

November 24, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of November 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 item was added to the agenda:

- 6.02 EID Presentation in Acadia Valley

As there was a 3-year commitment previously approved, the following item was removed from the agenda:

- Request for Funding – Bow River Basin Council

Admin advised that the scheduled conference call has been moved to 9:05 a.m., and D. Jacobson requested that the Permit to Trail Cattle item be held in-camera.

2020-11-349 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-350 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services**2.01 Commercial Update**

[9:04 a.m. M. Hegedus joined with the meeting via conference call.]

9:05 a.m. Mike Hegedus, PwC Law LLP

[9:54 a.m. M. Hegedus disconnected.]

[10:09 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

3.01 Information to Water Users – Review Draft

3.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft

3.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft

3.04 Capital Assets Bylaw #944 – Review Draft

[10:40 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

2.01 Commercial Update cont'd

[11:03 a.m. J. Surgenor and G. Tiffin entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer – Brooks Region, and Geoff Tiffin, Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering – County of Newell re Pathways and Commercial Update

[12:15 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; J. Surgenor and G. Tiffin exited the meeting.]

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

2.01 Commercial Update cont'd

[1:42 p.m. – 1:47 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

2.02 Rotational Water Delivery Discussion

[2:28 p.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Grazing

9.01.6 Permit to Trail Cattle

[2:29 p.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[3:04 p.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin and W. Enns rejoined the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

2020-11-351 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**2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****2.01 Commercial Update cont'd****9:05 a.m. Mike Hegedus, PwC Law LLP cont'd****3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd****3.01 Information to Water Users – Review Draft cont'd**

It was requested to add the corresponding numerical ranges for the application rating categories listed on page 14. The amended copy will be forwarded to Directors for final review prior to mailing around the first week in December. Suggestions on how to hold public meetings were discussed.

3.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft cont'd**3.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft cont'd****3.04 Capital Assets Bylaw #944 – Review Draft cont'd****2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****2.01 Commercial Update cont'd****11:00 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer – Brooks Region, and Geoff Tiffin, Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering – County of Newell re Pathways and Commercial Update****2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****2.01 Commercial Update cont'd****2.02 Rotational Water Delivery Discussion cont'd**

This matter may be brought back in subsequent years when assessing irrigation applications.

9.0 Lands**9.01 Grazing****9.01.6 Permit to Trail Cattle**

It was directed that the Permit to Trail Cattle be discussed at the next GAC Meeting.

Continuation of the Agenda**9.01 Grazing cont'd**

R. Volek presented the remaining Grazing Report.

9.01.1 2020 Grazing Season Summary

Due to the dry conditions in the south part of the District in 2018 and 2019, the maximum listing was reduced to 70 head and more cattle were stocked in the north to allow south pastures some rest. All parts of the District benefitted from excellent spring and summer rainfall and an extended grazing season to October 24th was approved. Total cattle placed on community pastures was 15,553 head; a decrease of 1,566 head from 2019. Total AUM was 79,888; down from 82,300 in 2019. Membership increased slightly to 256. Spring runoff was very good, however waterline maintenance costs increased due to cold weather damage in early October 2019, some aging components, and additions to the waterline infrastructure. Waterline projects consisted of 15 km of poly lines, 11 water tanks and 3 dugouts being installed throughout the Bantry, Newell, Duchess and Gem grazing leases. 3 dugouts, 2 water tanks and 35 km of fencing were also installed throughout the Rosemary, Patricia and Gem leases. 5 dams were removed for Ducks Unlimited reclamation, with 2 new District dugouts being installed to date for water storage replacement. Pasture on the Kitsim pivots and old flood dryland had excellent grass growth, providing grazing for 350 cow/calf pairs for almost 4 months on the pivots, and 5 weeks of grazing in total on the dryland. There were no grass fires on EID pastureland; in September the District's fireguard prevented a fire on private dryland stubble north of Eyremore Grazing from spreading into District land. Fireguard maintenance was challenged by spring runoff, rain, and wind, but by late June all fireguards had been sprayed and some follow up spraying was also done in later summer. A combination of hand pulling, spraying, mowing, and monitoring continues to be used and is effective in controlling identified Downy Brome sites. JBS was approved to apply treated industrial wastewater (TIW) through a temporary pivot on Sec 08-21-15 W4M; 4.7" was applied on 469 acres. JBS has indicated that they may need land again for this purpose in 2021. 1,700 acres of reseeded tame pasture in Newell Grazing had mixed results with good and poor germination, and gophers that consumed a lot of the new growth. Consultation will be held on how to proceed with this project. An outbreak of Black Leg occurred in the Rosemary Grazing Lease; 30-35 calves succumbed. This type of outbreak is very rare and it is suspected that there were perfect soil/pasture conditions combined with not rigorous enough vaccination practices for this situation to develop. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in the spring, only 5 grazing associations were able to complete their annual meetings. 3 Associations remain to get their new bylaws approved.

9.01.2 Set Total # of Cattle for the 2021 Grazing Season

Carryover grass is very good heading into 2021 due to a reduction in 2020 cattle numbers and timely spring/summer rains. Recent water supply upgrades have also allowed better access to grass that has not previously been utilized due to low water availability. It is anticipated that there can be an increase in the carrying capacity for the 2021 season, assuming average moisture in the spring. An AUM of 85,000 was recommended for the 2021 grazing season; this translates to 17,000 head (cow/calf pair) over 5 months and will be reassessed after a review of fall listings and spring conditions.

2020-11-352 Moved by R. Owen that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2021 grazing season. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3 Patricia Grazing – North Waterline Project

A waterline project for the Patricia Grazing Lease is being proposed south, east and northeast of the Princess Compressor Station. The project involves the installation of 23.8 km of poly waterlines and 9 new concrete pads and water tanks. The system will branch off a current grazing waterline and supply water to the new water tanks and 5 existing dugouts. The project, which is estimated to cost

\$400,732 was given preliminary consent at budget approval, and if approved construction can begin in June 2021. Project details were discussed, and a number of questions answered.

2020-11-353 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Patricia Grazing North Waterline project by installing 23.8 km of waterline and 9 concrete pads with water tanks, at an estimated cost of \$400,732. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.4 Land Availability for JBS TIW Application 2021

In June 2020 JBS was approved to set up a temporary pivot on EID land in Sec 08-20-15 W4M to apply treated industrial wastewater (TIW) on native pasture as an emergency discharge measure. In total, 184 acre-feet or 4.7" was applied on 469 acres. In August, JBS was permitted by Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) to apply TIW to the lands that were earlier rejected in spring. As a result, lagoons were lowered enough that JBS did not need to undergo an emergency discharge to the river this fall via EID irrigation canals and drains. JBS is now enquiring of potential District pastureland available for TIW application in 2021 as they are anticipating restrictions on other land availability, and even with significant water saving processes at the plant, it is expected that TIW volumes will be at critical levels by spring. Through discussion a number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin.

2020-11-354 Moved by T. Hemsing that JBS Food Canada ULC be permitted under an emergency discharge to apply Treated Industrial Wastewater (TIW) on EID lands in N ½ 32 & NW 33-19-15 W4M in 2021, subject to:

- **a fee of \$50/wetted acre be applied;**
- **all costs incurred by the impact to the lands or by Duchess Grazing Association to accommodate the application (for example, required fencing), being covered by JBS Food Canada ULC;**
- **the attempts by JBS to resolve regulatory issues on the leased lands be continued;**
- **the EID retains the right to cancel the agreement prior to the expiration of the AEP license;**
- **and**
- **deadline to complete the application of TIW is September 15, 2021.**

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.5 Certificate of Liability Insurance

As per the request at the October 8th Budget Meeting, a copy of the new insurance coverage for Community Grazing Associations was presented as information.

[3:57 p.m. – 4:02 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

3.01 Information to Water Users – Approve Revisions

The updated edition of the Information to Water Users booklet, which includes information pertaining to the provincial government funding announcement and related EID projects, was approved to be sent to water users.

2020-11-355 Moved by D. Peltzer that the revised Proposed Increase to the Irrigation Expansion Limit information be forwarded to water users with the requested revisions in early December. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – 1st Reading

The 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw establishes the Expansion Limit from 311,000 acres to 345,000 acres; provided no more than 340,000 irrigation acres may be added to the assessment roll until such time as; (a) Snake Lake Reservoir has been commissioned; or (b) in the event Snake Lake Reservoir is not commissioned, the Board has provided notice to irrigators to hold a meeting or meetings to discuss exceeding the 340,000 acre cap and also passes a motion thereafter by special resolution (approved by not less than six (6) Directors of the Board) to amend the bylaw to disregard the 340,000 acre cap.

2020-11-356 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #942 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1st reading was gained. The bylaw will be presented at the public meetings in January 2021 for water user input. At the January 26th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made followed by a 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

3.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – 1st Reading

This bylaw establishes the rules and procedures governing an application for an increase in irrigation acres or to transfer irrigation acres. This new bylaw widens the parameters on irrigation acre application approvals and reinstates accepting applications for irrigation acres on new parcels.

2020-11-357 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #943 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1st reading was gained. The bylaw will be available at the public meetings in January 2021 for water user input. At the January 26th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made followed by a 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

3.04 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #944 – 1st Reading

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw imposes a capital assets charge on each irrigation acre added to a titled unit and shown on the assessment roll. It also sets the purchase price the District will pay for irrigation acres sold to the District by an irrigator. It includes a provision to cost-share 75/25 (EID/Water User) eligible irrigation works associated with the new acres, up to 25% of the applicable capital assets charge. The bylaw is to be presented at least once per year, with recent land sales data and other relevant information, for review of the Board. This proposed bylaw reflects the rates referenced in motion 2020-10-314 under consideration: \$1,000/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50, and \$2,600/acre for infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 and for new acres. Conversion acres were proposed at \$500/acre and acres purchased back by the District were proposed at \$3,500/acre.

2020-11-358 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #944 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. DEFEATED IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

1st reading was not approved. Motion 2020-10-314 will be presented at the public meetings in January 2021 for water user input.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.01 October 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The October 29, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-11-359 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the October 29, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.02 November 18, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The November 18, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-11-360 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

6.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

6.01 AIDA Executive Meeting

T. Hemsing connected to a recent AIDA Executive Meeting, summarizing Alberta Agriculture & Forestry layoffs, the government's shift for ag research to be picked up by colleges and industry, and that AIDA is waiting on a letter from Alberta Environment & Parks in support of aquatic herbicides Cascade and Teton, that are yet to be approved in Canada. He noted that the latest version of the "Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta" study has begun, and that the AIDA AGM will be held December 1st, via an online platform.

6.02 EID Presentation in Acadia Valley – November 12th

J. Hale was asked to give a presentation on the EID for an interested group in Acadia Valley on November 12th. Roger Hohm, retired Irrigation Secretariat Director, also presented. Mr. Hale described the hypothesized irrigation development for that area and indicated that the presentations were well received.

3.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.

3.03 AGM & Election

Mr. Koochin presented the following proposals for elections and meetings.

3.03.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates

An election schedule was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events. The 2021 schedule mirrors 2020, however election day is delayed one week due to the Easter school

break. As is the consideration for all current meetings and gatherings, hosting of meetings will adhere to any applicable COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions which may be in place at such time.

- 2020-11-361 Moved by R. Owen that:**
- **the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 8, 2021;**
 - **the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021;**
 - **the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.;**
 - **if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021; and**
 - **an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 20, 2021.**
- Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.03.2 2021 Election Date Bylaw #946

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in March 2021 for Division 3 (Patricia/Millicent) and Division 6 (Tilley). An Election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

- 2020-11-362 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #946 (2020), be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-11-363 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #946 (2020) the second time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-11-364 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #946 (2020) this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-11-365 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #946 (2020), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2020, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[4:23 p.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

7.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2020

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

- YTD revenues total about \$5.08 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$737,000 and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.34 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration. In follow up to a question at the October meeting, Mrs. Lassiter also advised that the value of the irrigation works presently being amortized is \$719 million.

2020-11-366 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:36 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Gagley entered.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

The northern pipeline crew started the C Springhill pipeline on November 16th. Clearing snow from recent storms delayed the project for a few days but work has resumed. The earthworks crew is on West Bantry – Phase 1 and when that portion is complete, will move to Phase 2 until freeze up. There are no IRP projects this year.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
PIPELINE	
C Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed - construction began November 16, 2020
01-C Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
9-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
10-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
16-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed

8.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2021/22 to 2023/24

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government’s Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. As what has been scheduled in this plan, no IRP projects were approved for the 2020/2021 construction season in order to apply 2 years of funding to larger projects. A number of questions were responded to by admin and staff. Completed projects were listed in the report, with new projects being reviewed and outlined as follows:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 - 2021/22	Bow Slope Canal	\$725,000
	15 North Branch Check Structure	\$250,000
	F Tilley Check Structure	\$175,000
Proposed Year 2 - 2022/23	Lake Newell South Feeder	\$698,000
	West Bantry Canal – Phase 3	\$750,000
	Scott Pipeline	\$8,800,000
Proposed Year 3 - 2023/24	Tilley Canal	\$2,100,000

2020-11-367 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:45 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands cont'd

9.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.02.1.1 Budget Report

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

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – Monthly Report	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 18,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 0 >
Require Approval	< \$ 18,000 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October <i>(approved and paid)</i>	< \$ 47,984 >
November <i>(require approval)</i>	< \$ 48,411 >
Total Budget Remaining <i>(less \$125,000)</i>	\$ 742,605

*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$65,984.

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

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

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

9.02.1.2 Levelling – Arthur (Raymond) & Audrey Flatla – NW 33-16-13 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share for machine levelling a parcel of land that is currently uncontrolled flood. The project cost is \$60,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$18,000 per parcel.

2020-11-368 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Raymond & Audrey Flatla for the machine levelling of NW 33-16-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share

basis, up to \$18,000. The project cost is \$60,000; of which the EID will pay \$18,000 and the Landowner's share is \$42,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, 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 corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

[4:47 p.m. B. Chrumka declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.02.1.3 Flood to Pivot w C/A – Emelie Dunay – SW 13-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 147 acres flood
- Converting: 109 acres flood to pivot and 32 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 6 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-11-369 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Emelie Dunay for the conversion of 109 acres flood to pivot and 32 acres flood to corner arm in SW 13-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,900 (109 acres x \$100/acre) + \$22,400 (32 acres x \$700/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$30,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:48 p.m. B. Chrumka rejoined the meeting.]

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps*) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

9.02.1.4 Pump – Mark Benson – NE 36-16-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 127 acres
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (motion 014-01-2001)
- Current Assessment: 132 acres (5 acres added for 2001 farm improvement)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-11-370 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark Benson for the pump upgrade in NE 36-16-14 W4M purchased for \$10,893. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$10,200. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.1.5 Panel – Scott & Jamie Eckert – NW 15-21-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 119 acres
- Previous Grant: \$6,865 (motion 183-11-2002)
- Current Assessment: 134 acres (15 acres added for 2002 farm improvement and 2016 general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 134 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-11-371 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Jamie Eckert for the panel upgrade in NW 15-21-14 W4M purchased for \$11,918. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,900 (119 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,865 (previous grant) = \$5,035. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.1.6 Panel – Martin & Linda Gubbins – E ½ 05 & Pt SE 08-17-16 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$5,520
- Current Assessment: 92 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 92 acres, all under wiper pivot

2020-11-372 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Martin & Linda Gubbins for the panel upgrade in E ½ 05 & Pt SE 08-17-16 W4M purchased for \$2,876. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$9,200 (92 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,520 (previous grant); with the payable amount being \$2,876. Seconded by B. Schmidt. 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.

9.02.1.7 Infill – Erik & Coral Versteegen – SE 27-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 139 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot (5 acres transferred out for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 13 acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: parcel not eligible for Farm Improvement grant as it was previously terminable acres

2020-11-373 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Erik & Cornelia Versteegen for 13 infill acres in SE 27-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,750 (13 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.2 Transfer – Albert Snyders Holdings Ltd (Albert Snyders) to Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham)

Albert Snyder Holdings Ltd has requested to transfer 10 flood irrigation acres from outside his pivot in NW 11-20-14 W4M to Graham Ventures Ltd in SE 02-17-16 W4M for the infill of a corner arm. Operations has confirmed the availability to deliver.

2020-11-374 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigation acres from NW 11-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Albert Snyder Holdings, to SE 02-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Ventures Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – South Slope Feeders Ltd (John Graham and Gordon Graham) – W ½ 02-17-16 W4M

An irrigable unit exists on W ½ 02-17-16 W4M for 2 pivots; both pivots share a delivery in NW 02. Accessing the same delivery, a third pivot has recently been added to the E ½, requiring the current irrigable unit to be discharged and a new one registered encompassing the entire section.

2020-11-375 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on W ½ 02-17-16 W4M; all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-376 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of the Irrigable Unit on Sec 02-17-16 W4M; all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.4 Cancellation of Terminable Acres – Mario’s Electric Ltd (Mario Bonora, Ron Bonora and Jim Bonora) – NE 35-18-15 W4M

Lands in NE 35-18-15 W4M have not had water delivered to the terminable acres for several years. In addition, the land is an alkali flat and there is no actual delivery for this parcel. Mrs. Connauton advised that she has made contact with the landowners and discussed the history and usage of the acres, recommending that the terminable acres be cancelled.

2020-11-377 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the cancellation of 15 terminable acres in NE 35-18-15 W4M, lands being owned by Mario’s Electric Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.5 Held Farm Improvement Application – Rod McLean – SW 16-21-18 W4M

Conditions on a held Farm Improvement application for Rod McLean were updated from the October meeting. The landowner has changed his application and once he has completed the paperwork, the application will be brought to the Board for consideration.

Increase in Irrigation Acres cont’d**9.02.1.8 Wheels to Pivot & Infill – Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M**

This matter and aspects of the Rotational Water Delivery discussion were again evaluated. Admin and staff will meet with the landowner to review the conditional requirements to his increase in irrigation acres application (ie. soils, 3 cfs, caveat). If the landowner is willing to proceed, the application will be brought back to the Board for conditional approval.

[5:37 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

On November 8th a power control module failed at the Rosemary tower. This failure caused an outage of about 3 hours while it was being replaced. There is still a moratorium on installs and upgrades in the Rosemary and Duchess areas, with 48 names on the waiting list. Upon completion of recent

additional analysis and routing considerations of the EIDNet fibre project, the Board confirmed that Phase 1 of the EIDNet fibre project will proceed, as approved in January 2020. Mr. Moen advised that there is potential government funding available, which is concurrently being pursued.

[5:45 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

11.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

11.01 Quotes on the Purchase of 1/2 Ton Trucks

Quotes for the purchase of one 1/2 ton regular cab long box, four 1/2 ton quad cab short box, three 3/4 ton regular cab long box, and one 3/4 ton crew cab long box trucks were presented as follows.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF 1/2 AND 3/4 TON TRUCKS					
Dealership	1/2 Ton Reg Cab Long Box	1/2 Ton Db/Qd/SpCab Short Box	3/4 Ton Reg Cab Long Box	3/4 Ton Db/Qd/SpCab Long Box	3/4 Ton Crew Cab Long Box
Martin Chrysler Brooks	\$35,761.00	\$32,993.00	\$37,720.00	-	\$40,100.00
Davis Dodge Fort Macleod	\$37,113.00	\$34,998.00	\$38,966.00	-	\$42,382.00
Harwood Ford Brooks	\$37,030.00	\$38,289.00	\$41,229.00	\$44,170.00	\$46,069.00
Sun City Ford Medicine Hat	\$38,569.00	\$39,609.00	\$42,366.00	\$45,622.00	\$47,206.00
Davis Chevrolet Brooks	-	\$34,046.25	-	\$40,584.25	\$41,731.25

2020-11-378 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District purchase:

- one 1/2 ton regular cab long box truck for \$35,761;
- four 1/2 ton quad cab short box trucks at \$32,993 per unit;
- three 3/4 ton regular cab long box trucks at \$37,720 per unit; and
- one 3/4 ton crew cab long box truck for \$40,100;

from Martin Chrysler. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02 Quotes on the Purchase of a Service Truck

Quotes for the purchase of a service truck for the Heavy Duty Mechanic were presented as follows. These quotes do not include the toolbox or picker.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE TRUCK	
Dealership	Quote
Nortrax (Mack) Red Deer	\$107,900.00
Glover International Trucks Ltd [Summit Motors – Brooks/Taber]	\$111,444.16

2020-11-379 Moved by R. Owen that the District purchase a service truck from Nortrax (Mack) for \$107,900. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03 Sale of Used Excavator – Results of Auction

At the August Board Meeting, the high bid received for the 2016 John Deere 250 GLC excavator was \$93,000. All bids were rejected, and it was consensus to have the unit auctioned through Ritchie Bros Auctioneers. The sale on October 28th netted \$146,185.00 for the District.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | AIDA AGM | - Tuesday, December 1 st [online] |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.03 | Plebiscite Meetings | - week of January 17 th , 2021 [TBD] |
| 13.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.05 | Plebiscite | - Tuesday, February 23 rd , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 13.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hensing adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager