

March 9, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 9th day of March, 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.0 Enquiry regarding Limiting the Terms for Directors
- 8.05 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M
- 8.06 Snake Lake Reservoir
- 16.0 Provincial Parks

2020-03-065 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The January 28th & 29th minutes were amended and presented for approval; further clarification was made. The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 9.03, pg 6, "\$120,000" was replaced with "\$400,000".
- 9.03, pg 6, "and the landowner's preference and willingness for 1 of 2 delivery points to be removed and the other moved." was replaced with "It was clarified that the Landowner currently has 2 deliveries on this parcel; he is requesting that 1 delivery be moved (will be served by the pipeline) and is agreeing to the other being removed. As there is a cost-savings to the District in moving the delivery, this request was approved."
- Motion 2020-01-019, pg 7, "(\$400,000)" was inserted prior to "\$120,000".
- 9.03, pg 7, "The project cost was corrected later in the meeting after an error was noted by Engineering staff; a friendly amendment was then made to the motion. The vote remained the same after the amendment." was added after the motion.
- 12.06, pg 16: "A number of Directors indicated that they have planned, or will be planning, meetings in their divisions to gauge water users' input." was replaced with "One Director indicated that he will have a couple meetings in his division to gauge water users' input and others indicated obtaining feedback from their water users as well."

2020-03-066 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 February 18, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The February 18, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-03-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

Some discussion was held on limiting an increase in irrigation acres (purchasing of new development acres) on parcels consisting only of encroachment acres (ex. irrigation acres under an end gun from a pivot on an adjacent parcel). It was reviewed that the proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw speaks to this example in that the parcel with the encroachment acres could only be eligible for infill acres equivalent to the number of existing irrigation acres on that parcel as of December 31, 2019, and could also not exceed 50 new acres. This restriction, among others, is to be readdressed should a plebiscite be passed.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Discussion with Alex Ostrup, Chairman of SMRID – March 6th

Alex Ostrup, Director, St Mary River Irrigation District, was invited to share with the Board the method which SMRID used to distribute and sell new irrigation acres, the results of the process and any recommendations which may pertain to the EID. Mr. Ostrup advised that 4,000 irrigation acres were sold at \$1,800/acre by 8:00 a.m. the day following the approval to sell. The acres went to 14 landowners, on a first-come, first-served basis. I. Friesen and most of the Directors were in attendance for the discussion where a number of questions were answered, comparatives made and reasonings shared.

[9:33 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2020

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

- YTD revenues total about \$15.99 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$6.4 million.

2020-03-068 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:49 a.m. – 9:53 a.m. Short break; N. Lassiter exited the meeting, R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered.]

6.0 EIDNet

K. Bridges presented the following EIDNet Report.

6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major operational issues since the last report. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1, connecting the Brooks, One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary towers is in progress and affected landowners are being contacted.

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Currently, 4 of the 6 snowpack pillows being monitored which feed the Bow River basin continue to track above the upper quartile, another is at the top end of average and the other is sitting within the average range.

7.02 Set Water Delivery Date

With the current conditions, which are normal, and in expectation of a typical spring season, an earliest water delivery date for Friday May 8th was set. This date falls within the normal start time however conditions will be monitored, and the suitability of the date evaluated as necessary.

2020-03-069 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 8, 2020. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

Mud is causing an access problem along the ROWs for both pipeline construction teams. The north team is currently working on the E North Bantry pipeline, which should be completed about March 20th. This team will then move to the U-02 Tilley project. The southern crew has completed approximately 50% of the 06 Bow Slope pipeline. Substantial completion is expected on the 06 Bow Slope project during the first week in April. A number of questions were responded to.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- 70% complete, final cleanup remains
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 85% complete
U-02 Tilley Extension	-
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	- 45% complete
IRP PROJECT	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- 50% complete

8.02 Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

It was requested that this matter be discussed during the in-camera portion of the meeting.

8.03 Drain Relocation – South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gord Graham and John Graham) – SE 13-16-16 W4M

R. Summach advised that South Slope Feeders Ltd is requesting the drain in SE 13-16-16 W4M be relocated from severing the quarter from the NE to the SW, to the east and south boundaries. The drain will be 1,300 m in length and will be combined with the County road ditch. The project is estimated to cost \$144,300; of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering staff.

2020-03-070 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gord Graham and John Graham) in SE 13-16-16 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$144,300; of which the EID would pay \$50,000 and the Landowner would pay \$94,300 + GST. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill

Staff advised of the recent meeting with landowner representatives for the 01-C Springhill rehab project. In review of this matter, it was directed that the capital recovery charge, should the project be rehabbed again as a pressurized system, be reworked to adjust the ratios paid by irrigators and that by acreage owners, and to bring this information back to the Board later in the meeting.

[11:13 a.m. – 11:17 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, D. Buell, B. Doerksen entered.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

9.01.1 Request to Transfer Irrigated Lease #8251

Garry & Cherry MacLagan are requesting to transfer Irrigated Lease #8251 to Pedro Giesbrecht. Once the associated land sale transfer is complete and Mr. Giesbrecht is residing within District boundaries, projected to be March 31, 2020, he will meet all eligibility requirements.

2020-03-071 Moved by T. Hemsing that Irrigated Lease #8251 be transferred from Garry & Cherry MacLagan to Pedro Giesbrecht, upon meeting the District land ownership and residency requirements. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

D. Buell presented the following Habitat, Wildlife & Access Report.

9.02.1 2019 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2019 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented and discussed with Mr. Buell, outlined as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 282 individuals applied for hunting permission, which is the highest number on record
 - 14 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands, which is average
 - lands around Lake Newell, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir are popular in summer and still see some random camping and campfire violations; the south end of Lake Newell seeing increased activity
 - off-highway vehicle use occurs most frequently around the Eyremore gravel pit
 - highest use areas for hunting are Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) GAs
 - County Peace Officers are an effective enforcement presence and the District's portion of their time is directed to campgrounds and reservoirs in summer, high use hunting areas, problem areas such as 12 Mile Coulee, and ice fishing activities in winter; they have facilitated the removal of sunken ice shacks, maintain traffic and speed levels at RHRCG and are used alongside EID AIS teams to increase the official presence, as well as being available on-call for assistance in the program
 - Provincial Parks Conservation Officers focus on patrolling Patricia Grazing lands south of Dinosaur Park, around Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and on Lake Newell Reservoir
 - Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, and patrol the entire EID
 - central and eastern portions of the EID also see RCMP surveillance
 - 35 warnings/non-compliance information tickets were handed out, mostly for off-trail infractions, as well as for random camping and launching watercraft from unauthorized locations; 14 boats were also examined with 32 violations dealt with
 - it is intended to propose draft revisions for the Access Policy this spring
 - it is anticipated that the automated Hunting Access Authorization system via the District website be operational by September
- Signage:
 - most of the 2014 "Thanks to Irrigation" signs are in poor shape; the content and value will be assessed and if necessary a replacement program planned
- Research Access:
 - 9 non-EID, one-time or ongoing research projects were conducted on District lands, focusing on wildlife, endangered species or paleontology
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - a total of 24,725 ac ft of water was conveyed for DU projects; about average but at approximately 75% of their license
- Wildlife:
 - development of a Species of Importance database and mapping layer for EID lands will begin in 2020
- Aquatic Invasive Species:
 - County of Newell monitoring of Phragmites Australis sites continues
 - no evidence of invasive mussels was found this year
 - PHD crew and Bassano Dam summer students were utilized at Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir marinas, as well as secondary boat launches and smaller reservoirs for the AIS awareness program; about 75% of boaters spoken to were familiar with the threat of invasive mussels
 - staff training and public education on invasive mussels will continue

9.02.2 2019 PHD Program Summary

The Partners in Habitat Development Program Summary was presented, outlined as follows:

- 2019 PHD Program:
 - 4,428 trees & shrubs were planted on 8 new sites; 7 sites received fencing materials
 - 823 replacements were planted on six 2018 sites to replace winter kill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 14 sites
 - 2 rolls of mulch and 1 box of pins were provided to the TD Tree Days planting project at the Scandia Walking Trail
 - seedling survival was about 84%, average is 75%
 - 4 summer students were hired and in addition to planting and maintenance, drive-by inspections were conducted for 49 old sites, indicating a 75% survival rate
 - surveys and anecdotal observations on a variety of game birds showed fluctuating numbers, which could be due to a number of factors
- 2020 PHD Program:
 - 8 new sites have been selected for 2020, and 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides hired, at an estimated budget of \$130,000
 - 11,914 seedlings (bare root/soil plug) have been ordered (approx. 10,600 going to new habitat) and 800 for 2019 replacements; 120 rolls of mulch have also been ordered and at least 1.5 km of fencing materials will be provided
- 2021 PHD Program:
 - a Site Performance Deposit agreement will be used to reinforce landowner maintenance responsibilities
- Long Term Plans:
 - advertising is planned for 2021 to acquire sites for 2022 and beyond
 - as time and IT staff availability permits, the brochure and displays will be updated, map-based statistics (possibly connect PHD program with Ring-Necked Pheasant numbers in this area) will be amassed; and new or renewed funding opportunities/partnerships will continue to be explored

Directors supported replanting on old sites when there is a surplus of new stock.

9.03 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen, Land Administrator for Aquatic Invasive Species, presented the following AIS report.

9.03.1 AIS Prevention Program – 2019 Statistics

In response to a request from last meeting, the following statistics were presented as information. Further program data will be acquired as the program progresses.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – 2019 REGISTERED WATERCRAFT				
Registration Location	From Alberta	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total
Crawling Valley Reservoir	860	66	7	933
Lake Newell Resort Marina	121	4	1	126
Lake Newell Reservoir	709	57	8	774
Rolling Hills Reservoir	494	33	10	537
EID Office	171	7	0	178
Total	2,355	167	26	2,548

Registered watercraft includes sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, other non-motorized watercraft and float planes. Of the 2,548 total watercraft, 1,077

had boated within the District in the last 30 days and 1,278 had boated in Alberta in the last 30 days, prior to registering their watercraft within the District’s prevention program. One summer student has again been hired to assist wholly in the AIS Prevention Program; information reviews and annual training will be continued for all associated summer students and staff; and the 2020 program will be scheduled similar to what was conducted in 2019.

[11:32 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine, D. Buell, B. Doerksen exited the meeting; R. Volek, S. Connauton entered.]

9.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.04.1 Tender Results – PGL #7048 – E ½ 35-14-13 W4M and PGL #7123 – N ½ 23-14-13 W4M

Private Grazing Leases #7048 and #7123 were tendered out as 2 year permits, no minimum bids, with standard restrictions and requirements, except that there be no deductions if running cattle in a community lease and no 640 acre PGL limitation.

PGL #7048 2 Years 297 acres 55 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Alan Jones	\$2,930.00	\$53.27	\$146.50	\$3,076.50
Loren Weaver	\$2,812.00	\$51.13	\$140.60	\$2,952.60
Nelson Weaver	\$2,750.00	\$50.00	\$137.50	\$2,887.50
John Ketchmark	\$2,315.00	\$42.09	\$115.78	\$2,431.28
Marlin Maldaner	\$1,950.00	\$35.45	\$97.50	\$2,047.50
Chad Galbraith	\$1,400.00	\$25.45	\$70.00	\$1,470.00

PGL #7123 2 Years 297 acres 55 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Skrove Agro Services Ltd (Chad & Tamara Skrove)	\$4,000.00	\$66.67	\$200.00	\$4,200.00
Loren Weaver	\$3,662.00	\$61.03	\$183.10	\$3,845.10
Greg & Linnea Andrew	\$3,650.00	\$60.83	\$182.50	\$3,832.50
Alan Jones	\$3,196.00	\$53.27	\$159.80	\$3,355.80
Marlin Maldaner	\$3,150.00	\$52.50	\$157.50	\$3,307.50
John Ketchmark	\$3,083.40	\$51.39	\$154.17	\$3,237.57
Nelson Weaver	\$3,010.00	\$50.17	\$150.50	\$3,160.50
Chad Galbraith	\$1,500.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$1,575.00

2020-03-072 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that meeting all eligibility requirements and as high bidders through the tender process:

- **Alan Jones be awarded PGL #7048 – E ½ 35-14-13 W4M, and**
- **Skrove Agro Services Ltd (Chad & Tamara Skrove) be awarded PGL #7123 – N ½ 23-14-13 W4M.**

Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:36 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

9.05 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.05.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

9.05.1.1 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 February (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 232,722 >
March (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 93,000 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 726,630

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$759,132 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$421,238.

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 \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/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*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*arm, pivot, subsurface*)

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

9.05.1.2 Flood to Pivot w C/A – Grosfield Farms Ltd (Roy Grosfield and Andrew Grosfield)

– SW 15-20-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 142 acres flood
- Converting: 108 acres flood to pivot, 24 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 10 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (132 pivot with corner arm, 10 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-073 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Grosfield Farms Ltd (Roy Grosfield and Andrew Grosfield) for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot and 24 acres flood to corner arm in SW 15-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,800 (108 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre) less \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$22,600. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:39 a.m. T. Helsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*arm, pivot, 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 pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

9.05.1.3 Pivot Replacement w C/A – Helsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Helsing) – NW 11-15-14

- Current Assessment: 153 acres (116 wiper pivot, 37 flood)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm; 2 acres to be transferred to NE 02-15-14 W4M; keeping 19 acres outside pivot area
- New Assessment: 151 acres (116 pivot, 16 corner arm, 19 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-074 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 2 irrigation acres from NW 11-15-14 W4M, to NE 02-15-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Helsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Helsing). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-03-075 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Helsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Helsing) for the pivot replacement with corner arm in NW 11-15-14 W4M purchased for \$13,900. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,600 (116 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$9,500 (19 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$13,300. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.05.1.4 Panel, Nozzles, Pump & C/A – Helsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Helsing) – NE 02-15-14

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 148 acres pivot; 2 acres transferred in (motion 2020-03-074)
- Installing: panel, nozzles, pump & corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (135 pivot, 13 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-076 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Helsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Helsing) for the panel, nozzles, pump and corner arm in NE 02-15-14 W4M purchased for \$87,725. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,600. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.05.1.5 Corner Pivot – Tracy & Michele Helsing – E ½ 11-15-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 282 acres (237 pivot, 14 flood field, 31 acres outside pivot areas)
- Converting: 13 acres flood to corner pivot (18 acres remain outside; 1 acre already received funding)
- Assessment remains the same at 282 acres (237 pivot, 14 flood field, 13 corner pivot, 18 outside)
- Pivot areas in NE parcel have reached their maximum grant funding

2020-03-077 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Michele Hemsing for the corner pivot in E ½ 11-15-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) less \$100 (previous grant) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020-03-078 Moved by J. Hale that the deduction of \$500/acre applied December 2019 for NE 11-15-14 W4M be returned to Tracy & Michele Hemsing for 6 acres of new efficiencies; 6 acres x \$500/acre = \$3,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020-03-079 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt SE 11-15-14 W4M; all lands being owned by Tracy & Michele Hemsing. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:47 a.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting; D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.05.1.6 Panel – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – NE 10-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 60 acres
- Current Assessment: 110 acres wiper pivot (6 transferred in, 41 acres purchased; 2 acres transferred and 1 acre purchased for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 110 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-080 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for the pivot panel in NE 10-21-15 W4M purchased for \$11,221. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$6,600 (66 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:49 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

9.05.1.7 Pump, Nozzles & C/A – Richard & Gail Volek – SW 28-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 149 acres (12 acres transferred in, motion 2019-09-248)
- Installing: corner arm and pivot replacement parts
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-081 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Gail Volek for the pump, nozzles and corner arm in SW 28-16-13 W4M purchased for \$98,560. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$17,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020-03-082 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$200/acre applied September 2004 for SW 28-16-13 W4M be returned to Richard & Gail Volek for 7 acres of new efficiencies; 7 acres x \$200/aces = \$1,400. Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.05.2 General Assessment Update

Over 90% of landowners have resolved assessment matters on their lands. Some landowners are currently in the process of reconciling their parcels and others will need to adjust their infrastructure as their projects cannot be approved for various reasons. For those who have made no attempt to reconcile their assessment, letters started to go out last week notifying landowners that there will be water shut-offs to the affected parcel(s).

[12:02 p.m. – 12:37 p.m. Lunch break.]

10.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

In follow up to a number of previous Board discussions, a proposed new Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was presented at February's meeting. This bylaw is intended for the remaining approximate 3,500 irrigation acres available before reaching the 311,000 expansion limit. After considerable discussion, a rate for up to 50 efficiency and infill acres (\$750) and exceeding 50 (\$1,750) were passed. Consensus was gained on several other points of the bylaw and 1st reading was approved.

The bylaw was presented at the March meeting showing confirmation of decisions and requested revisions from the previous meeting. Through further discussion, one last revision was requested prior to the 2nd reading.

2020-03-083 Moved by B. Chrumka that prior to 2nd reading of Bylaw #938 (2020), the presented revisions to the proposed bylaw be approved which:

- **increases the rate to convert from terminable acres to irrigation acres, from \$100/acre to \$250/acre;**
- **maintains the prior rates (\$300 and \$700) for any remaining General Assessment adjustments, until expiry deadline;**
- **sets the expiry deadline for prior General Assessment rates for April 30th, or June 30th if waiting on soils testing results;**
- **allows the 21 Farm Improvement or infill applications in queue, received by January 29, 2020, to be presented for approval at the bylaw rates at that time (\$300 and \$700);**
- **retains the 75/25 cost-share program for new infrastructure, but more closely defines the parameters;**
- **increases the minimum amount to qualify for a term payment loan, from \$2,500 to \$5,000;**
- **includes an annual review clause for the bylaw and rates; and**
- **increases the amount that the District will pay to purchase irrigation acres from \$1,000/acre to \$2,500/acre;**

And that the proposed bylaw be further amended by:

- **replacing 6.0(b)(iii) with "the District will provide the irrigator with a detailed written quote that shows the irrigator's share of the total project cost and, prior to the District purchasing any materials or commencing work on the project, the irrigator must agree, by signed agreement, to pay his share of the project cost to the District on or before the due date for payment of such cost as determined by the District."**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing

OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt

- 2020-03-084 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #938 (2020) be read the second time this 9th day of March, 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt**
- 2020-03-085 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #938 (2020) being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt**

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

11.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

The proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw (2020) had been presented and discussed with Directors over the last several months, receiving 1st and 2nd readings at the February meeting. This Bylaw replaces the "Increase in Irrigation Acres Policy (2018)", is also intended for the approx. 3,500 irrigation acres remaining and would need to be replaced with a new bylaw should a plebiscite be passed. The bylaw sets parameters for the process of approving increases, decreases or transfers of irrigation acres.

The bylaw was presented at the March meeting showing revisions pertaining to applications which involve irrigating a portion of County road allowances, with Admin and Staff responding to a number of questions.

- 2020-03-086 Moved by B. Chrumka that prior to 3rd reading of Bylaw #937 (2020), the presented revisions to the proposed bylaw be approved which:**
- allow for conditional approval of applications involving irrigating a portion of County of Newell road allowances, which would be fully satisfied upon the applicant obtaining written consent from the County.**
- Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-03-087 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #937 (2020) being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rules and Procedures Governing an Application for an Increase or Decrease in Irrigation Acres and to an Application to Transfer Irrigation Acres, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Irrigation Acres Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

12.0 Enquiry regarding Limiting the Terms for Directors

A Director stated that he is hearing comment on limiting the number of terms that a Director can hold on the Board, citing a district that has limitations in place. Admin reviewed that when this matter was brought up at an earlier AGM, advice from legal counsel was obtained which advised that it is not within a district's ability to set term limits; the IDA sets out who can be nominated and any district policy or bylaw would be an attempt to override that statute. Admin further advised that the district with limitations in place is not confident that they could hold up to a challenge.

[1:30 p.m. – 1:33 p.m. Short break.]

2020-03-088 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Farm Improvement Policy

[2:02 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Gagley entered.]

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill cont'd.

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

8.06 Snake Lake Reservoir

8.02 Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

14.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations

15.0 Staffing Update

16.0 Provincial Parks

2020-03-089 Moved by T. Hensing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

13.0 Farm Improvement Policy

Mr. Friesen requested a refocus on the Farm Improvement Policy, and any other policies as necessary, to realign any matters that are currently causing confusion between water users, staff and Directors. A review by Directors, with confirmation or adjustments of details, will give clear understanding to water users and enable staff to efficiently carry out their responsibilities. Directors were encouraged to bring back any policy matters for discussion. A Director requested to bring back the FI Policy along with the list of acceptable upgrades for discussion.

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill cont'd.

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

8.06 Snake Lake Reservoir

[2:35 p.m. – 2:37 p.m. Short break.]

8.02 Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

A letter is to be forwarded to Anderson Farms Ltd. fully explaining the matter and including a breakdown of project costs.

14.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations

It was requested to make the following additions to the AGM agenda:

- Greetings from the provincial government via Nate Horner, MLA for Drumheller-Stettler
- Capital Assets Charges Table

It was also suggested to forward a letter to the current Minister of Environment & Parks regarding the Bassano Spur Ditch.

15.0 Staffing Update

16.0 Provincial Parks

Direction given to Admin and Staff.

Continuation of the Agenda

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill cont'd.

Engineering Staff presented the reworked capital recovery surcharge amounts during the in-camera portion of the meeting. It was directed that these amounts be presented to the affected irrigators.

~~2020-03-090 Moved by B. Chrumka that irrigation customers who will be served by the proposed 01-C Springhill pressure pipeline replacement project be advised, if this project is constructed:~~

- ~~• Each customer served by the project will pay a capital surcharge, as detailed below, in each year for 30 years following completion of the project:

 - ~~○ for each irrigation acre, acre subject to a terminable agreement, acre subject to an annual agreement or acre subject to a conveyance agreement, the surcharge will be \$11.50 per acre; and~~
 - ~~○ for each household purposes agreement, rural water use agreement or other purposes agreement, the surcharge will be \$300.00 per agreement.~~~~
- ~~• The above noted capital surcharges will be charged in addition to any other rate, fee, surcharge or other charge that may be applicable including the operation and maintenance surcharge and the electricity surcharge.~~

~~Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-06-193]~~

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 10 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.02 | Nominations Close – Div 1 & 5 | - Wednesday, March 11 th , 5:00 p.m. |

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| 17.03 | Meeting with Minister McIver | - Wed, March 11 th , 1:30 p.m., McDougall Centre, Calgary
<i>[MLA Glasgo & Bow Bloc Reps]</i> |
| 17.04 | Election – Division 5 (Scandia/Rainier) | - Tues., April 7 th , Rainier Comm., Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| 17.05 | Organizational & Regular Meetings | - Tuesday, April 14 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.06 | 2020 AIDA Inter-District Tour | - Wednesday, June 3 rd , United Irrigation District |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:25 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager