

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Keremeos Irrigation District, held at the Keremeos Victory Hall on April 26, 2017.

In attendance were Chair, Roger Mayer, Trustees, Tim Cottrill & Ian Walters, Bill Sparkes, & Aaron Beauchamp; Superintendent, Jo Cottrill, Management Consultant, Kevin Huey and Financial Administrator, Cheryl Halla.

There was one additional ratepayer in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Roger Mayer.

Roger Mayer was nominated by Ian Walters, seconded by Tim Cottrill, to act as Chair for the meeting.

Cheryl Halla was nominated by Ian Walters, seconded by Aaron Beauchamp, to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Reading of the Notice of Meeting was waived on motion of Ian Walters, seconded by Tim Cottrill.

Carried.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 27th, 2016 were distributed to attendees. On motion of Tim Cottrill, seconded by Ian Walters, the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be adopted as read.

Carried.

Report on Operations / Trustees Report for 2016 - 2017: (see report for full details)

The Superintendent's report was presented and read by Jo Cottrill. The report contained updates on District operations and current initiatives which included: equipment upgrades; 2016 projects; toilet rebate program, the cross connection program and the working relationship with Interior Health to keep our water safe. Also discussed was the RDOS gas tax funding grant for the installation of flow meters at all our pumping stations. Jo thanked the Board of Trustees for their time and service to the community.

Roger Mayer presented the Trustees report, which provided more detail and appreciation for the gas tax funding opportunity that was provided to us through our local RDOS area rep Elif Christiensen. Water conservation measures were outlined including an exemption for lands over 2 acres in the ALR. Initiatives of the Water Advisory Committee, comprising of the Mayor, the CAO and the Public Works Manager, as well as our Chair, Superintendent and Consulting Manager were outlined, including the infrastructure grant application for the upgrade of the Village's Main St. watermains and hydrants, as well as the upgrade of Sparkes Ave. Thanks were given to trustees and staff for the past year.

Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31st, 2016:

The Financial Statements and Auditors Report, prepared by Omland Heal Chartered Accountants were presented to all attendees for review. Cheryl Halla explained aspects of each page and the amounts in the various funds held by the District. Moved by Jack Popovich, seconded by Ian Walters, the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016 were adopted as printed.

Carried.

There were no questions brought forward.

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Election of Trustees:

The three year terms of trustees Roger Mayer and Aaron Beauchamp expired this year. As there are two trustee positions open, and nomination papers were filed by each of the two incumbents, both Roger Mayer and Aaron Beauchamp were hereby declared elected by acclamation each for a three year term.

Remuneration of Trustees for 2017 – 2018:

The Chair explained the current rate of remuneration, which is \$1,200.00 per year for each Trustee and \$1,700.00 for the Chair. After discussion, noting that there has not been an increase in five years, it was moved by Jack Popovich, seconded by Bill Sparkes, that a \$200 increase for the Chair to \$1,900 per year and \$200 for each trustee increasing the rate to \$1,400 per year be approved. A per diem rate of \$55.00 per meeting will continue to be paid for meetings outside of regular Board meetings.

Carried.

New Business:

Jack Popovich inquired if the KID is looking at a metering program in the near future; it was explained that due to the huge cost of installation and operation, until Provincial & Federal grant money is available for improvement districts, it is not in the foreseeable future. Also discussed was our water sampling program.

There was no further new business brought forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. on motion of Aaron Beauchamp, seconded by Tim Cottrill.