, as well as saves the KID costly upgrades mandated by WorkSafe BC ( 60K) if we had continued to use CL2 gas. Mike also mentioned our water conservation program and vacuum breakers available at the KID office for free.

Following the report, there was a comment from Len Bzdel on water consumption, stating that if we reduce consumption regularly, he disagreed with the KID having "water restrictions."

Darlene Bailey inquired as to a situation a month ago whereby the water was cloudy, and had a taste to it and they could hear air in the valves. Mike Snair stated it could have been from flushing in the area.

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**Financial Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 2021:**

The audited financial statement prepared by Omland Heal Professional Accountants was presented to all attendees; administrator, Cheryl Halla also provided a spreadsheet to ratepayers, which outlined the financial position and revenue / expense summary of each fund from 2020 to 2021. . Moved by Len Bzdel, seconded by Darlene Bailey, that the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2021 be adopted as printed.

**Carried.**

**Remuneration of Trustees for 2021- 2022:**

Remuneration of Trustees was discussed, noting that a 4% increase was granted to trustees in 2019-2020 and status quo in 2021. Moved by Darlene Bailey, seconded by Lila Rupp, in order to offset increases in the COLA that the trustees remuneration be increased by 4% for both the Chair and each trustee.

**Carried.**

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

Mike Gane announced that there is currently one trustee position open, for a three year term. One nomination paper has been filed, from incumbent Kevin Larson. Kevin Larson was not in attendance as he was away working. As there were no additional nomination papers received, Kevin Larson was declared elected by acclamation.

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

**New Business:**

- Len Bzdel inquired if the KID has considered selling the 30 ac. of property at the top of Cypress Ave. in order to raise funds. Mike Gane responded that yes, it was considered a number of years ago, however the land is almost unserviceable due to its rocky nature.

There was no further new business from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on motion of Len Bzdel.