



April 20 & 27, 2021 Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an Organizational Meeting on the 20th day of April 2021 and a Regular Meeting on the 20th & 27th days of April 2021. Those in attendance on April 20th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

1.0 Elections

1.01 Election of Chairman

I. Friesen congratulated the newly acclaimed Directors, stepped in as chair and called for nominations for Board Chair.

2021-04-088 Moved by D. Jacobson that J. Hale be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Hale accepted the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were made, J. Hale was elected Chair.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman

J. Hale assumed the chair, likewise congratulated returned and new Directors, and called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

2020-04-089 Moved by B. Schmidt that T. Hemsing be nominated for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Hemsing accepted the nomination. Mr. Hale called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were made, T. Hemsing was elected Vice-Chair.

2.0 Appointments

2.01 Committee of the Whole

All Directors are included on the Committee of the Whole.

2.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive

T. Hemsing will continue as AIDA Representative; D. Peltzer will continue as Alternate.

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

D. Peltzer will continue as PCF Representative.

2.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

J. Hale will continue as CVRS Representative.

2.05 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schroeder was appointed as JSSC Representative.

2.06 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee

D. Jacobson will continue as MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee Representative.

2.07 Scholarship Selection Committee

R. Owen, J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson, and I. Friesen are included on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

2.08 Watershed & Storage Committee

All Directors and I. Friesen are included on the Watershed & Storage Committee.

2.09 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt will continue as NRTA Representative.

2.10 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee

T. Hemsing was appointed as the SEDAC Representative. Additional background to this new committee was explained later in the Regular Meeting.

2021-04-090 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MEETING**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.04 Powerline to North Branch Control Structure
- 11.03 Soils Testing Information
- 10.04.2 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Marsh Trail

The following items were deferred to the May Meeting:

- 2020 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary
- 2020 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary
- 2020 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report

2021-04-091 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 8, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 12.01, page 40, 3rd last paragraph, replace “commencing in late 2022” with “commencing in late 2021”.

2021-04-092 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 AIDA Board of Directors Meeting – April 1st, online

J. Hale, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen connected online to the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) Board of Directors Meeting on April 1st. A number of topics were discussed, in particular aquatic herbicides. It appears that progress is being made in the attempts to register another chemical in Canada, to be used in addition to Magnacide H™. Also, AIDA requested that districts review the IDA Regulations and provide suggestions for revisions to AIDA Executive by the end of July. AIDA will then provide the sector consensus on revisions to Government.

[9:32 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to March 31, 2021

The financial statements to March 31, 2021 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$20.44 million and are tracking slightly under YTD budget, due mainly to capital asset charges revenue being under budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$13.73 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$6.71 million.

2021-04-093 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2021

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2021 was \$7,491,871 or 7.61% less than the book value at September 30, 2020. The decrease in cash is due mainly to significant irrigation works capital expenditures in the first 6 months of the fiscal year.



2nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$5,360,000	\$8,000,000
IRP – Short Term	\$3,900,000	\$3,000,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development	\$ 190,000	\$ 175,000

2021-04-094 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2021

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

2021-04-095 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.04 Quotes on Increased Liability Coverage

In follow up to the January meeting, quotes for increased general liability coverage from the District’s carrier RMA Insurance, were presented for review. A quote on increased cyber insurance has been delayed. It was requested that comparisons from other irrigation districts of similar size be brought back to the Board for further discussion on the matter.

5.05 Interest Rate Applicable to Financing Agreements – Discussion

The interest rate applicable to financing agreements, if any, for capital assets charges and capital construction charges is reviewed annually in August, in preparation for the new construction season. A range of lending rates through some financial institutions and indications on the forecasted prime rate are reviewed, with the rate being set somewhat above the banks to reduce the number of loans and to not trend towards becoming a financial lending institution. The interest rate is currently set at 7.0%.

With the return to accepting applications for new parcel irrigation acres, and the potential for an increase in water users requesting capital asset loans, a review of the past rationale was presented and confirmation of the current intent of the District requested. Some factors expressed for Directors’ consideration, if a lower than bank-rate interest rate was being contemplated, included: a lack of credit assessment tools, possible increased lending risks, rate enforcement procedures, and the perception of poor management. A short discussion followed with no further direction provided with respect to the District’s current approach.

[10:26 a.m. – 10:32 a.m. Short break. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered.]

6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Snowpack Report

All 6 snow pillows monitored by the District are at or near the upper quartile, and 2 are slightly above last year’s levels. A drop off of snow levels has not yet been detected.

6.02 Review of Water Delivery Date

In March, the date for the earliest water delivery was set for May 6th, which is within the typical range of dates. The date was to be reviewed in April and adjusted if necessary, in response to weather conditions, irrigator demand, and operations capabilities. Barring any unforeseen weather events, the date for the earliest water delivery was confirmed with Directors to move up from May 6th to the week of April 25th. Availability will be based on the system's capability and identified areas of need, with a focus likely on the south portion of the District. Water users will be encouraged to communicate with their Water Operator in advance concerning their earlier needs, and water notification ads will be run on the radio.

6.03 Soil Erosion / Degradation

Although much of the delivery system is pipelined and of larger nature, both the delivery and drainage systems are being impacted by soil erosion. The drainage systems typically see the most impact and immediate severity. District Operations are still investigating the potential costs to rectify the damages to infrastructure from the recent winds and soil erosion. Additionally, through the drainage partnership, the EID and County have invested significant resources to correct past drainage issues and many of the recent projects have been negatively affected by the recent event. To this end, a temporary "Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee" was proposed by the County. The Committee will likely consist of 6-8 landowners and will meet to review information such as the *Soil Conservation Act* and Regulation, *Agricultural Service Board Act*, give guidance, and draft policy for County Council. T. Hemsing will serve as EID rep on this new committee. Mr. Friesen also drew attention to clauses 4.2 and 4.4 of the District's "Water Delivery and Operations Policy" and advised that these portions should be reviewed by the Board at a later date.

7.0 Equipment**7.01 Preliminary Equipment Cost Estimates**

I. Friesen advised of preliminary estimates for the potential purchase of a Cat D8. Normally rented only for the winter construction months, this machine could be utilized for plowing conduit for the EIDNet fibre project. With the fibre project being phased over many years, more utilization throughout the year supports purchasing rather than renting a unit. If satisfactory, a recommendation to purchase will be brought back to the Board after a 1 month rental trial.

