

June 23 & 30, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd and 30th days of June 2020. Those in attendance on June 23rd were:

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| 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] | [8:42 a.m.] | |
| Mr. Tracy Hemsing | Vice-Chair | [Division 7] | | |

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 AIDA Executive Meeting
- 7.04 Cann Lake
- 7.05 Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M
- 11.01.2 Brooks Kinsmen Club – Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

2020-06-186 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Operations

6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Reservoirs are in excellent shape and due to depleting snow pillows and recent rains the river is running strong. The level of Snake Lake Reservoir continues to be slowly raised and monitored. Although dry at the outset, precipitation since the end of May has the area tracking closer to long term average; this trend is reflected in the water use to date.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	June 2020	June 2019
Water Diverted to Date	127,190 ac ft (5"/acre)	219,223 ac ft (8.6"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	1.6"	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	14 – 583	318 – 932
Parcels Using Over 12"	-	46
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	10
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	282,750 ac ft	286,850 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

[8:42 a.m. B. Chrumka joined the meeting and N. Lassiter entered.]

5.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to May 31, 2020

The financial statements to May 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$31.13 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$19.46 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.67 million.

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

2020-06-187 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:01 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 26, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting**

It was requested to amend the minutes through the following:

- Pg. 72, 7.02, 5th paragraph, replace "no one wants to run against an incumbent" with "reluctance to run against an incumbent"; and remove "limit varying opinions".

2020-06-188 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 AIDA Executive Meeting**

T. Hemsing connected to an AIDA Executive Meeting June 19th, discussion topics included AIDA amendments, the provincial government's red tape reduction, herbicide registration update, the removal of 2 provincial AIS inspection sites, and a task force to lobby for restored inspection measures. It is being planned to hold the 2021 AIDA Conference later in the year in November, in Calgary. A short discussion followed on potash trials and the ongoing attempts to get other herbicides registered in Canada that could be used in addition to Magnacide H™.

[9:25 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

In the most recent revision to the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy, which allowed a grant for all pivot conversions over 55 acres at the time of a rehab project, a segment of existing policy was inadvertently omitted in the rewrite. The provision of: *"Landowner changing location of current water delivery arrangement which reduces overall construction costs and saves the District money"* was reinserted in the policy as a separate clause.

2020-06-189 Moved by T. Hemsing that the revised Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

7.02 Project for Approval – 9-H West Bantry

R. Gagley presented the 9-H West Bantry synopsis on behalf of R. Summach, advising that this project will finish converting the 9-H West Bantry system into a closed pipeline. This rehab project is located 2.4 km north of the intersection of Hwy #875 and #535, SW of Tilley. The canal currently serves 541 acres and 53 additional acres will be added to the pipeline to eliminate a delivery in the H West Bantry Canal. Although 1 landowner is considering moving his deliveries to eliminate spill, 1 km of the canal will need to remain as a drain for another parcel. It is being proposed to install 1.8 km of pipe for an estimated cost of \$992,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program. At the request of Operations, it is also being recommended to install a screen cleaner for an additional cost of \$45,000. Several questions were responded to by Admin.

2020-06-190 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 9-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 1.8 km of pipe and adding a screen cleaner for the estimated cost of \$1,037,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

J. Kabut presented the C Springhill synopsis. This project has been reviewed in conjunction with 01-C Springhill over the last few years. For C Springhill, the proposed rehab is to install 10 km of closed gravity pipeline, beginning with 60" pipe, from Rock Lake Reservoir to 1.6 km east of Hwy #873. At Rock Lake, there would be a stilling pond and gabion wall shared with the 01-C Springhill system. The system will tie into a few existing pipelines, one being Long Pump; the pumps on this system will be necessary for priming pressure to the Landowners. The new system will supply 6,224 acres, of which 97% are sprinkler. The major benefit to this project is that all the spill water that would normally leave this system will stay captured in Rock Lake. The estimated cost of the C Springhill project, when rehabbing in conjunction with the 01-C Springhill project, is \$11,385,000; it is proposed to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering Staff.

A previous discussion was brought back by Directors pertaining to the surcharge for the 01-C Springhill system as outlined in the Rates Bylaw. It was the consensus of the Board to adapt the current model of recouping annual costs incurred by the District which are beyond the typical delivery of water (i.e. providing a fully pressurized system), by pooling revenues to establish a reserve for categorized future replacement costs. It was also the consensus to begin increasing the rate charged per acre in the 2021 Rates Bylaw for 01-C Springhill to reflect these future costs, and giving consideration to incremental increases in the following years.

- 2020-06-191 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve:**
- **the 01-C Springhill rehabilitation project by installing a new pump station at Rock Lake Reservoir with pressure pipeline tying into the existing system for the estimated cost of \$5,112,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program; and**
 - **that upon review of the Rates Bylaw in January 2021, the “pressurized water conveyance system operation and maintenance surcharge” be increased from \$8.00 per acre to \$10.00 per acre for the Springhill Pressure System (to be called 01-C Springhill).**

Partial or incremental increases to the surcharge to primarily offset costs, vs fully balancing costs and recoveries were further discussed.

- 2020-06-192 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the C Springhill rehabilitation project by installing a 10 km closed gravity pipeline system for the estimated cost of \$11,385,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 2020-06-191 was seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen**

- 2020-06-193 Moved by B. Chrumka that motions 2018-05-238, 2020-03-090 and 2020-04-103 be rescinded. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:44 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Short break.]

7.04 Cann Lake

B. Schmidt advised of a property owner adjacent to Cann Lake, near the Brooks Pistol & Smallbore Rifle Club, that is having issues of high lake level, failing rip rap and water seepage. R. Gagley noted that when Lakeside Packers (now JBS Canada) expanded the plant the dam was built up to supply adequate water; issues of lake levels have apparently been ongoing. Although the earthen drain exiting the lake is part of the District’s drainage works, it was advised that adjacent property owners continue to communicate directly with JBS regarding their concerns. Clarification received from Operations after the meeting confirmed that the outlet structure which currently sets the lake levels is not owned or operated by the District.

7.05 Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M

D. Jacobson advised of Isaak Wall’s requests for water rights on Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M and for interest in purchasing approximately 23 acres of land previously severed from this quarter by a canal. Mr. Friesen confirmed that historically Mr. Wall’s application for irrigation acres under river support has yet to be rated high enough for approval or there was a moratorium on all new river acres, however this type of sale of land would meet policy requirements. A written request to purchase, along with particulars including the Newell Grazing dugout, fencing and used armour stockpile from this winter’s rehab of the canal will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

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

D. Jacobson advised that he has been in contact and on site with Mr. Brauer on several occasions. In follow up to Mr. Brauer’s presentation on April 14th, Mr. Jacobson is now in receipt of a letter from him outlining his requests for the reclamation of the old ditch on his property as follows:

- reclaim the ditch to environmental standards
- bring a 6" pipeline down approximately 1,200 feet to a domestic turnout
- continue down the ditch with the 6" line with one 2" riser outlet and valve west of the house for yard water
- continue the pipeline over the hill (to end of old flume) or a point higher up the hill, with a valve and riser so that the pipeline can be drained; where the pipeline ends over the hill will be determined by the depth the line is buried

Mr. Brauer's requests, a review of the matter and further queries were discussed.

2020-06-194 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District reclaims the old ROW of the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M:

- **to the standards set out by Mr. Brauer;**
- **that Mr. Brauer stores the trees and roots on his land; and**
- **the District installs the pipeline in his proposal.**

It was noted that a cost estimate regarding these requests is not yet prepared. Directors agreed to table this motion until an estimate can be presented. It was also suggested that Mr. Jacobson be present with Mr. Gagley when assessing the costs on site.

Motion 2020-06-194 was Seconded by T. Helsing.

2020-06-195 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2020-06-194 be Tabled. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

An estimate on the proposal is to be brought to the next meeting. The letter from Mr. Brauer outlining his requests and discussed at the meeting was forwarded to all Directors the next day.

[11:31 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Quotes for the Purchase of Excavators

Mr. Friesen presented the quotes received for the purchase of one 250 and one 350 excavator.

250 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Equipment	New 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-5	\$324,182.00
	New 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-6	\$339,530.43
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2020 Deere 250 GLC	\$352,800
Finning Canada	2020 Cat 326-07	\$380,800.00

350 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Equipment	New 2019 Hitachi ZX 350 LC-6	\$414,269.57
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2020 Deere 350 GLC	\$451,500.00
Finning Canada	2020 Cat 336-07	\$468,900.00

2020-06-196 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of:

- a new 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-5 Excavator for \$324,182.00; and
- a new 2019 Hitachi ZX 350 LC-6 Excavator for \$414,269.57, from Wajax Equipment.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 EIDNet

10.01 Monthly Report

Bandwidth usage continued to have high demand through May but normal quality of service was maintained. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1 is almost complete; the District is currently waiting for a couple landowners to come to agreement.

[11:34 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

11.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – County of Newell – Pt SW 05-18-14 W4M

The County of Newell has requested to purchase a 2 acre strip of land in SW 05-18-14 W4M as part of the North Headgates redevelopment plan. The land is needed for the road network within the development area.

2020-06-197 Moved by R. Owen that the requested 2 acre portion of land in Pt SW 05-18-14 W4M required for road construction for the North Headgates redevelopment plan be sold to the County of Newell at \$2,000/acre plus all required survey, legal, and subdivision fees. Seconded by T. Hensing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2 Brooks Kinsmen Club – Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

B. Schmidt noted that he received an email from the Brooks Kinsmen Club indicating they would like to start some improvements on the rodeo grounds. N. Fontaine advised that the lands for the Kinsmen rodeo grounds are included in the agreement the Silver Sage Agricultural Society has with the EID. A multi-year development plan has been proposed and any development requests may be directed to the EID Office for review.

11.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.02.1 Grazing Season Update

Significant rains in mid-May and June have resulted in excellent grass growth throughout the District. Reductions in the amount of cattle in the south region, along with this year's moisture, should increase reserve grass for 2021. North pastures remain in good shape, and it is expected to utilize all District pastures for a normal 5 month grazing season. The maximum listing was reduced from 80 to 70 head, with the total placement being 15,553 cattle; this number is down 1,566 from 2019. A very good spring runoff filled most dugouts. Cold weather early last October caused significant damage to above ground waterlines and some aging systems are requiring hydrant and valve replacements. Repairs have been made and all water systems are fully charged. Early weed growth on fireguards has been sprayed with very good results. More sites of Downy Brome have been located, primarily in the Rolling Hills area. Approximately 35-38 km of barbed wire fence will be completed this summer. Poly pipe waterline extensions were installed last fall in the Newell and Bantry areas, with Duchess (Sandhills) and Gem scheduled for early July; 8 new water tanks will be then be installed in late summer. 350 cow/calf pairs are utilizing the Kitsim pivots irrigated pasture. The old flood ground has seen excellent growth and is also used in the rotation with the pivots. The Newell Grazing reseeding project, east of Lake Newell, has been completed. 1,720 acres of old tame pasture were sprayed out with glyphosate and reseeded to a grass blend with Meadow Bromegrass (53%), Pubescent Wheatgrass (18%), Tall Fescue (16%), Annual Ryegrass (9%), and Cicer Milkvetch (4%).

The 2 north Rock Lake pivots are managed by MCF Feedyards and seeded with spring and fall Triticale. This system of silage production for MCF and fall grazing for Duchess GA has worked very well. Soil test results from last fall still do not permit the application of treated industrial wastewater (TIW) on these parcels and JBS is continuing to work with AE&P to resolve this issue. The 2 south Rock Lake pivots continue to be used for irrigated pasture by Duchess GA; no effluent will be applied this year as soil tests indicate high fertility levels. JBS has received approval from AE&P to spread TIW on Sec 08-20-15 W4M, south and west of Rock Lake. A temporary full section pivot is being installed to cover a maximum of 525 acres. It is anticipated that the application of TIW will begin near the end of June.

A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

11.02.2 Request to Transfer PGL #7041 – Jordy Bartman to Daniel Christman

Jordy Bartman is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7041 to Daniel Christman. This lease is a long-term, 15 + 15 year agreement, transferrable to any eligible water user; 4 years remain on the first 15 year term. Mr. Christman meets all eligibility requirements.

2020-06-198 Moved by T. Hemsing that PGL #7041 be transferred from Jordy Bartman to Daniel Christman. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:58 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

11.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.03.1.1 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 May (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 493,697 >
June (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 103,464 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 455,691

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$630,917 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$810,428.

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 2 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

11.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Thomas Parker – NW 19-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres flood (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (motion 2010-11-211)
- Current Assessment: 141 acres flood (10 acres to be transferred out)
- Converting: 138 acres flood to pivot (131 in NW 19-21-15 and 7 in SE 06-22-15)
- New Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-199 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Thomas Parker for the conversion of 131 acres flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M and 7 acres flood to pivot in SE 06-22-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$11,300. The capital assets charge on previously approved additional acres required is \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre in NW 31-21-15 W4M) + \$14,400 (48 acres x \$300/acre in SE 06-22-15 W4M) = \$18,900. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

11.03.1.3 Panel – Dick Dick – NW 26 & Pt S ½ 35-18-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 304 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 304 acres (165 pivot, 23 outside pivot, 116 separate flood field)

2020-06-200 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dick Dick for the panel upgrade in NW 26 & Pt S ½ 35-18-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$16,500 (165 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,500 less \$11,500 (23 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.4 Panel – Dick Dick – SW 26-18-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 128 acres
- Current Assessment: 144 acres (16 acres added in 1997 general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 144 acres (106 pivot, 11 outside pivot, 27 separate flood field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-201 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dick Dick for the panel upgrade in SW 26-18-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,600 (106 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,100. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.5 Panel – North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – SE 22-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 76 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 76 acres (69 wiper pivot, 7 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-202 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Creek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 22-19-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,900 (69 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,400. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.6 Panel – North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – SW 23-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 118 acres
- Current Assessment: 126 acres (8 acres added in general assessment prior to 1999)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 126 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-203 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Creek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 23-19-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,500; subject to specified pivot shutoffs. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.7 Panel – North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – N ½ 23 & Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 225 acres
- Current Assessment: 244 acres (19 acres transferred in for general assessment)
- Installing: 2 panels
- Assessment remains the same at 244 acres (112 wiper pivot in NW, 132 pivot in NE)

- Pivot area in NW 23 has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-204 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Creek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrades in N ½ 23 & Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500 each. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,200 (112 acres x \$100/acre) for NW 22 + \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre) for NE 22 = \$23,700. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-06-205 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SW, NW & NE 23-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-06-206 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & NE 23-19-14 W4M and Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.8 Panel – Duane & Lana Hale – NE 17 & Pt SE 20-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 102 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (41 acres added in 1987 general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-207 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Duane Hale for the panel upgrade in NE 17 & Pt SE 20-22-17 W4M purchased for \$9,694. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,300 (143 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$9,694. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.9 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 06-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 149 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (3 acres added in general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-208 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 06-16-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,900 (149 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.10 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – NW 21-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 132
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-209 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in NW 21-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.11 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 22-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 136 acres
- Previous Grant: \$10,416 (motion 2016-03-085)
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (135 pivot, 3 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-210 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 22-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,094. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$10,416 (previous grant) less \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,584. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.12 Transfer – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – S ½ 25-15-16 to E ½ 28-15-15

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 5 acres from SW 25 and 8 acres from SE 25-15-16 W4M to accommodate a corner arm addition in E ½ 28-15-15 W4M.

2020-06-211 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SW 25-15-16 W4M and 8 acres from SE 25-15-16 W4M to E ½ 28-15-15 W4M; all lands being owned by S & K Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.13 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 25-15-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 130 (5 acres transferred to E ½ 28-15-15, motion 2020-06-211)
- Current Assessment: 125 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 125 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-212 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 25-15-16 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.14 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SE 25-15-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 150 acres (7 acres transferred out in 2002 general assessment; 8 acres transferred to E ½ 28-15-15, motion 2020-06-211)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres (134 pivot, 1 outside)

2020-06-213 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 25-15-16 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount being \$4,098 less \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,598. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.15 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – E ½ 28-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres
- Current Assessment: 155 acres (13 acres transferred in, motion 2020-06-211)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 155 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-06-214 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in E ½ 28-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$15,500 (155 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.16 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SE 30-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 132 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (1 acre transferred to N ½ 24-15-16 W4M)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 131 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-215 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 30-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.17 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – N ½ 24-15-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 181 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 181 acres (167 main pivot, 14 corner wiper pivot)

2020-06-216 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in N ½ 24-15-16 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$16,700 (167 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.18 Transfer – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – NE & SW 15-19-14 W4M to NE 09-20-17 W4M

The Landowner is requesting to transfer 7 acres from NE 15 and 7 acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M to accommodate the infill of a small pivot in NE 09-20-17 W4M.

2020-06-217 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the transfer of 7 irrigation acres from NE 15-19-14 W4M and 7 acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M to NE 09-20-17 W4M; all lands being owned by 1717866 AB Inc. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.19 Return of Deduction – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – NE 15-19-14 W4M

As a grant deduction was previously applied to the 7 acres in NE 15-19-14 W4M, now transferred to NE 09-20-17 W4M under pivot, the acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-06-218 Moved by B. Schmidt that the deduction of \$500/acre applied January 22, 2019 be returned to 1717866 AB Inc for 7 acres of new efficiencies in NE 09-20-17 W4M, transferred from NE 15-19-14 W4M; 7 acres x \$500/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.20 Return of Deduction – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Jonson) – SW 15-19-14 W4M

As a grant deduction was previously applied to the 7 acres in SW 15-19-14 W4M, now transferred to NE 09-20-17 W4M under pivot, the acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-06-219 Moved by B. Schmidt that the deduction of \$500/acre applied January 22, 2019 be returned to 1717866 AB Inc for 7 acres of new efficiencies in NE 09-20-17 W4M, transferred from SW 15-19-14 W4M; 7 acres x \$500/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by T. Helsing. 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.

11.03.1.21 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – E ½ 09-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 156 acres (12 conversion acres added in 2019 and 14 acres transferred in, motion 2020-06-217)
- Current Assessment: 182 acres
- Proposal: infill of 2 wiper pivots; 22 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 204 acres (134 south pivot, 70 north pivot)
- Notes: subject to resolving general assessment requirements

2020-06-220 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1717866 AB Inc for 22 infill acres in E ½ 09-2-17 W4M; subject to resolving general assessment requirements. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (22 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.22 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – SE 16-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 69 acres (20 conversion acres added in 2019)
- Current Assessment: 89 acres
- Proposal: infill of wiper pivot; 43 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 132 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to resolving general assessment requirements

2020-06-221 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1717866 AB Inc for 43 infill acres in SE 16-20-17 W4M; subject to resolving general assessment requirements. The capital assets charge is \$32,250 (43 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.2 General Assessment Update

10 Landowners and less than 20 parcels remain to be resolved under the General Assessment review.

[12:10 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 12:35 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:07 p.m.

[3:07 p.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

12.0 Farm Improvement Policy

Discussion on the Farm Improvement Policy was deferred to the continuation of the meeting on a date to be confirmed.

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

A tentative date of Tuesday, November 17th was chosen for the Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite. Full discussion on the plebiscite was deferred to the continuation of the meeting on a date to be confirmed. The Plebiscite Date Bylaw will be brought back to July's meeting for proposed 2nd and 3rd readings.

2020-06-222 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #940 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 23rd day of June, 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-06-223 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.

[3:17 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

15.0 Legal & Corporate Services

15.01 Limiting the Terms for Directors

10.0 EIDNet cont'd.

10.02 Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis

2020-06-224 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

8.0 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.

This matter was given further review.

14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

Administration was given direction from the Board.

15.0 Legal & Corporate Services**15.01 Limiting the Terms for Directors**

Legal advice was given to Directors; it was requested that his matter be brought back to the July meeting.

10.0 EIDNet cont'd.**10.02 Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis**

EIDNet will be registered with CRTC as a telecommunications carrier for owning and operating a fibre system, and "EIDNet" will be registered as a trade name. Further direction was confirmed.

R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 4:43 p.m.

Those in attendance on June 30th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corp. Serv. <i>[regrets]</i>
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 9:00 a.m.

[9:00 a.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

2020-06-225 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Farm Improvement Policy

[10:20 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Short break.]

[11:03 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

[12:01 p.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break.]

2020-06-226 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**12.0 Farm Improvement Policy**

The Farm Improvement Policy is to be revised as directed.

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

Further discussion is to be held in July and successive board meetings to confirm:

- 2nd and 3rd readings of the Plebiscite Date Bylaw
- information package to water users, including:
 - current licenses, water availability, assessment, and expansion limit
 - Alberta Ag modelling results, efficiencies gained, proposed expansion
- draft Increase in the Irrigation Expansion Limit Bylaw (method for the District to establish an increased expansion limit and factors for apportionment)
- Irrigation Acres Bylaw (rules and procedures governing applications)
- Capital Assets Bylaw (charges for infill, efficiency, and new acres)
- notice of intention / notice of public meetings (dates, times, locations)
- wording of ballot
- resolution to authorize plebiscite; locations, times, notice
- given a passed plebiscite, approval of the new Irrigation Expansion Limit Bylaw

Continuation of Agenda**12.0 Farm Improvement Policy cont'd.**

A lengthy discussion was held in-camera on various clauses of the Farm Improvement Policy. It was the consensus of the Board to narrow some of the grant parameters as prescribed in the following motion.

2020-06-227 Moved by R. Owen that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised by:

- **clause B 1.0, decreasing drain and canal relocations from 75/25 cost-share up to \$50,000 maximum District contribution, to 50/50 cost-share up to \$50,000 maximum District contribution;**
 - **clause C 8.0, limiting eligible upgrades to those eligible under the government's CAP program;**
 - **clause C 9.0, eliminating "small low pressure pivot";**
 - **concluding C 8.0 and C 9.0 September 30, 2022, with no retroactive applications to be received;**
 - **clarifying that any acres which were terminable at some point are not eligible for a grant; and**
 - **decreasing the retroactive timeframe, when applicable, from 2 years to 1 year.**
- Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

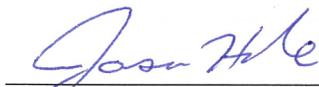
The Farm Improvement Policy can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

16.0 Upcoming Events

- 16.01 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 28th, 9:00 a.m.
- 16.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m.

[12:40 p.m. E. Wilson, R. Gagley, S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:40 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager