

May 26, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of May 2020. Those in attendance 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Harold & Theresa Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M
- 4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society
- 7.0 Governance Training
- 7.01 Vision and Mission Statements
- 7.02 Limiting the Terms for Directors
- 9.0 HALO Air Ambulance
- 11.03 Seiu Lake
- 11.04 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M
- 11.05 Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – S ½ 22-15-15 W4M
- 17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update

Mr. Friesen confirmed that matters pertaining to the irrigation expansion limit plebiscite are planned for the June meeting.

2020-05-153 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 14, 2020 Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-05-154 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the April 14, 2020 Organizational and Regular Board Meetings be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Harold & Theresa Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

D. Jacobson indicated that he will be meeting with Harold Brauer the next day. A proposal from Mr. Brauer may be presented at the June meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

J. Hale reported on a recent CVRS Meeting he attended, advising that Crawling Valley Campground will be open June 1st, including most of the seasonal sites and daily rental sites. The office will be open with adaptations; however, campers will have to use their own facilities as the bathrooms and shower building will not be open. AHS health precautions and regulations will be adhered to and advisory signs posted.

5.0 Annual General Meeting

5.01 Review of March 10, 2020 AGM Draft Minutes

Directors were given opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 10, 2020 AGM. M. Koochin advised that [primary] be inserted on page 3, third sentence of the last paragraph, prior to "mandate" to clarify the discussion point between Mr. Slenders and Mr. Owen concerning EIDNet.

2020-05-155 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Draft Minutes of the March 10, 2020 AGM be posted on the District website. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

6.01 Board Powers and Governance – Draft Summary

In follow up to the April 14th meeting, M. Koochin presented a draft summary of an irrigation district's board powers and governance as authorized under the *Irrigation Districts Act*. A district's primary purposes, the Minister's powers under the IDA, responsibilities of Irrigation Council, and a district's formation of mandatory and discretionary bylaws were summarized. Information was also provided on the right for a board to direct management and staff to research, evaluate and prepare information on policies, rules and procedures for a board's consideration and approval. Admin responded to a couple questions and further advised it may add to the summary once governance training has occurred, prior to posting the finalized summary on the website.

7.0 Governance Training

A sample agenda for a proposed 2 day governance training session was distributed to Directors. Mr. Friesen advised that the agenda would be customized to what the Directors are looking for and that flexibility is offered for dates, times and format. Several options were discussed; no dates were confirmed as yet.

7.01 Vision and Mission Statements

B. Schmidt had requested that Vision and Mission Statements be added to the agenda, distributing a sample description of each and examples from the irrigated agriculture industry. A short discussion was held. This item is to be added to the June meeting; Directors and Admin were encouraged to bring ideas and examples for collaboration.

7.02 Limiting the Terms for Directors

D. Jacobson had requested an opportunity to put forward a motion under governance matters. Mr. Jacobson stated that it was one of his primary campaign platforms to impose Board limits, he is aware of what the IDA says and believes it to be silent on the matter.

2020-05-156 Moved by D. Jacobson that we limit Board terms to 4 terms of 3 years to a maximum of 12 years and that this policy apply to all currently sitting Board Members. The sole exception to this is: if a Board Member is Chairman in his or her 4th term he or she may seek a 5th term not as Chair but to sit as a regular Board Member and be a mentor to the upcoming Chairman.

Statements opposing the motion: SMRID with a similar policy in place is not confident that it would hold up to a challenge; the motion eliminates part of the democratic process; 4 new directors have been elected in the last 2 elections; it is important for water users to elect the representative that they want; people have run against incumbents; any eligible water user can get a nomination and run for a Directorship; for meaningful change the election process would need to be changed; legal opinion has advised that it is not within an irrigation district's authority to limit who can run; and some continuity on the Board is beneficial.

Statements supporting the motion: it is important to have change on the Board as the District moves along; reluctance to run against an incumbent; vested power plays can happen without new Directors; refreshing the Board and represents what's happening in irrigated agriculture; SMRID has a similar policy; the reason for the possibility of a 5th term (for the ex-chair) is for continuity; and this matter has been brought up at AGMs and in Board discussions.

The motion was seconded by B. Schmidt.

Recapping statements opposing the motion: it is not within an irrigation district's jurisdiction to trump the democratic process; legal opinion has spoken against the ability to impose term limits; the motion is not enforceable as it would fail upon a challenge; not all water users attend AGMs to give their opinion; the IDA speaks to the eligibility to run for Directorship; and the democratic process should be upheld.

Recapping statements supporting the motion: a suggestion was made to pose the question of term limits to water users through a plebiscite "Question to Users"; the Board should listen to water users at the AGM who want Directors revolving in and out of the Board; the EID can have a policy in this regard; and it is felt that the province is moving in the direction of limiting terms.

J. Hale called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer

Admin were directed to draft policy representing the motion.

[10:16 a.m. – 10:21 a.m. Short break; N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

8.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

8.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2020

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

- YTD revenues total about \$26.82 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$16.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$10.24 million.

2020-05-157 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2020

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2020 was \$4,889,256 or 5.10% less than the book value at September 30, 2019.

1st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$18,770,000	\$9,050,000
IRP – Short Term	\$4,150,000	\$4,800,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$6,700,000
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

2020-05-158 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2020

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

2020-05-159 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04 Appointment of Auditor

In order to secure a firm to conduct the audit of the District’s 2020 financial statements, an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented for consideration. A short discussion was held on the benefits of retaining the same auditor as in recent years and the option of receiving competitors’ quotes.

2020-05-160 Moved by D. Peltzer that the engagement letter, dated May 21, 2020 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District’s 2020 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:54 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

9.0 HALO Air Ambulance

A call was received May 13th from Dale Thacker, HALO Air Ambulance Board Chair, notifying the EID of the inevitability of terminated HALO services in 2 months unless the Provincial Government commits to annual funding support. Mr. Thacker thanked the EID for its emergency funding last August and was contacting past and current sponsors as a courtesy prior to a news release, also welcoming any lobbying on their behalf. A short discussion was held.

2020-05-161 Moved by B. Chrumka that a letter be forwarded to the Province in support of annual government funding for HALO Air Ambulance. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

10.01 Snowpack Report

The recent rainfall event fell as snow in some of the mountain snow pillows. Snowpack levels for the Bow Basin remain above or within the upper quartile as of May 19th, however levels appear to have crested and are beginning to drop.

[11:00 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

10.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Although water startup was compressed due to the inclement spring weather, the system is up and running and met the May 8th start date, with the usual leaks being fixed on systems as they arose. Reservoirs are largely at the upper end of operating levels (FSL), except Snake Lake which is approximately 3 m lower than normal. This reservoir will be raised slowly over the next month to monitor the repair done this past winter/spring.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	May 2020	May 2019
Water Diverted to Date	75,100 ac ft (2.96"/acre)	70,400 ac ft (2.77"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	-	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	1 – 424	7 – 430
Parcels Using Over 12"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	278,700 ac ft	277,200 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

10.03 Future Water Delivery Date Discussions

Over the last number of years there have been requests, particularly in the south parts of the District, for an earlier water delivery date. The date averaged over the last 20 years is May 7th but has been as early as April 25th and as late as May 14th. Since Ghost Reservoir is now lowered at the beginning

of April, flows have increased at this time of the year and have lowered the risk of early shortages. With this in mind, Mr. Friesen asked if the Board would like to consider a standard set day or week to aid in producer planning, if the date should be earlier in some areas, or if the date should continue to be set annually. Concerns of frost damage, spring maintenance completion, and weather variability were weighed against a set date. It was acknowledged that the District has been predicting and reacting well to producer demand and that the Water Delivery Date should continue to be evaluated and set on an annual basis by assessing current local weather and soil conditions and the readiness of the delivery system.

11.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

11.01 2019/2020 Construction Season Project Status and Costs to Date

Thanks to the efforts of the EID construction teams and their hard work this winter, all projects are complete and ready for the water season. There is still the typical amount of cleanup on these projects, which is currently underway. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
	Estimate	Actual	% Complete	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
West Bantry	\$911,000	\$512,000	70% of Phase 1	- 2.3 km of 3.4 km completed
PIPELINE				
E North Bantry	\$7,116,000	\$6,600,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
U-02 Tilley	\$120,000	\$61,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
STRUCTURES				
19/20 Structure Program	\$1,600,000	\$1,380,000	100%	- 8 structures will be carried over to 20/21
IRP PROJECTS				
EARTHWORKS				
06 Bow Slope	\$4,511,000	\$4,257,000	100%	- final cleanup remains

11.02 Video for Discussion – Crapo Drain

Drone video footage was shown of a drain in the Gem area, Twp 23 Rge 16, commonly referred to as the Crapo Drain. Landowner concerns were raised over an 800 m stretch with severe cut and sluffing. Slope stability, vegetation, cut, ROW lines, water users’ land and infrastructure, conceivable repairs and a rough cost approximation were discussed. Mr. Gagley was directed to have another discussion with the affected landowner(s) advising of possible repairs and outcomes, and that the drain will be monitored over the next few years to see if there is any change occurring.

11.03 Seiu Lake

J. Hale informed that a landowner outside of the District contacted him to see if the EID would be interested in obtaining additional water from a spring fed lake adjacent to his lands. Seiu lake, west of Finnegan Ferry and NE of Hussar, is dammed at both ends and due to high water levels landowners have lost considerable acres. Through Board discussion it was suggested as the best course of action

that the landowners contact Alberta Environment to discuss regulatory requirements and if allowed to possibly conduct a partial emergency discharge, and likely NE to the Red Deer River.

11.04 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

D. Jacobson had asked to discuss the Justin Tateson drain relocation project, increase in irrigation acres application and delivery system capacity. Admin confirmed that the corner arm in NW 04-15-15 W4M was conditionally approved in error, however the pivot infill was approved and with the approved but not yet constructed drain relocation, will be able to run full circle. The landowner has been informed that this system is fully maximized and no further capacity is available for a corner arm.

[12:10 p.m. – 12:39 p.m. Lunch break.]

11.05 Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – S ½ 22-15-15 W4M

T. Hemsing asked to include a discussion on the Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant approved last month for S & K Farms Ltd in comparison to the U-02 rehab project approved in January. Stephen Anderson's request, project particulars, U-02 rehab project, and District policies were reviewed.

The Farm Improvement Policy – section A. Infrastructure Grant is applicable to requests from landowners, on the landowner's timeline, for improvement or reduction of the District's infrastructure. 50/50 cost-share grants are available up to \$15,000 per quarter section. It was the Farm Improvement Policy that most closely aligned to Stephen Anderson's request where near-term and long-term savings were considered towards the cost-share.

The U-02 rehab project was approved under the District's capital rehabilitation program. Under this program projects are recommended by Operations Staff and, when through subsequent discussions with landowners at the time of the project, a request is made that saves the District money, it may be incorporated into the project. U-02 was designed to save the District money by reducing the total length of District infrastructure by approximately 400 m, eliminating a turnout and decreasing future maintenance.

As further clarity, the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy is applicable for when the District is undertaking an infrastructure rehabilitation project on the EID's timeline. Landowners who agree to convert to pivot irrigation at this time may be eligible for a \$20,000 grant. As well, landowners who request to have a delivery moved which improves their farm operations, the District may agree to cost-share the additional construction costs 50/50, up to \$20,000.

The Farm Improvement Policy and Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy are posted on the District website. Further clarification on these and other policies can be obtained by contacting Admin.

11.06 01-C Springhill

Mr. Gagley updated Directors that a letter from the Board has been drafted for 01-C Springhill water users but has not been sent, requesting further direction on the matter. T. Hemsing advised of a meeting held since the last Board Meeting in which a few Directors were invited by the landowners. The project was discussed at length once again by the Board and Admin, with no change in direction as this point. It was requested that information be obtained regarding a lift station in another district, to aid in further discussions.

[2:02 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

12.0 EIDNet

12.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major operational issues since the last report. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1 is in progress; agreements have been sent to landowners and negotiations are ongoing.

13.0 Lands

13.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

13.01.1 Letters from Cardinal Energy Ltd and Journey Energy Inc

Letters were received from Cardinal Energy Ltd and Journey Energy Inc requesting a percentage reduction in compensation payments (Cardinal for inactive wells, Journey for all wells), and an adjustment to assessing loss of use and adverse effect. It was the consensus of the Board to not accept the proposals.

13.01.2 Campgrounds & Provincial Parks Update

Similar to the CVRS Report at the beginning of the meeting, Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground will be operating by AHS guidelines, at 50% capacity, day use only, with group areas and playground closed but open access to the beach areas. The shower house and flush toilets will be closed, one person at a time will be allowed in the campground office and staff will have PPE supplied for their use. It was thought that operating at 50% capacity would allow greater success in adhering to AHS precautions, monitoring capacities, conducting extra cleaning, and adapting to any changes in provincial guidelines. Kinbrook Island Provincial Park will be carrying out similar protocol.

13.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

13.02.1 JBS Request for Emergency Discharge / TIW Application – Update

In follow up to their April 14th request for an emergency discharge of treated industrial wastewater (TIW), JBS was offered the District's preferred option of installing a temporary section pivot on Sec 08-20-15 W4M for use this summer. A number of conditions, additional lands and other options were also included in the letter. The District had approved an emergency discharge option after the irrigation season if EID lands are maximized for TIW application and other conditions are met, however, Alberta Environment & Parks are now requiring additional regulatory requirements for an emergency discharge, which JBS cannot complete for this fall. If the section pivot option is approved by AEP, it is anticipated that JBS will install a temporary pivot and mainline and begin application of TIW around June 15th.

13.02.2 Newell Grazing – Request for Corral Improvement Loan

The Newell Grazing Association is requesting a \$20,000 loan amortized over 10 years to construct free standing metal corrals in SE 27-17-14 W4M. In 2006, the District approved to set interest at 0%

and amortization at a maximum of 10 years, for loans approved for building corrals. Interest on loans for repairs of corrals or fences has been set at 5%.

2020-05-162 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Newell Grazing Association request for a \$20,000 loan at 0% interest, for a 10 year term, to construct new corrals in SE 27-17-14 W4M. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:23 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Short break. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

13.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

13.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

13.03.1.1 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 April (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 355,922 >
May (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 137,755 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 558,675

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$654,358 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$649,212.

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*) 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.

13.03.1.2 Wheels to Pivot with C/A – Daryl & Heidi Dyck – SE 30-20-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres wheels
- Current Assessment: 136 acres wheels (5 acres added for general assessment)

- Converting: 110 acres wheels to wiper pivot and 18 acres wheels to corner arm; keeping 8 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (136 pivot, 8 outside)

2020-05-163 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daryl & Heid Dyck for the conversion of 110 acres wheels to wiper pivot and 18 acres wheels to corner arm in SE 30-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,000 (110 acres x \$100/acre) + \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) less \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$19,600. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.3 Flood to Pivot and Corner Pivot – Allen Lutes – Pt NW, Pt SE & NE 26-20-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 196 acres
- Current Assessment: 200 acres (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Converting: 49 acres flood to wiper pivot and 11 acres flood to corner pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 200 acres (137 pivot, 49 wiper pivot & 14 corner pivot)

2020-05-164 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Allen Lutes for the conversion of 49 acres flood to pivot and 11 acres flood to corner pivot in Pt NW & NE 26-20-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,900 (49 acres x \$100/acre) + \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$12,600. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

13.03.1.4 Pump & Panel – Brookside Farms Ltd (John R. Dyck, Thomas Dyck, John & Gisela Dyck); 310862 AB Ltd (John & Charlotte Dyck); and John & Charlotte Dyck – Pt Sec 11-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 321 acres
- Current Assessment: 323 acres (2 acres added in NW 11 for general assessment)
- Installing: pumps & panels; keeping 18 acres outside pivot areas;
the deduction in the NE negates the corresponding grant
- Assessment remains the same at 323 acres (255 large wiper pivot, 50 small wiper pivot, 18 outside pivot areas)

2020-05-165 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brookside Farms Ltd, 310862 AB Ltd and John & Charlotte Dyck for the pumps and panels upgrade in Pt Sec 11-19-14 W4M purchased for \$36,460. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$27,600 (276 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$22,600. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.5 Pump & Panel – Brookside Farms Ltd (John R. Dyck, Thomas Dyck, John & Gisela Dyck) – N ½ 14-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 242 acres (132 NW pivot, 76 NE pivot, 12 acres outside pivot areas; plus 13 acres SE pivot and 9 acres annual agreement)
- Installing: pumps & panels; keeping 12 acres outside pivot areas
- Assessment remains the same at 242 acres

2020-05-166 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brookside Farms Ltd for the pumps and panels upgrade in N ½ 14-19-14 W4M purchased for \$39,108. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$20,800 (208 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,000 (12 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$14,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.6 Pump & Nozzles – John & Charlotte Dyck – SW 14-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 147 acres (135 pivot, 9 acres outside, 3 acres SE pivot)
- Previous Grant: \$9,645 (motion 2017-09-308)
- Previous Deduction: \$1,500 (motion 2017-09-308)
- Installing: pump & nozzles; keeping 9 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres

2020-05-167 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Charlotte Dyck for the pump and nozzles upgrade in SW 14-19-14 W4M purchased for \$13,595. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,645 (previous grant) = \$3,855. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-05-168 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied September 2017 be returned to John & Charlotte Dyck for 3 acres of new efficiencies in SW 14-19-14 W4M; 3 acres x \$500/acre = \$1,500. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.7 Nozzles – Chris & Marg Schmidt – SE 21-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres
- Current Assessment: 132 acres (1 acre added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$7,500
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot

2020-05-169 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chris & Marg Schmidt for the nozzles upgrade in SE 21-16-16 W4M purchased for \$10,740. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$5,600. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.8 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Erik & Cornelia Versteegen – SW 26-14-13 W4M to NE 06-15-13 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 10 acres from SW 26-14-13 W4M to NE 06-15-13 W4M. to accommodate a new pivot and corner arm. 2 acres are to be exchanged for a Rural Water Use Purposes agreement on a new subdivision in NE 05-15-13 W4M, and 2 acres are to be purchased to complete the project in NE 06.

2020-05-170 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigation acres from SW 26-14-13 W4M to NE 06-15-13 W4M; all lands owned by Erik & Corneila Versteegen. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.9 Return of Deduction - Erik Versteegen – SW 26-14-13 W4M

As a grant deduction was previously applied to the 10 acres in SW 26-14-13 W4M, now transferred to NE 06-15-13 W4M under pivot, the acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-05-171 Moved by R. Owen that the deduction of \$500/acre applied March 2019 be returned to Erik Versteegen for 10 acres of new efficiencies in NE 06-15-13 W4M, transferred from SW 26-14-13 W4M; 10 acres x \$500/acre = \$5,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.10 Pivot Replacement w/CA – Erik & Cornelia Versteegen – NE 06-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 135 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (8 acres transferred in, 2020-05-170, 2 acres needed)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-172 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik & Cornelia Versteegen for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in NE 06-15-13 W4M purchased for \$151,729. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,100. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (2 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.11 Pivot Replacement - Erik Versteegen – SE 08-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 149 acres (4 acres added for general assessment, 2 acres needed)
- Installing: corner arm pivot replacement
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-173 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik Versteegen for the corner arm pivot replacement in SE 08-15-13 W4M purchased for \$151,529. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$14,500 (145 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (2 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.12 Panel & CA – Albert & Freida Zagorsky, Mark Zagorsky – NW 11-18-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres (11 acres added for irrigation development in 2020)
- Current Assessment: 149 acres pivot
- Installing: panel and corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres, all under corner arm pivot.

2020-05-174 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Albert & Freida Zagorsky and Mark Zagorsky for the panel and corner arm upgrade in NW 11-18-14 W4M purchased for \$89,526. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) + \$2,100 (3 acres x \$700/acre) = \$15,600. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications Received After January 29, 2020

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.

13.03.1.13 1742044 AB Ltd (Grada & Jan Drost) – NE 27-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 149 acres pivot & wiper pivot
- Current Assessment: 126 (23 acres sold back as part of prior farm improvement)

- Proposal: add corner arm; 11 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 137 acres, all under pivot & corner arm wiper pivot

2020-05-175 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1742044 AB Ltd for 11 infill acres in NE 27-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,250 (11 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.14 1742044 AB Ltd (Grada & Jan Drost) – Pt Sec 22 & Pt N ½ 15-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 237 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 296 (46 acres purchased and 13 acres transferred in)
- Proposal: add 2 corner arms; 38 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 334 acres, all under 2 corner arm pivots

2020-05-176 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1742044 AB Ltd for 38 infill acres in Pt Sec 22 & Pt N ½ 15-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$28,500 (38 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.15 John & Betty Giesbrecht – SE 14-14-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 118 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 134 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-177 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Betty Giesbrecht for 16 infill acres in SE 14-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (16 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Since both SE and NE 14-14-14 W4M now have separate deliveries, the Irrigable Unit tying these parcels together may be discharged.

2020-05-178 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on E ½ 14-14-14 W4M; all lands being owned by John & Betty Giesbrecht. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.16 John & Betty Giesbrecht – NE 14-14-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 130 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-179 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Betty Giesbrecht for 16 infill acres in NE 14-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (16 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.17 Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht – Pt NE 04 & Pt SE 09-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 138 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 23 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 161 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-180 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht for 23 infill acres in Pt NE 04 & Pt SE 09-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$17,250 (23 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.18 Darryl Graham – SE 11-21-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 80 acres flood
- Proposal: 92 acre wiper pivot; 12 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to high pressure pivot, 80 acres x 1.30 = 24 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 92 acres, all under high pressure wiper pivot

2020-05-181 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Darryl Graham for 12 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to high pressure wiper pivot in SE 11-21-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,000 (12 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.19 Jacob Ketchmark – NE 16-17-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 78 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 94 acre wiper pivot; 16 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 94 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: pivot center to be moved

2020-05-182 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacob Ketchmark for 16 infill acres in NE 16-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (16 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – Ronald & Michelle Gietz – W ½ 12-18-14 W4M

Within W ½ 12-18-14 W4M, a wheels field and pivot share a single delivery and the pivot straddles the quarter section line, requiring that an Irrigable Unit be placed on both quarters.

2020-05-183 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 12-18-14 W4M; all lands being owned by Ronald & Michelle Gietz. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-05-184 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:50 p.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

14.0 Farm Improvement Policy

[4:04 p.m. – 4:08 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Moen and J. Kabut entered.]

12.0 EIDNet cont'd.**12.02 EIDNet and Fibre Project Presentation**

[4:47 p.m. R. Moen and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

15.0 Solar Krafte**16.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update****17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update**

2020-05-185 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**14.0 Farm Improvement Policy**

As part of its annual review, a number of evaluating points were posed to Directors and the Farm Improvement Policy was discussed at length. Admin will draft a revised policy as per Director input to be brought back for further consideration, which will include decreasing or eliminating some grant options, and adding end clauses and budget restraints.

12.0 EIDNet cont'd.**12.02 EIDNet and Fibre Project Presentation**

Detailed information on EIDNet and the fibre upgrade project was provided to Directors, with a number of questions being answered by staff. Admin advised that discussions should be held at a later date regarding further opportunities.

15.0 Solar Krafte

M. Koochin updated the Board as to the status of Solar Krafte negotiations.

16.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

I. Friesen updated the Board as to the status of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. The Board confirmed Admin direction.

17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update

Rod Johnson’s access issue to water from Snake Lake Reservoir was brought back for discussion at the request of B. Schmidt. The contracted mitigation work, at the direction of Mr. Johnson, has been completed and the matter was reviewed by the Board.

Continuation of the Agenda

17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update cont’d.

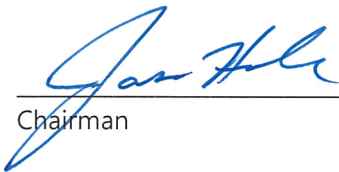
It was confirmed that the Farm Improvement funds referenced in motion 2019-12-335 are still available to Rod Johnson, for the improvements and repairs made to his reservoir pump site.

[6:18 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 6:18 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager