

July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th of July and 6th of August 2020. Those in attendance on July 28th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

2020-07-228 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services**1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**

2020-07-229 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:58 a.m. – 9:01 a.m. Short break.]

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**1.0 Legal & Corporate Services****1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**

M. Koochin will bring a revised draft Audio Recording Policy back to the August 25th Board Meeting for further consideration. Audio recordings of Board meetings were not authorized at this point.

Continuation of the Agenda**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 11.0 Discussion re Board Governance Sessions

2020-07-230 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 June 23 & 30, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes are to be corrected by:

- including D. Jacobson's name in favour for the vote on motion 2020-06-191, page 89.

2020-07-231 Moved by T. Hensing that the Minutes of the June 23 & 30, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Business Arising

In response to a query, a Director indicated that the matter of "Limiting the Terms for Directors" will be brought back after the Government Irrigation Engagement meetings to be held in Strathmore and Brooks, scheduled for July 30th & 31st.

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

[9:07 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

5.01 Joint Shared Services Meeting – Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

B. Schmidt and N. Fontaine connected to a Joint Shared Services Meeting July 14th to discuss the Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project as proposed by the Brooks Kinsmen Club. Landscaping is being planned in phases, with priority given to installing a drip irrigation system this fall near the north and west roadways around the Silver Sage Community Corral, continuing along the south end of the Centennial Regional Arena gravel parking lot. A request has been made for the EID to provide the pump and pumphouse to supply water for a drip irrigation system to be installed this fall. A variety of trees will be purchased and planted next spring. B. Schmidt will forward information on the driplines to R. Gagley and N. Fontaine. Engineering will investigate design options for a pump and pumphouse with cost estimates, to be brought back to the Board. Operation and maintenance of this system, water supply/conveyance, and other stakeholder contributions are also to be determined.

[9:24 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

[9:28 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to June 30, 2020

The financial statements to June 30, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$34.43 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$22.54 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.9 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Lassiter.

The Equipment Department has requested to purchase grapple forks to safely handle 60" diameter PVC pipe which the District is beginning to use this year. As the preferred grapple forks are custom built, this request was presented prior to budget approval to enable arrival of the forks before this coming construction season.

2020-07-232 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the purchase of grapple forks manufactured to handle 60" PVC pipe, for \$43,917.50 from Weldco-Beales Manufacturing, Edmonton. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-07-233 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2020

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2020 was \$2,492,080 or 2.6% less than the book value at September 30, 2019.

3rd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$8,630,000	\$5,000,000
IRP – Short Term	-	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$6,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

2020-07-234 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2020

A variety of accounts were detailed, and questions answered by Admin.

2020-07-235 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:08 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

[10:10 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The abundance of rainfall this season has drastically reduced demand, which is reflected in the water diverted to date. There will be some increases in demands in the next several weeks from the current diversions but it is anticipated to be below long term average and to slowly decline as is typical for August.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	July 2020	July 2019
Water Diverted to Date	186,600 ac ft (7.32"/acre)	324,600 ac ft (12.72"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	3.12"	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	7 – 760	288 – 780
Parcels Using Over 12"	12	251
Parcels Using Over 16"	2	64
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	6
Total Firm Live Storage*	279,379 ac ft	296,000 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

After the irrigation season, staff will assess the Lake Newell shoreline around the Newell Sailing Club to see how erosion issues may be mitigated. Staff are also continuing to monitor the seepage at Snake Lake Reservoir to determine baseline data.

8.0 Engineering

8.01 Project for Approval – 10-H West Bantry

R. Summach presented the 10-H West Bantry synopsis. This rehab project is located 9.5 km east of Lake Newell Reservoir, at the intersection of Hwy 875 and 535, and runs for a total of 5.5 km. The canal currently serves 1,117 acres and it is being proposed to convert the canal to a closed pipeline to reduce spill. The project will require 2 road bores under paved highways, and Operations has requested a screen cleaner be added for an estimated cost of \$50,000. It is recommended that the 10-H West Bantry pipeline be funded under the Capital Works Program at a total estimated cost of \$2,779,000. A number of questions were responded to by Staff.

2020-07-236 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 10-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 5.5 km of pipe and adding a screen cleaner for the estimated cost of \$2,779,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

In follow up to the June meeting, R. Gagley informed that he and Mr. Jacobson met on site with Mr. Brauer to discuss his requests so that estimates could be calculated. Mr. Gagley advised of the following estimates:

- installation of 620 m of 6" PVC pipe with 2 turnouts and 1 drainout = \$55,500
- trees and roots removed and hauled to 2 pits on site = \$92,000
- trees and roots removed and hauled to a District pit near Scandia = \$184,000

It was further clarified that the Landowner would like all the trees except the evergreens removed and that the estimate for the installation of the pipeline is based on the ditch being cleaned up; discussion ensued.

2020-07-237 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District reclaims the old ROW of the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M by:

- removing and hauling away all trees, except evergreens, for 800 m alongside the east side of the road, to 2 existing pits on Mr. Brauer’s property;

- **installing a privately owned 620 m domestic line along the road, past his house to the bottom of the hill;**
- **installing a turnout at the old check structure and at his house; and**
- **installing a drainout at the bottom of the hill to irrigate 3 acres.**

The matter was reviewed and discussed at length.

Motion 2020-07-237 was seconded by T. Hemsing.

The matter was further discussed, and it was noted that motion 2020-06-194 from June 23rd was similarly worded and presently tabled. J. Hale called for a vote to deal with this duplicate motion.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Gagley was directed to obtain a quote from Hillside Excavating Inc. Further consideration is to be given whether a 50/50 cost-share under the Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant could be applied in this situation.

[11:49 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet

M. Koochin presented the following EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Moen.

9.01 Monthly Report

The Bantry Tower was struck by lightening early in the morning on June 6th. All electronics installed at the tower needed to be replaced (switches, backhauls, sectors, etc.). Services were restored to customers by late afternoon the same day. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 17 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 23 for Rosemary. Engineering work on the fibre path is almost complete, however they are still waiting for a couple landowners to come to an agreement. It was requested that information be brought back to the Board on supplying internet access throughout Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2020	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	61
Residential Accounts	1,732
Business Accounts	23
EID Automation	46
Total	1,862

[11:54 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break.]

The meeting was recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:40 p.m.

10.0 Buildings & Grounds

I. Friesen presented the following Buildings & Grounds Report on behalf of S. Dahl.

10.01 Rolling Hills Shop / County of Newell Fire Hall

The County currently leases 2 bays in the EID Rolling Hills Shop as a fire hall. They have enquired whether they can obtain use of the third bay to store a Rapid Response Vehicle which they are purchasing. One option for a replacement garage was proposed to allow some storage and access to a washroom for Operations, and for the tenant of the EID residence to park a vehicle. It was directed that staff discuss with the County their contribution towards this building to enable the County's full use of the EID shop.

2020-07-238 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Discussion re Board Governance Sessions

2020-07-239 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:14 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

N. Fontaine presented the following Lands, Oil & Gas Report.

12.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – Isaak Wall – Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M

In follow up from last meeting, a request to purchase an approximate 24 acre parcel of land in NE 15-16-16 W4M was received from Isaak Wall, owner of the remainder of the quarter. These acres were previously severed from the main parcel by the 06 Bow Slope Canal and included with the Newell Grazing Association pasture to the south; some fences remain. As the canal was rehabbed to a pipeline this past construction season, the acres could be amalgamated with the originating quarter. A number of questions were responded to by Admin and Staff. To accommodate the sale of land, Mr. Wall will be required to pay for trough and pipe materials to replace Newell GA's lost access to the existing dugout, and enter into an agreement that will allow the District to continue to store and access armour on this parcel until the stockpile is depleted.

2020-07-240 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the sale of 24.2 acres of land in NE 15-16-16 W4M to Isaak Wall:

- **24.2 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$48,400 + GST; plus**
- **the cost of trough and pipe materials for a replacement watering system in the Newell Grazing Association pasture = \$7,540 + GST;**

subject to:

- **entering into an agreement that will allow the District to continue to store and access armour on this parcel until the stockpile is depleted; and**

- **the land being consolidated into the parcel and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser.**
Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands Report.

12.02.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2020

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2020	303,075	3,637	39	15	306,766
June 30, 2020	303,371	3,648	39	58	307,116
Net increase	296	11	0	43	350
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 2 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					266
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					32
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 307,077 irrigation acres are on the roll, and 39 irrigation acres are currently under Annual Agreement.

12.02.2 Farm Improvement Policy

In follow up to approved revisions for the Farm Improvement Policy at last month’s meeting, Mrs. Connauton advised that the CAP program has removed pumping units from their list of eligible upgrades. The following motion approved reinserting pumping units into clause 8.0, for the duration of this funding category.

2020-07-241 Moved by R. Owen that clause 8.0 of the Farm Improvement Policy be revised by adding:

- **“as well as a pumping unit, including set up and installation costs.”**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

12.02.3.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2020 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2019	\$2,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2019 *	< \$ 947,648 > *
2020 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,052,352

Farm Improvement Grants	
October through June (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 577,277 >
July (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 124,962 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 350,113

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$628,807 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$896,118.

All Farm Improvement Grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$2,500/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 1 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

Cost-Shares (*turnouts, crossings, drain relays, tree removal, machine leveling, gated pipe, etc.*)

The EID will cost-share the project up to a maximum amount, as per policy.

12.02.3.2 Tree & Brush Removal – Fredrick & Sheila Musgrove – SE 31-20-12 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and brush in SE 31-20-12 W4M to accommodate a wiper pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$7,500 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2020-07-242 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Fredrick & Sheila Musgrove for the removal of trees and brush in SE 31-20-12 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$7,500; of which the Landowner’s share is \$3,750. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.3 Tree & Brush Removal – Carl Scheibner – S ½ 07-23-16 W4M

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and brush in S ½ 07-23-16 W4M to accommodate a wiper pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$12,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2020-07-243 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl Scheibner for the removal of trees and brush in S ½ 07-23-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$12,000; of which the Landowner’s share is \$6,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

12.02.3.4 Flood & Wheels to Pivot and Terminable to Irrigation – Ryan & Erin Culligan – SE 32-21-14

- Previous Assessment: 71 acres (5 irrigable acres, 66 terminable)
- Current Assessment: 71 acres (48 irrigable acres, 23 terminable) (43 converted in 2009)
- Converting: 5 acres flood/wheels to pivot; 20 acres to be converted from terminable to irrigable and 3 terminable acres to be removed

- New Assessment: 68 acres pivot (61 wiper pivot, 7 SW pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-244 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ryan & Erin Culligan for the conversion of 5 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SE 32-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$500 (5 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge to convert 20 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$5,000 (20 acres x \$250/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.5 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michele Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SW 31-19-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$1,950 (motion 2010-04-093)
- Current Assessment: 140 acres flood and wheels
- Converting: 122 acres flood and wheels to pivot; keeping 18 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (122 pivot, 18 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-245 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for J4 Ranch Inc for the conversion of 122 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SW 31-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,200 (122 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,950 (previous grant) less \$9,000 (18 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,250. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.6 Flood to Pivot w/CA – Aaron & Sharie Suchy – SE 06-17-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 148 acres flood
- Converting: 127 acres flood to pivot; keeping 21 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (103 pivot, 24 corner arm, 21 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-246 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Aaron & Sharie Suchy for the conversion of 103 acres flood to pivot and 24 acres flood to corner arm in SE 06-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,300 (103 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre) less \$10,500 (21 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$16,600. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

12.02.3.7 Pump – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – E ½ 09-20-17 W4M (North Pivot)

- Previous Assessment: 75 acres (56 N wiper pivot, 19 SE pivot)
- Previous Grant: \$4,100 (motion 2019-07-192)
- Current Assessment: 91 acres (14 acres transferred in and 2 acres purchased on SE pivot)
- Installing: pump
- New Assessment: 91 acres (70 N pivot, 21 SE pivot)

- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-247 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc for the pump upgrade in E ½ 09-20-17 W4M purchased for \$40,643. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$1,400 (14 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.8 Pump – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – E ½ 09-20-17 W4M (South Pivot)

- Previous Assessment: 104 acres (88 acres eligible for FI grant)
- Current Assessment: 107 acres (3 acres purchased for general assessment)
- Irrigation Development: 27 acres purchased for irrigation development in 2020
- Installing: pump
- New Assessment: 134 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-248 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc for the pump upgrade in E ½ 09-20-17 W4M purchased for \$19,858. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$8,800 (88 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.9 Panel & Pump – John & Betty Giesbrecht – E ½ 14-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 226 acres pivot
- Previous Grants: \$7,200 (motion 2008-04-106)
\$6,360 (motion 2008-04-108)
- Current Assessment: 248 acres (22 acres purchased in 2008)
- Irrigation Development: 35 acres approved in 2020
- Installing: pump & panel
- New Assessment: 283 acres (147 N pivot, 136 S pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-249 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Betty Giesbrecht for the pump and panel upgrade in E ½ 14-14-14 W4M purchased for \$77,857. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$22,600 (226 acres x \$100/acre) less \$13,560 (previous grants) = \$9,040. The capital assets charge is \$26,250 (35 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.10 Pump – Jan Jonker & Helena Duineveld - Pt NW 10-15-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 57 acres
- Previous Grant: \$1,710 (motion 2012-12-240)
- Current Assessment: 65 acres (8 acres purchased in 2012)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 65 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-250 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jan Jonker & Helena Duineveld for the pump upgrade in Pt NW 10-15-14 W4M purchased for \$11,300. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$5,700 (57 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,710 (previous grant) = \$3,990. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.11 Pump, Panel & C/A – Eric & Dianna Pedersen – SW 20-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres (133 pivot, 10 corners)
- Previous Grant: \$7,980 (motion 2010-04-092)
- Current Assessment: 143 acres corner arm pivot; 4 acres needed
- Installing: pump, panel & corner arm
- New Assessment: 147 acres (135 pivot, 12 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-251 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eric & Dianna Pedersen for the pump, panel and corner arm upgrade in SW 20-15-15 W4M purchased for \$94,765. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,980 (previous grant) + \$5,600 (8 acres x \$700/acre) = \$11,120. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (4 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-07-252 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$300/acre applied April 2010 be returned to Eric & Dianna Pedersen for 10 acres of new efficiencies in SW 20-15-15 W4M; 10 acres x \$300/acre = \$3,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

12.02.3.12 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M

Cole Webb's application for an increase in irrigation acres was presented for discussion. Mr. Webb owns N ½ 19-17-13 W4M, of which there is 1 delivery for both quarters located on the east boundary of NE 19. An Irrigable Unit is in place tying the 2 quarters together. The Landowner is requesting to purchase 51 acres for the NW for a proposed 114 acre pivot. There is a capacity issue with this pipeline and converting from wheels to low pressure pivot on this parcel only allows for 9 conversion acres. In order for the additional acres to be approved, the Landowner would have to rotate water use between the 2 quarters; watering both parcels at the same time would not be possible. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen. This application is one example of the draft Rotational Water Delivery Policy to be discussed later in the meeting.

Other**12.02.3.13 Pump Site – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson, Greg Johnson, Reid Johnson)**

- Motion: 2019-12-335 (and confirmation May 26, 2020)
- Eligible FI Grants: \$23,552 (Sec 11 & W ½ 12-20-17 W4M
\$35,960 (W ½ 01 & E ½ 02-20-17 W4M)
- Improvement: pump site cleanout and update
- Parcels have reached their maximum grant funding

2020-07-253 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc for the pump site cleanout and update in SE 02-20-17 W4M completed for \$68,786. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$23,552 (Sec 11 & W

½ 12-20-17 W4M) + \$35,960 (W ½ 01 & E ½ 02-20-17 W4M) = \$59,512. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:00 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[4:04 p.m. R. Owen exited the meeting.]

D. Jacobson moved the meeting be recessed at 4:10 p.m.

The meeting is to be resumed Thursday August 6th, 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on August 6th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
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Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

[9:00 a.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

2020-08-254 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

13.01 Plebiscite Schedule

13.02 2020 Plebiscite Date Bylaw

13.03 Information to Water Users

[10:27 a.m. – 10:33 a.m. Short break.]

[12:16 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.

1.02 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft

14.0 Crop Damage Claim – Joel Van Wert – NW 24-17-13 W4M

15.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**16.0 Solar Krafte**

[2:53 p.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report cont'd.**6.04 Benefits for Directors**

[3:01 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2020-08-255 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite****13.01 Plebiscite Schedule**

A schedule was reviewed for the plebiscite process which fulfills IDA requirements (readings of bylaws, information to water users, notices, public meetings, resolutions, and plebiscite date). No changes were requested.

13.02 2020 Plebiscite Date Bylaw

The date of the plebiscite was confirmed as Tuesday, November 17th.

13.03 Information to Water Users

The "Information to Water Users" package is to be finalized at the August 25th Board Meeting to enable mailout the first full week of September; confirmation of the following is needed:

- 7.0 Recommendation points
- dates and locations of public meetings

Additional discussion also intended for the August 25th Meeting:

- "Increase in Irrigation Expansion Limit Bylaw"
- "Irrigation Acres Bylaw"
- "Capital Assets Bylaw"

It was requested that the number of infill acres approved per year be brought back to the Board

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.**1.02 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft**

The draft Rotational Water Delivery Policy is to be brought back to the Board for additional discussion. It was also requested that the 16-H West Bantry rehab project be presented next month as 2 options (standard 2.5 cfs sizing and 3.0 cfs sizing to accommodate potential corner arms).

14.0 Crop Damage Claim – Joel Van Wert – NW 24-17-13 W4M

The crop damage claim submitted by Joel Van Wert for NW 24-17-13 W4M was discussed and a motion made once the meeting reconvened.

15.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

The Board confirmed initial direction for J. Hale.

16.0 Solar Krafte

I. Friesen will arrange for a possible Board tour and presentation from Solar Krafte.

6.0 Financial Report cont'd.**6.04 Benefits for Directors**

At the request of a Director, information regarding available benefit packages was provided and discussed; there was no uptake at this time.

Continuation of the Agenda**13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.**

The date of the plebiscite for irrigators to vote whether to change the expansion limit of the District from the existing limit of 311,000 acres to 340,000 acres is November 17, 2020.

2020-08-256 Moved by T. Hemsing that prior to 2nd reading of Bylaw #940 (2020), the Board approve the substitution of the word "wishes" with the word "proposes" in the first sentence. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-08-257 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #940 (2020) be read the second time this 6th day of August, 2020. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-08-258 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #940 (2020), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Expansion Limit Plebiscite, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Crop Damage Claim – Joel Van Wert – NW 24-17-13 W4M

2 years of Mr. Van Wert's 3 year claim were approved for compensation.

2020-08-259 Moved by R. Owen that the District pay Joel Van Wert for 2 years of crop damage for flooding occurring in his alfalfa crop in NW 24-17-13 W4M due to an improperly installed drainage culvert:

- 12 acres x 3 ton/year x \$150/ton x 2 years = \$10,800.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.0 Upcoming Events

17.01 Regular Board Meeting


- Tuesday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m.

- 17.02 Regular Board Meeting
- 17.03 Special Budget Meeting

- Tuesday, September 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 8th [tentative]

[3:16 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:16 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager