

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Keremeos Irrigation District, held at the South Similkameen Health Center on April 24, 2019.

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

There was one additional ratepayer in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Roger Mayer.

Roger Mayer was nominated by Bill Sparkes, seconded by Ian Walters, 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.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 25, 2018 were distributed to attendees. On motion of Aaron Beauchamp, seconded by Tim Cottrill, the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be adopted as read.

Carried.

Report on Operations / Trustees Report for 2018 - 2019: (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: purchasing a new pin finder; fencing the West Unit area. He updated the Sparkes Ave. project, partnering with the Village of Keremeos to receive grant funding for a major upgrade. Other programs included the toilet rebate program, the cross-connection program and the working relationship with Interior Health to keep our water safe.

Thanks were given to the Board of Trustees and staff for their time and service to the community this past year.

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

Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31st, 2018:

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 Ian Walters, seconded by Ed Minshull, the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018 were adopted as printed.

Carried.

There were no questions brought forward.

Election of Trustees:

The three-year terms of trustees Tim Cottrill and Bill Sparkes expired this year. There are two trustee positions open, and two nomination papers were filed by the incumbents; both have accepted the nominations. Tim Cottrill and Bill Sparkes were both declared elected by acclamation for a three-year terms.

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Remuneration of Trustees for 2019 – 2020:

The Chair explained the current rate of remuneration, which is \$1,400.00 per year for each Trustee and \$1,900.00 for the Chair, noting that an increase was granted in 2017. Moved by Ian Walters, seconded by Aaron Beauchamp, that a \$100 increase for both the Chair and the Trustees would be appropriate, as CRA has announced that for 2019 and later, the elected official's portion of the remuneration (one third), deemed as their expense allowance and non-taxable, will now be 100% included in their income and taxable. A per diem rate of \$55.00 per meeting will continue to be paid for meetings outside of regular Board meetings.

Carried.

New Business:

Ratepayer Ed Minshull brought forward information that the property at the corner of 10th and Boundary is currently moving equipment off the property, and there is oil spillage on the ground that could be a contaminant to the aquifer. He requested that the KID write the Ministry of Environment to make them aware of the situation. He agreed to submit a photo to the KID. After discussion of the protection of our aquifer capture zone, it was moved by Ian Walters, seconded by Bill Sparkes that once a photo is received, we proceed with the letter to MOE.

Carried.

There was no further new business brought forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M. on motion of Aaron Beauchamp.