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

All of the pipeline projects are installed and ready for the irrigation season with final cleanup remaining, except for 01-C Springhill. The local supplier who was awarded the contract to procure the pumps for the 01-C Springhill pump station has missed the contracted delivery date. As of last communication, the pumps were expected to arrive on the 19th. If the pumps are delivered on the 19th, the District will ask all affected landowners if water delivery can be delayed and if they agree the tie-in to the old system will be completed. If they do not agree, or if the pumps are not delivered in time, the existing pump station will be used for one more season and the tie-in will be completed in fall after the irrigation season. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project	Status	Amount Spent to Date	Approved Estimate	Potential Gov't Funding
EARTHWORKS				
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- project delayed to 2020/2021 construction season	\$0	\$650,000	-
PIPELINE				
C Springhill	- 100% complete, final cleanup underway	\$10,815,000	\$11,385,000	30%
01-C Springhill	- 100% complete, tie-in remains	\$3,747,000	\$5,112,000	30%
9-H West Bantry	- 100% complete, final cleanup underway	\$908,000	\$957,000	30%
10-H West Bantry	- 100% complete, final cleanup underway	\$2,740,000	\$2,892,000	30%
16-H West Bantry	- 100% complete, final cleanup underway	\$1,743,000	\$2,266,000	30%
2020/2021 Structure Program	- 100% complete	\$840,000	\$1,000,000	-

8.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Green Prairie Int Inc – SE 01-20-15 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Green Prairie Land Corporation is proposing to convert from wheel moves to an 89 acre wiper pivot in SE 01-20-15 W4M, along the C Springhill rehabilitation, requesting direction from the Board whether this application would qualify for the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant. Through discussion Directors confirmed that although this pivot conversion is located along a rehab project completed this spring, eligibility for the grant should be limited to applying within the time period in which the rehab project is in the design process. Further clarity will be drafted into the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy and brought back for approval. This pivot conversion may be brought back and presented to the Board for consideration under the Farm Improvement Policy.

8.03 Drain Relocation – Doug & Erna Dueck – NW & NE 23-16-13 W4M

R. Summach advised that a drain severs the far SE corner of NW 23-16-13 W4M. The severed portion, Parcel A, is owned by the adjacent landowners of NE 23, Doug & Erna Dueck, and is being sold to the owners of NW 23, Meeuwsen Farms Ltd (Martijn Meeuwsen), to be consolidated into that quarter. Doug & Erna Dueck are requesting that the drain be relocated to within their NE quarter. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; this project is estimated to cost \$22,200. As the full cost has been paid upfront by Meeuwsen Farms Ltd to begin work prior to the irrigation season, a reimbursement of \$11,100 + GST and any overpayment will be made once the work is complete.

2021-04-096 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Doug & Erna Dueck in NW & NE 23-16-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$22,200; of which the EID will reimburse 50% of the project cost, up to \$11,100 + GST and any over payment to Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04 Powerline to North Branch Control Structure

J. Hale requested a review of the process for situating new powerlines servicing District infrastructure, citing a recent installation in his division. R. Gagley advised that 3 phase power was requested from Fortis for the North Branch control structure coming out of Crawling Valley Reservoir. Through discussion it was directed that when the EID is requesting a power supply, adjacent landowners are to be contacted when Fortis is proposing the powerline route to be within an undeveloped R/A. Discussions will also be had with the County and Fortis to facilitate better communication with landowners adjacent to undeveloped R/A. The courtesy of consultation is to facilitate potential irrigation development plans of the landowners. Landowners are also to be reminded of the requirement to apply to the County to close and lease the portion of the R/A which the proposed pivot will cross. As well, any additional costs for landowner requested routes which divert from R/A would be borne by the landowner.

[11:42 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 EIDNet**9.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 30 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 47 for Rosemary. The fibre path for phase 1 is being finalized with signing landowner rights-of-way, final engineering, and ordering of materials.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to March 31, 2021	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	50
Residential Accounts	1,731
Business Accounts	27
EID Automation	5
Total	1,813

10.0 Lands**10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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

10.01.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2021

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 was presented, summarized as follows.



EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2021	303,998	3,553	39	58	307,648
March 31, 2021	304,143	3,553	0	28	307,724
Net increase	145	< 0 >	< 39 >	< 30 >	76
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 4 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					149
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

10.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.01.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 6,500 >
Require Approval	< \$ 8,450 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through March (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 344,951 >
April (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 15,200 >
Total Budget Remaining (less \$125,000)	\$ 463,899

*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$380,951.

**Total purchase of acres from landowners within the 2021 fiscal year is 20 acres or \$70,000.

Farm Improvement Grants

For payment of irrigation acres purchased from the District, reimbursement for irrigation acres sold to the District, Farm Improvement grant categories, grant eligibility requirements, and other grant constraints, landowners may reference the current Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and Farm Improvement Policy, which are posted on the District’s website.

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

10.01.2.2 Tree Removal – Chris Takeda – SW 21-15-15 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees in SW 21-15-15 W4M to accommodate a pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$16,900.

2021-04-097 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chris Takeda for the removal of trees to accommodate a pivot in SW 21-15-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50

cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$16,900; of which the Landowner's share is \$8,450 + GST. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)

10.01.2.3 Wheels to Pivot – Cory & Keri Andrew – S ½ 14-18-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 298 acres wheels
- Converting: 125 + 132 acres wheels to pivots; keeping 21 acres outside pivot areas; selling 20 acres back to the EID
- New Assessment: 278 acres (125 + 132 pivots, 21 acres outside pivot areas)
- Pivot areas have reached their maximum grant funding

2021-04-098 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cory & Keri Andrew for the conversion of 125 + 132 acres wheels to pivots in S ½ 14-18-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$29,800; with the payable amount being \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre) + \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) less \$10,500 (21 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$15,200. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-04-099 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of Cory & Keri Andrew's 20 irrigation acres on S ½ 14-18-14 W4M to the District; payment of 20 irrigation acres = \$70,000 (20 acres x \$3,500/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For payment of irrigation acres purchased from the District and full disclosure of the parameters in applying for irrigation acres, landowners may reference the current Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and Irrigation Acres Bylaw, which are posted on the District's website.

The following completed applications for Increase in Irrigation Acres were **RECEIVED BY March 7, 2021** and fall under Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #938 (2020).

10.01.2.4 Flood to Pivot – 961078 Alberta Ltd (Devon & Candice Buteau) – Pt NW 24-17-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 31 acres (21 south pivot, 10 flood)
- Proposal: 17 acre wiper pivot; 7 additional acres needed (5 efficiency, 2 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: flood to pivot; 10 acres x 1.5 = 5 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 38 acres (21 south pivot, 17 wiper pivot)

2021-04-100 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 961078 Alberta Ltd for 5 efficiency acres and 2 infill acres in Pt NW 24-17-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,250 (7 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.5 Extend Pivot Area – 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde) – Pt N ½ 23-18-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 180 acres
- Current Assessment: 206 acres various pivots (26 acres purchased in 2018)
- Proposal 1: extend corner arm; 3 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- Note: application was submitted prior to March 8, 2021



2021-04-101 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 2125538 Alberta Ltd for 3 infill acres in NE 23-18-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$2,250 (3 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Proposal 2: add corner wiper pivot or subsurface system; 2 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- Note: application was submitted after March 7, 2021
- New Assessment: 211 acres pivot (various)

2021-04-102 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 2125538 Alberta Ltd for 2 infill acres in Pt NW 23-18-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,900 (2 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.6 Add Corner Arm – Douglass Agro Ltd (Russell & Pamela Douglass) – SE 22-23-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot (120 large wiper pivot, 15 north pivot)
- Proposal: add corner arm to north pivot; 7 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 142 acres (120 large wiper pivot, 22 north corner arm pivot)

2021-04-103 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Douglass Agro Ltd for 7 infill acres in SE 23-23-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,250 (7 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.7 Add Corner Arm – Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) – N ½ 25 & S ½ 36-24-16

- Previous Assessment: 286 acres
- Current Assessment: 315 acres pivot (29 acres added in 2015)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 42 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 357 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: Subject to meeting soils requirements

2021-04-104 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Douglass Ranches Ltd for 42 infill acres in N ½ 25 & S ½ 36-24-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$31,500 (42 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:54 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

10.01.2.8 Flood to Pivot – Vincent Kraus – NW 02-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 72 acres flood
- Proposal: 94 acre wiper pivot; 22 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: flood to pivot; 72 acres x 1.5 = 36 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 94 acres, all under wiper pivot

2021-04-105 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Vincent Kraus for 22 efficiency acres in NW 02-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (22 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



[11:56 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

10.01.2.9 Add C/A & Corner Pivot – Jelmer Tilma & Engeliem Timmermans – W ½ 05-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 229 acres pivot (152 main pivot, 63 west wiper pivot, 14 flood)
- Proposal: 25 acre wiper pivot; 11 add. acres needed (6 efficiency, 5 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 14 acres x 1.4 = 6 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 140 acres (152 main pivot, 63 west wiper pivot, 25 wiper pivot)

2021-04-106 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jelmer Tilma & Engeliem Timmermans for 6 efficiency acres and 5 infill acres in W ½ 05-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,250 (11 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:56 a.m. – 12:22 p.m. Lunch break]

11.0 Irrigation Applications for 2021

Moving forward with the approval of the increase to the expansion limit, and for 2021 only, irrigation applications were received to accommodate increased demand and applications in queue. Resulting from the March 26th application deadline for irrigation projects to be completed by September 30, 2021, a total of 73 applications were received:

- 27 for infill acres up to 50 irrigation acres per project
- 46 for infill acres over 50 irrigation acres per project or for projects on dry parcels (new acres)
 - 36 under off-river
 - 10 under reservoir support

The Board confirmed that irrigation acres from projects that are not completed, or from proofs of infrastructure purchases not submitted by September 30, 2021, will not gain final approval and the corresponding acres will be applied as an increase to the next irrigation season’s maximum allotment (i.e. “Carry Forward Acres” as defined in Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 (2020).

The standard requirements for all proposals being approved this spring are:

- all infrastructure must either be (i) installed by September 30, 2021, or (ii) proofs of infrastructure purchase (i.e. receipts) must be submitted by September 30, 2021 if there is a delay in obtaining materials to satisfy installation deadline of September 30, 2021 and provided all other conditions (i.e. soils passing) having been satisfied
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled land or right-of-way land
- if infrastructure is crossing an undeveloped County R/A, proof of permission must be provided
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise
- the project area must meet soil classification requirements
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization
- capital asset payment is due upon the installation of the infrastructure

The Capital Assets Charges as per Bylaw #944 (2021) are:

- \$350/acre for converting terminable acres to irrigation acres
- \$950/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$2,300/acre for infill and efficiency acres over 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$2,300/acre for acres assessed to dry parcels (new acres)

11.01 Infill Acres Up To 50 Irrigation Acres per Project

Applications under this category were evaluated, but not required to be rated as landowners may apply at any time for projects requiring up to 50 infill irrigation acres. The following applications were given consideration for projects to be completed by September 30, 2021:

11.01.1 826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declercq) – SW 05-20-12 W4M

- Assessment: 90 acres pivot
- Proposal: 123 acre pivot; 33 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; acres needed to reconcile General Assessment

11.01.2 1717875 Alberta Inc (Rod Johnson) and 1717868 Alberta Inc (Greg Johnson) – SW 28, SW 29, E 29-20-17 W4M

- Assessment: 129 acres pivot
- Proposal: add tower to make 156 acre pivot; 27 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required; County R/A approval required; shutoffs required for NE 20; will require infill or transfer of acres at a later date

11.01.3 James Buteau and Joanne Buteau – Sec 27-18-16 W4M

- Assessment: 491 acres section pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 533 acre pivot; 42 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists

11.01.4 Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NW 19-14-13 W4M

- Assessment: 135 acres pivot
- Proposal: 2 corners of subsurface irrigation; 8 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soils pass; maximum flow rate of 2.5 cfs

11.01.5 Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NE 25-14-14 W4M

- Assessment: 138 acres pivot
- Proposal: 1 corner of subsurface irrigation; 4 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soils testing not required

11.01.6 Douglass Agro Ltd (Russell & Pam Douglass) – Pt NW 36-23-16 W4M

- Assessment: 85 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 10 acre corner pivot; 9 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required; maximum flow rate of 2.0 cfs; proposed pivot overlaps existing assessment by 1 acre

11.01.7 Russell Douglass – NE 34-23-16 W4M

- Assessment: 115 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 26 acre corner pivot; 25 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; proposed pivot overlaps existing assessment by 1 acre

11.01.8 Dutch Canadian Investment Corp (Ben Van Dyk) – SW 07-17-13 W4M

- Assessment: 128 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 150 acre pivot; 22 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements

11.01.9 The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 27-17-17 W4M

- Assessment: 180 acres pivot
- Proposal: add end gun to make 204 acre pivot; 24 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit exists

11.01.10 The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 29-17-17 W4M

- Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Proposal: add end gun to make 151 acre pivot; 20 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

11.01.11 The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 34-17-17 W4M

- Assessment: 376 acres section pivot
- Proposal: add end gun to make 421 acre pivot; 45 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

11.01.12 The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M

- Assessment: 197 acres pivot
- Proposal: 236 acre corner arm pivot; 39 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; acres needed to reconcile General Assessment

11.01.13 The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 19-23-16 W4M

- Assessment: 357 acre pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 406 acre pivot; 49 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists

11.01.14 JWD Ranching Inc (Jonathon Douglass & Sarah Thompson) – Pt NW 08-24-15 W4M

- Assessment: 46 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 11 acre subsurface irrigation; 11 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required; maximum flow rate of 3.0 cfs

11.01.15 Curtis & Lyn Lester, Stephen Lester – E ½ 03-15-14 W4M

- Assessment: 263 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 10 acre wiper pivot; 10 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required; irrigable unit exists

11.01.16 Robert & Judy McKnight – NE 13-21-14 W4M

- Assessment: 52 acres flood
- Proposal: 86 acre wiper pivot; 34 additional acres needed (21 efficiency, 13 infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements

11.01.17 North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – Pt SE 22-19-14 W4M

- Assessment: 76 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 91 acre wiper pivot; 15 add. acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required

11.01.18 Clarence Procknow – Pt NE 14 & NW 13-18-15 W4M

- Assessment: 49 acres pivot (from SW) and 20 acres terminable
- Proposal: 48 acre pivot; 28 additional acres needed (10 efficiency, 18 infill); 20 terminable acres in Pt NE 14-18-15 W4M will be converted to irrigation acres and moved under the pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements

11.01.19 Chad Skrove – Pt S ½ 10-15-14 W4M

- Assessment: 159 acres corner arm pivot
- Proposal: 4 acre corner arm infill & add 12 acre corner wiper pivot; 16 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists

11.01.20 Brian & Michele Slenders – NE 08-15-15 W4M

- Assessment: 121 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 129 acre wiper pivot; 8 add. acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required

11.01.21 Wayne & Cindy Slenders – NW 03-15-15 W4M

- Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 150 acre pivot; 13 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required

11.01.22 Wayne & Shelley Swenson – SE 04-17-16 W4M

- Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 143 acre pivot; 12 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required

11.01.23 Peter & Aganetha Wolf – Pt W ½ 31-18-14 W4M

- Assessment: 130 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 157 acre pivot; 27 additional acres needed (infill)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit requires update

11.01.24 Wolf Ranch & Farms Ltd (Peter & Aganetha Wolf) – Pt NE 04 & Pt E ½ 09-17-13

- Assessment: 238 acres pivot
- Proposal: 9 acre corner pivot, add corner arm, infill pivot; 18 add. acres needed (infill)
- Notes: soil testing not required; irrigable unit exists

2021-04-107 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the following “Infill Acres Up To 50 Acres” irrigation applications for 2021:

- **826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declercq) – SW 05-20-12 W4M**
- **1717875 Alberta Inc (Rod Johnson) and 1717868 Alberta Inc (Greg Johnson) – SW 28, SW 29, E 29-20-17 W4M**



- **James Buteau and Joanne Buteau – Sec 27-18-16 W4M**
 - **Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NW 19-14-13 W4M**
 - **Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NE 25-14-14 W4M**
 - **Douglass Agro Ltd (Russell & Pam Douglass) – Pt NW 36-23-16 W4M**
 - **Russell Douglass – NE 34-23-16 W4M**
 - **Dutch Canadian Investment Corp (Ben Van Dyk) – SW 07-17-13 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 27-17-17 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 29-17-17 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 34-17-17 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 19-23-16 W4M**
 - **JWD Ranching Inc (Jonathon Douglass & Sarah Thompson) – Pt NW 08-24-15 W4M**
 - **Curtis & Lyn Lester, Stephen Lester – E ½ 03-15-14 W4M**
 - **Robert & Judy McKnight – NE 13-21-14 W4M**
 - **North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – Pt SE 22-19-14 W4M**
 - **Clarence Procknow – Pt NE 14 & NW 13-18-15 W4M**
 - **Chad Skrove – Pt S ½ 10-15-14 W4M**
 - **Brian & Michele Slenders – NE 08-15-15 W4M**
 - **Wayne & Cindy Slenders – NW 03-15-15 W4M**
 - **Wayne & Shelley Swenson – SE 04-17-16 W4M**
 - **Peter & Aganetha Wolf – Pt W ½ 31-18-14 W4M**
 - **Wolf Ranch & Farms Ltd (Peter & Aganetha Wolf) – Pt NW 09 & Pt E ½ 09-17-13 W4M**
- Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note sections 95 and 96

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Peter Giesbrecht & Arianna Walker – Pt NW 24-16-13 W4M
- Leonard & Susan Parker – SE 31-21-15 W4M
- Leonard & Susan Parker and Thomas & Tammie Parker – SW 31-21-15 W4M

11.02 Infill Acres Over 50 Irrigation Acres per Project & Irrigation Acres for Projects on Dry Parcels

Applications under this category were evaluated and given a rating based on the following criteria and weighting from the Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 (2020):

IRRIGATION ACRES BYLAW	
Criteria	Weighting
Ability to Deliver Water	0 – 25
Land Classification	0 – 15
Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field	0 – 15
Intensification	0 – 50
Efficiency of Overall Delivery	0 – 30

RIVER Supported Acres

The following applications were given consideration for projects to be completed by September 30, 2021 as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 800 off-river, New Parcel irrigation acres for 2021 (Bylaw #943 2020).

11.02.1 Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 09 & S ½ 16-23-18 W4M

- Assessment: 160 acres pivot
- Proposal: increase pivot to 211 acres; 51 additional acres needed (50 infill, 1 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit update required; acres needed to reconcile General Assessment

11.02.2 Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – Pt E ½ 08-21-16 W4M

- Assessment: 64 acre south pivot
- Proposal: add 76 acre wiper pivot; 75 additional acres needed (50 infill, 25 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists; proposed pivot overlaps existing assessment by 1 acre

11.02.3 Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 10 & S ½ 15-23-13 W4M

- Assessment: 160 acres pivot
- Proposal: increase pivot to 227 acres; 67 additional acres needed (50 infill, 17 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit update required; acres needed to reconcile General Assessment

11.02.4 Daniel & Debra Eckert and Jamie & Shawna Lauber – SW 23-21-14 W4M

- Assessment: 20 acres terminable flood
- Proposal: 56 acre wiper pivot; 36 additional acres needed (10 efficiency, 20 infill, 6 new); 20 terminable acre will be converted to irrigation acres
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements

11.02.5 Snake Lake Land and Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – S ½ 08-20-17

- Assessment: 169 acres pivot (104 south pivot, 65 north pivot)
- Proposal: add 65 acre wiper pivot; 65 additional acres needed (50 infill, 15 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists

11.02.6 The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt Sec 31-23-16 W4M

- Assessment: 250 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm to make 324 acre pivot; 74 additional acres needed (50 infill, 24 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit exists
[later recategorized to reservoir support]

11.02.7 John & Teena Ketchmark – NW 29-17-16 W4M

- Assessment: 51 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: increase to full 135 acre pivot; 84 additional acres needed (84 new)
- Notes: soils pass; new acre rate applies to these acres as the existing 51 acres were granted after December 31, 2019

11.02.8 The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 28-23-16 W4M

- Assessment: 272 acres pivot
- Proposal: add tower and corner arm; 163 additional acres needed (50 infill, 113 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists; maximum of 4.0 cfs (1,795 gpm)
[later recategorized to reservoir support]

11.02.9 Thomas Parker – SE 06-22-15 W4M

- Assessment: 58 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: increase to 96 acre wiper pivot; 38 additional acres needed (38 new)
- Notes: soils pass; new acre rate applies to these acres as the existing 58 acres were granted after December 31, 2019

**11.02.10 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Hendrik Pastink, Gerrit Van Asch, Berend Van Dijk)
– Pt Sec 28-18-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 45 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: increase to full 295 acre corner arm pivot; 250 add. acres needed (250 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; new acre rate applies to these acres as the existing 45 acres were transferred in and the parcel was dry prior to December 31, 2019

11.02.11 Kelly & Colette Kalo – SW 12-19-15 W4M

- Assessment: 10 acres flood
- Proposal: 154 acre corner arm pivot; 144 additional acres needed (5 efficiency, 10 infill, 129 new)
- Notes: partial soils pass; reclaimed areas with 5R soils are subject to testing and meeting soils requirements in 5 years / 10 years, and if not passable must be removed from the assessment roll, with pivot modified to equal assessment

**11.02.12 Armstrong Ranches Ltd (George Armstrong and Ross Armstrong)
– Pt W ½ 05-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 51 acres east pivot
- Proposal: add 105 acre wiper pivot; 102 additional acres needed (50 infill, 52 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; proposed pivot overlaps existing assessment by 3 acres

11.02.13 Vacyl (Bill) & Diane Mikula – SW 16-21-15 W4M

- Assessment: 20 acres terminable flood
- Proposal: 109 acre wiper pivot; 89 add. acres needed (10 efficiency, 20 infill, 59 new); 20 terminable acres will be converted to irrigation acres)
- Notes: soils pass

2021-04-108 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RIVER Support” irrigation applications for 2021:

- **Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 09 & S ½ 16-23-18 W4M**
- **Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – Pt E ½ 08-21-16 W4M**
- **Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 10 & S ½ 15-23-13 W4M**

- **Daniel & Debra Eckert and Jamie & Shawna Lauber – SW 23-21-14 W4M**
 - **Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – S ½ 08-20-17 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt Sec 31-23-16 W4M**
 - **John & Teena Ketchmark – NW 29-17-16 W4M**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 28-23-16 W4M**
 - **Thomas Parker – SE 06-22-15 W4M**
 - **1719660 Alberta Ltd (Hendrik Pastink, Gerrit Van Asch, Berend Van Dijk) – Pt Sec 28-18-15 W4M**
 - **Kelly & Colette Kalo – SW 12-19-15 W4M**
 - **Armstrong Ranches Ltd (George Armstrong and Ross Armstrong) – Pt W ½ 05-21-18**
 - **Vacyl (Bill) & Diane Mikula – SW 16-21-15 W4M**
- Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 800 acre limit for New Parcel irrigation acres not located downstream of either Lake Newell Reservoir or Crawling Valley Reservoir had been allocated to higher rated applications for 2021 (Bylaw #943 2020)
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note sections 95 and 96

*[*Reference motion 2021-04-121 as an update to this category.]*

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham)*
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – Pt Sec 12-18-15 W4M
- John Ketchmark – SW 29-17-16 W4M
- McNiven Cattle Co Inc (Colin & Barbara McNiven) – Sec 04-21-13 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Rowland Brewin) – N ½ 32-17-16 W4M & S ½ 05-18-16 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – NE 30 & SE 31-23-16 W4M
- Isaak Wall – NE 15-16-16 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – W ½ 18-18-14 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – NW 22-19-17 W4M
- 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Hendrik Pastink, Gerrit Van Asch, Berend Van Dijk) – Pt Sec 21-18-15 W4M
- Robert & Judy McKnight – Pt N ½ 07-21-13 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – SW 27-19-17 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 16 & E ½ 17-17-17 W4M
- Rommens Farms Ltd (Lloyd Rommens and Wendell Rommens) – Pt S ½ 03-19-15 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Rowland Brewin) – Pt NW 05 & N ½ 06-18-16 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – E ½ 31 & W ½ 32-17-17 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 32-17-17 W4M
- 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Hendrik Pastink, Gerrit Van Asch, Berend Van Dijk) – NE 07-18-14 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – SE 13-18-15 W4M
- John Ketchmark – Pt SW 22-17-16 W4M
- 1797575 Alberta Ltd (Tanner McCoomb) – SW 26-21-18 W4M
- Fred Barg – NE 32-19-14 W4M

- Brenan & Christi Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M
- John Ketchmark – NE 17-17-16 W4M
- Lisa Albers & Brian Meggitt – SE 18-19-15 W4M
- Thomas Parker – SW 06-22-15 W4M

RESERVOIR Supported Acres

The following applications were given consideration for projects to be completed by September 30, 2021 as they rated highest amongst the applications for the remaining 1,200 New Parcel irrigation acres for 2021 (Bylaw #943 2020).

11.02.15 Dawn Drader and Sonda Marks – Pt NE 17 & SE 20-20-12 W4M

- Assessment: 73 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: increase to 133 acre full pivot; 60 additional acres needed (50 infill, 10 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required

11.02.16 Kimberley Resch – Pt SW 28 & S ½ 29-15-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres (dry parcel)
- Proposal: 132 pivot + 133 pivot + 85 acre wiper pivot; 350 acres needed (350 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

11.02.17 Kirk Prescott – Pt N ½ 29 & SW 32-15-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres (dry parcel)
- Proposal: 125 pivot + 132 pivot + 104 pivot; 361 acres needed (361 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

11.02.18 J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michele Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SE 31-19-13

- Assessment: 10 acres terminable flood
- Proposal: 134 acre pivot; 124 additional acres needed (5 efficiency, 10 infill, 109 new); 10 terminable acres will be converted to irrigation acres)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required

11.02.19 826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declerqc) – SE 15-19-12 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres (dry parcel)
- Proposal: 137 acre pivot; 137 acres needed (137 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required

11.02.20 826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declerqc) – SW 15-19-12 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres (dry parcel)
- Proposal: 140 acre pivot; 140 acres needed (140 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required

2021-04-109 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RESERVOIR Support” irrigation applications for 2021:

- **Dawn Drader and Sonda Marks – Pt NE 17 & SE 20-20-12 W4M**
- **Kimberley Resch – Pt SW 28 & S ½ 29-15-13 W4M**
- **Kirk Prescott – Pt N ½ 29 & SW 32-15-13 W4M**
- **J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michele Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SE 31-19-13 W4M**
- **826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declerqc) – SE 15-19-12 W4M**

- **826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declerqc) – SW 15-19-12 W4M**
Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The remaining application was denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,200 acres for New Parcel irrigation acres had been allocated to higher rated applications for 2021 (Bylaw #943 2020)
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note sections 95 and 96

The denied irrigation application is listed as follows:

- Danny Christman and Colin Christman – NW 33-17-14 W4M

For an update and summary of all acres approved, refer to day 2 of the meeting.

11.03 Soils Testing Information

J. Hale informed that he has been made aware that there is some landowner confusion as to the different requirements for testing for soil classifications. S. Connauton informed that soils testing is based on the Provincial Government’s 1978 irrigation assessment for each parcel. When basing soils off the 1978 assessment, an increase of up to 30% of the 1978 assessment is permitted. If the soils have been tested or registered due to that parcel not having a 1978 assessment, or because additional acres on that parcel would exceed the 1978 maximum allowable for that parcel, the non-irrigable soils in the proposed development area cannot exceed 15%. Once soils have been tested and the classifications registered, this report supersedes all previous reviews on the parcel. However, there are other factors, and the history of each parcel needs to be investigated fully to determine if there are further constraints. Soils testing requirements vary for each parcel based on the historical factors and cannot be generalized.

I. Friesen offered to include some information on soils testing in the upcoming newsletter.

[1:56 p.m. – 2:04 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

12.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft Revisions

To clarify whether irrigation acres being applied for would meet the requirements to be categorized as “Infill Acres”, and possibly at a lower capital assets charge rather than “New Parcel” irrigation acres, Bylaw #951 (2021) was presented for review. Subclauses 2.01 (j) and 3.0 (l) were added to further clarify that irrigation acres would have had to have been assessed to a parcel as of December 31, 2019, or that a determined length of time must pass since the original acres were assessed to the dry parcel, in order for any subsequent acres assessed to that parcel could qualify as “Infill” acres. Additionally, introductory statements of the bylaw were revised and updated to reflect post-plebiscite and post-general assessment administrative matters.

Through discussion of the draft bylaw, Directors requested that the length of term referenced in draft 3.0 (l) be increased from 2 years to 5 years, and that the requirement not be owner specific.

M. Koochin advised that he also would like to broaden the definition of "Act" to include any amendments or successor legislation.

- 2021-04-110 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #951 (2021) be amended as presented and discussed and that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 20th day of April 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-04-111 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #951 (2021) be read the second time this 20th day of April 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-04-112 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #951 (2021) this 20th day of April 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-04-113 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #951 (2021), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rules and Procedures Governing an Application for an Increase in Irrigation Acres and to an Application to Transfer Irrigation Acres, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021) can be viewed in its entirety on the District website.

13.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw – Draft Revision

In conjunction with Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021), Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #952 was presented for review. References to the new Irrigation Acres Bylaw were inserted along with reference to any replacement bylaw in effect at such time. As extra clarification, the bylaw states it retains the same capital asset charges as the initial bylaw passed following the 2021 plebiscite. M. Koochin advised that he likewise wished to broaden the definition of "Act" to include any amendments or successor legislation.

- 2021-04-114 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #952 (2021) be amended as presented and discussed and that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 20th day of April 2021. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-04-115 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #952 (2021) be read the second time this 20th day of April 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-04-116 Moved by D. Jacobson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #952 (2021) this 20th day of April 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-04-117 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #952 (2021), 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 D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #952 (2021) can be viewed in its entirety on the District website.

[2:30 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[2:40 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.03.1 Report on GAC Meeting / Recommendations

The Spring Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held online (Zoom) on April 13th. Usual spring topics were addressed such as spring moisture conditions, carryover grass, turn-out dates, and maximum listings, along with discussions concerning the JBS TIW irrigation pivots and impending loss of grazing due to the Solar Krafte project. In regard to the solar project, the following motion was approved at the GAC Meeting:

GAC 21-04 *Moved by R. McColl to recommend to the EID Board that in lieu of the revenue generated to the EID by the Solar Krafte project, that all future irrigated pasture expenses, both operating and capital be covered by the District. Seconded by A. Beasley. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

I. Friesen advised that although the overall identified area for the Solar Krafte project is 3,600 acres, it is estimated that 1,500 – 1,700 acres of land may not be suitable for solar development, allowing large tracts of land within the overall project to be available for grazing. Through further discussion, it was directed that to supplement the loss of community pasture for approximately 150-200 head by the Solar Krafte project, information is to be brought back to the Board at a later date for potential options and costs for pivot irrigation on 2 District owned quarters. District and Grazing financing apportionments, should a future project be approved, will be further discussed at that time.

10.03.2 Set Turn-Out Date

In review of spring pasture conditions, GAC consensus was to not deviate from the normal spring entry dates.

2021-04-118 Moved by R. Owen that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 3rd and for native pasture be May 15th. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.3 PGL #7053 & #7039 Turned Back to the District – Direction for Future Use

Long Term Private Grazing Leases #7039 and #7053 are 15 year “transferrable within the family unit only” leases, are due to expire in 2023, and have been turned back to the District. These leases are located 4 km SE of Rolling Hills, have 320 acres (75 AUM), and 242 acres (45 AUM), respectively. When determining the future of these parcels, a number of factors including potential District irrigation development, soil classifications, costs to deliver water, cost to relocate a drain, 2 requests to purchase a portion for private irrigation development, a request for grazing continuance by the family, and water source for livestock would need to be considered. Carrying capacity of PGL #7039 was recommended to be reduced to 60 AUM due to operational spill water no longer being directed onto the parcel.

[3:29 p.m. T. Helsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

The above factors were discussed, and questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2021-04-119 Moved by B. Schmidt that Private Grazing Lease #7039 (60 AUM) and #7053 (45 AUM) be tendered out as:

- **3 year permits, expiring on October 1, 2023;**
- **with no minimum bid;**
- **with standard restrictions and eligibility requirements, except:**
 - **no Private Grazing Lease deduction, and**
 - **no 640 acre PGL limitation.**

Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:55 p.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

[3:55 p.m. – 4:01 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

10.04 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.04.1 Silver Sage Rodeo Grounds

A letter from one representative has been received by the District and calls held with various representatives of the Silver Sage Ag Society and the Brooks Kinsmen. It was Board consensus that this correspondence indicates that increased communication between the user groups, a review of the approved 3-year development plan by them, and clarification of the agreement, which is held with the Silver Sage Ag Society, is needed. N. Fontaine will contact the Silver Sage Ag Society and the Kinsmen and advise that both parties meet to resolve any concerns and offer his attendance at a meeting to clarify terms of the agreement.

10.04.2 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Marsh Trail

In response to a question from B. Schmidt, N. Fontaine advised that the Marsh Trail at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park is located on District owned land, the Province maintains by mowing, there is no current agreement with the Province, and the EID has no plans in developing the trail. In follow up to his previous meeting, Mr. Schmidt will convey this information at the next meeting of the Newell Regional Tourism Association.

[4:25 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

14.0 Coordinating the Timing of Government Modelling between Districts

I. Friesen advised that irrigation districts participating in the federal and provincial government irrigation development funding program are looking to coordinate district requests for Alberta Agriculture & Forestry risk assessment modelling. This process can be lengthy and took 12-18 months for the EID. Individual districts will likely be encouraged by AIDA to limit the number of proposals when requesting risk assessment modelling for their expansion plans.

15.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations

Mr. Friesen also advised that IDA Regulations are due for review. These regulations are to be reviewed over the next couple Board Meetings, to compile suggestions for amendments and give comment to AIDA, with ultimate submission from that body to government.

B. Schmidt moved the meeting be recessed at 4:31 p.m.

The meeting is to be resumed Tuesday, April 27th, 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on April 27th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda cont'd

The following items were also added to the agenda:

- 11.0 Irrigation Applications – Projects to be Completed by September 30, 2021 – Update
- 11.04 Alternate Parcel Application – John Miller to John Ketchmark
- 10.04.3 Crawling Valley Campground – AIS Prevention Program Staffing
- 10.04.4 Request to Purchase Land – Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass)
- 19.0 Bassano Spur Ditch – Conveyance Agreement

The following item was deferred to the May Meeting:

- Access Policy for District Owned Lands – Draft Revisions

16.0 Vision and Mission Statements

In follow up to the March meeting, the most recent vision and mission statement of the EID and other examples and suggestions were reviewed. Discussion is to be continued at the May meeting.

17.0 Code of Conduct

Also in follow up to the March meeting, J. Hale enquired if any Directors had any amendments after giving the Code of Conduct additional review. There were no requests for revisions.

2021-04-120 Moved by B. Schmidt that the presented Board Code of Conduct be adopted as policy to be utilized as a framework for Directors. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Code of Conduct will be posted to the District website.



18.0 Newsletter – Draft

A draft newsletter was provided to Directors, which focused on spring informational types of articles. Final edits will be made to the newsletter, sent to Directors for final approval, then mailed and posted to the website.

[9:40 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

11.0 Irrigation Applications – Projects to be Completed by September 30, 2021 – Update

S. Connauton presented the following Irrigation Applications update.

11.02 Infill Acres Over 50 Irr Acres per Project & Irrigation Acres for Projects on Dry Parcels cont’d

It was required to correct the categorization of one landowner’s applications from off-river to under reservoir support. As a result of moving the 2 applications to the reservoir support category, the next highest rated application was eligible under the off-river category. No previously approved applications were denied through this adjustment.

11.02.14 Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – SE 02-17-16 W4M

- Assessment: 12 acres pivot (10 north pivot, 2 west pivot)
- Proposal: 151 acre corner arm pivot; 139 additional acres needed (139 new)
- Notes: soils pass; new acre rate applies to these acres as the existing 10 acres for the north pivot were granted after December 31, 2019

2021-04-121 Moved by T. Hemsing that the following approved applications be recategorized from off-river to under reservoir support:

- **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt Sec 31-23-16 W4M, and**
 - **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 28-23-16 W4M;**
- and that the following application for “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RIVER Support” for 2021 be approved:**

- **Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – SE 02-17-16 W4M**

Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taking into account the above recategorization for projects to be completed by September 30, 2021, a total of 3,088 acres were granted, plus 70 terminable acres converted to irrigation acres. 815 New Parcel irrigation acres were approved for off-river, and 1,244 New Parcel irrigation acres were approved for under reservoir support. Additional acres above the 800 and 1,200 maximum allotments were approved to enable the final qualifying project in each category to be fully developed (as permissible under clause 10.0 of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw).

IRRIGATION ACRE APPLICATIONS – Projects to be Completed by Sep 30, 2021						
Support	Up to 50 Irrigation Acres		> 50 Irrigation Acres		New (on dry parcels)	Conversion from Term to 1st
	Efficiency	Infill	Efficiency	Infill		
River	31	352	25	300	815	60
Reservoir	0	156	5	160	1,244	10
Total	31	508	30	460	2,059	70

If all projects proceed, a potential of \$5,737,750 in capital asset and conversion charges will be applied.

Applications for irrigation acres will now revert to the standard administrative process:

- applications for projects requiring 50 or less irrigation acres to be added to existing irrigation parcels will be received and presented for approval throughout the year, and
- applications for projects requiring more than 50 irrigation acres to be added to existing irrigation parcels, or for projects on dry parcels, are to be received by September 30th of each year, and presented for approval at the November Board Meeting.

11.04 Alternate Parcel Application – John Miller to John Ketchmark

Upon approval of the irrigation applications for The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City, the alternate parcel transfers approved at the March 8th meeting are no longer required. John Miller is now requesting to transfer 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 29-17-16 W4M for a wiper pivot on a dry parcel. Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2021-04-122 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2021-03-080 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 2021 alternate parcel transfer of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 29-17-16 W4M. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:49 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.04 Lands, Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine joined the meeting to present or respond to the following items.

10.04.3 Crawling Valley Campground – AIS Prevention Program Staffing

J. Hale opened discussion on the extra administrative time spent registering and checking in watercraft at the Crawling Valley Campground. Through review of the matter, the Board directed that no boat launch fee/administrative fee is to be charged to cover this cost. For the 2021 season, the District will pay for an additional summer student at the Crawling Valley Campground, up to a set salary amount, to aid in the boat registration process and for supplemental duties. This approach will be reviewed for the 2022 camping and boating season.

10.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

10.02.1 Little Dam Reservoir – Designated Camp Site

On behalf of D. Buell, Land Administrator – Habitat, Wildlife & Access, N. Fontaine informed Directors of the history, use, and present condition of the Little Dam Reservoir camp site. It is believed this camp site was first developed by the Bassano Kinsmen in the 1950's or 1960's. Due to ongoing problems, the open access public use of EID lands, including random camping, ended in the 1990's. Little Dam was never designated as an official camp site.

Current issues consist of a sense of ownership by regular users, unsupervised activities, risk of grass fires, litter, poor condition of docks, lack of shoreline armour, and safety hazards. The following options were discussed for the site: discontinue camping and allow public day-use only, convert the area to a small Private Grazing Lease, offer the area as an ancillary site to be administered by Crawling Valley Campground, offer the area to be administered by a local Society and open for the public, and develop and/or expand the site as a limited-service public campground. It was directed that EID staff, without delay, clean up the area of any safety hazards and post "use at your own risk" signs. The area is to be investigated on potential and costs for proper development as a day use or camping site. Ongoing administration of a redeveloped site will require further consideration.

10.04 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

10.04.4 Request to Purchase Land – Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass)

Further to the increase in irrigation acres approved earlier in the meeting for Douglass Ranches Ltd, J. Hale advised that Adam Douglass has expressed interest in purchasing a portion of District land to allow his expanded pivot to gain maximum ground. A number of factors were raised by Admin. This request will be brought back to the next meeting with additional information regarding the requested acre parcel size; necessary canal ROW and easement; oil & gas facilities; sale, leasing and PGL options; and a written request from the landowner.

[10:45 a.m. – 10:52 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Moen entered.]

2021-04-123 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 EIDNet cont'd.

9.02 Fibre Project Discussion

[10:59 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd

10.01.2.10 Review of Rejected FI Application – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd

[11:12 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

19.0 Bassano Spur Ditch

20.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project – Update

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

10.0 Lands cont'd

**10.03 Grazing cont'd****10.03.4 JBS Treated Industrial Wastewater Agreements – Update**

[12:27 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

21.0 Legal & Corporate Services**21.01 Commercial Update**

2021-04-124 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN-CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**9.0 EIDNet cont'd.****9.02 Fibre Project Discussion****10.0 Lands cont'd****10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd****10.01.2.10 Review of Rejected FI Application – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd**

M. Koochin shared his final review of the denied Farm Improvement application with Directors and presented a draft of the response letter. The Board was in consensus to forward the letter to the landowner.

19.0 Bassano Spur Ditch – Conveyance Agreement**20.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project – Update****10.0 Lands cont'd****10.03 Grazing cont'd****10.03.4 JBS Treated Industrial Wastewater Agreements – Update**

R. Volek provided background on the District agreements with JBS and the current situations for lands being used for pasture irrigation and irrigated farming. Past requests for emergency application of TIW were also reviewed. A lengthy discussion was held on these matters, a rental fee for lands that will not be able to be grazed in 2021, and regarding the following motion approved at the April GAC Meeting:

GAC 21-03 Moved by A. Beasley to recommend that an independent consultant review the soil analysis and provide advice on cropping for the 2022 season at the Rock Lake pivots. Seconded by T. Hall. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



An independent consultant will be hired to advise on improving soils on lands designated for TIW application. Rent on the applicable lands (pivots C and D under the Pasture Irrigating Agreement) for 2021, which will not be available for grazing, is to be set at \$200/acre plus consultant fees.

21.0 Legal & Corporate Services

21.01 Commercial Update

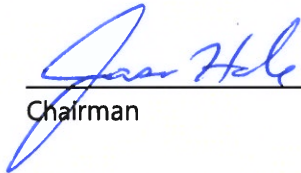
Direction confirmed by the Board.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

22.0 Upcoming Events

- 22.01 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 26th, 9:00 a.m.
- 22.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:53 p.m.



 Chairman



 General Manager