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**January 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. 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 Chromka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.01 Quotes for the Purchase of Service Truck Body and Crane
- 8.02 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M
- 11.06 Discussion on Identifying and Assessing Conflict of Interest

**2021-01-001 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 December 17, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting**

The December 17, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

**2021-01-002 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

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

T. Hemsing connected to a Joint AIDA / Irrigation Council Meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting included both organizations articulating their vision and mission statements, and discussions on the social license aspect of irrigated agriculture, aquatic herbicide registration update, and infrastructure investment and maintenance. Dave Ardell, Executive Director – Water Infrastructure Operations Branch, spoke to the Aquatic Invasive Species department being moved within Environment & Parks, under Fish & Wildlife. Mr. Hemsing will bring back further information as to

why the AIS department was moved and if this move will affect any of the present prevention program priorities.

#### **4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting**

J. Hale attended a recent CVRS Meeting, advising that the same campground rates and number of seasonal sites will be retained as last year, and that the campground will also be implementing a \$10 annual boat launch fee to cover some of the administrative costs associated with visiting watercraft.

[9:18 a.m. N. Lassiter and Ed Chapman entered the meeting.]

#### **9:15 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2019/2020 Year End Statements**

Mr. Hale welcomed Ed Chapman, CPA, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants to the meeting. The auditor's letters were presented and reviewed. The audit process was outlined, noting that due to COVID-19 precautions, most of their work was completed remotely through a secure link. Likewise, no issues were identified with District accounting staff working from home, for progressing to a more electronic system in response to modified procedures, nor in the transition in key personnel. Mr. Chapman summarized the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations & Changes in Fund Balances, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements. It was reported that the District's financial records were found to be in order, with all inspected records to have been presented fairly, with no concerns regarding internal controls or practices. Availability to meet with the Board during the audit process, or at any other time, was offered. Mr. Chapman was thanked for the thorough work done on the audit. Mr. Chapman in turn thanked administration and staff for their cooperation and assistance with the audit.

**2021-01-003 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Independent Auditor's Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2020 be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-01-004 Moved by B. Chrumka that the audit findings letter dated January 26, 2021 be accepted, executed and returned to the auditor. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:55 a.m. Ed Chapman exited the meeting.]

### **5.0 Financial Report**

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

#### **5.01 Financial Statements to December 31, 2020**

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

- YTD revenues total about \$11.04 million and are tracking slightly over YTD budget, largely due to October revenues including 2 months of oil and gas annual rentals and EIDNet subscription fees.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.17 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$3.87 million.



**2021-01-005 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.02 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2020**

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2020 was \$2,478,878 or 2.52% less than the book value at September 30, 2020.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT</b>		
<b>Investment</b>	<b>Matured</b>	<b>Purchased</b>
EID – Short Term	\$12,200,000	-
IRP – Short Term	-	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

**2021-01-006 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.03 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2020**

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

**2021-01-007 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.04 2021 Remuneration Bylaw**

The 2021 Remuneration Bylaw was presented for review; Directors opted to not increase per diems, mileage or meal allowances.

**2021-01-008 Moved by R. Owen that the rate of remuneration to be paid to Directors, the mileage rate, and the meal reimbursement rates approved January 28, 2020 be retained for 2021. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:29 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

**5.05 2021 Rates Bylaw**

The 2021 Rates Bylaw continues to be based on a \$0 water rate, excepting surcharges for pressurized systems. Pressure surcharges (operation and maintenance) were increased from \$8.00 per acre to \$10.00 per acre for all 4 systems: H Cowoki, 03 East Branch, Springhill, and Rolling Hills Reservoir. As well, clause 3(a) was removed; this clause addressed acres subject to an annual agreement where the number of acres being irrigated exceeds those shown on the assessment roll for that parcel and the parcel is not eligible to receive additional acres from the District.

**2021-01-009 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #949 (2021) be amended by:**

- deleting Part One of section 3 regarding Annual Agreements, and
- increasing the operation and maintenance surcharge rate from \$8.00/acre to \$10.00/acre for all four pressure systems (H Cowoki, 03 East Branch, Springhill and Rolling Hills Reservoir);

and that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-01-010 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #949 (2021) be read the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-01-011 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #949 (2021) this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-01-012 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #949 (2021), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Annual Agreement Rates, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2021 Rates Bylaw can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

#### 5.06 2021 Fees Bylaw

The 2021 Fees Bylaw was presented as based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, which this year is \$32.77 per acre foot. Various categories are either based on a percentage of this cost or have a flat fee assigned and may include charges for additional water over a typical set amount. To encourage prompt payment, a \$100 discount is applied to accounts which are paid within 30 days of the invoice date. For 2021, fees were increased a maximum of 0.5%, rounded to the nearest 50 cents.

2021-01-013 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #950 (2021) be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-01-014 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #950 (2021) be read the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-01-015 Moved by B. Schmidt that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #950 (2021) this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-01-016 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #950 (2021), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2021 Fees Bylaw can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

[10:45 a.m. – 10:52 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

## 6.0 Operations

### 6.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Friesen identified the status of the various snowpack pillows; 2 are currently tracking within the upper quartile and 4 are tracking slightly above.

## 7.0 Equipment

### 7.01 Quotes for the Purchase of Service Truck Body & Crane

To complete the unit, Mr. Friesen presented the quotes received for the purchase of body and crane add-ons for the Mack service truck approved in November. Although a slightly higher quote, it was recommended to approve the build through ITB in order to receive the completed service truck earlier in the season.

SERVICE TRUCK ADD-ONS	
Company	Quote
<b>Brutus Truck Bodies / Horizon Truck &amp; Body</b> Lethbridge - service body and crane arrive in Lethbridge last week of June - completion date: end of July	\$127,126.32
<b>ITB (Intercontinental Truck Body Ltd)</b> Coaldale - building and installation of body and crane mid-March - completion date: end of May	\$131,630.00

**2021-01-017 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase and installation of a Service Truck body and crane from Intercontinental Truck Body Ltd, Lethbridge for \$131,630. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-01-018 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:00 a.m. Dayna Johnson – RMA Client Relationship Manager and John Hackwell – RMA Risk Advisor connected to the meeting.]

**11:00 a.m. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Insurance Presentation - Dayna Johnson and John Hackwell**

[11:55 a.m. D. Johnson and J. Hackwell disconnected from the meeting.]

**2021-01-019 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN-CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**

**11:00 a.m. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Insurance Presentation - Dayna Johnson and John Hackwell**  
Directors requested that quotes be obtained for increased liability coverage in several categories.

[11:58 a.m. – 12:23 p.m. Lunch break; N. Lassiter exited the meeting, R. Gagley entered.]

## CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

### 8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

#### 8.01 Project Status

The crew on the C Springhill pipeline project are on schedule and now just passing the halfway point with over 5 km of pipeline installed. The southern crew has completed installing the 9-H West Bantry pipeline (2.2 km) and has moved to the 10-H West Bantry project where 1 km has been completed. Directors may contact I. Friesen or R. Gagley if interested in viewing the installation of 60" pipe, or touring any of the construction projects.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Approved Estimate	Potential Gov't Funding
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>			
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed	\$650,000	-
<b>PIPELINE</b>			
C Springhill	- 50% complete	\$11,385,000	30%
01-C Springhill	- prepped for pipeline installation	\$5,112,000	30%
9-H West Bantry	- 100% complete, final cleanup remains	\$957,000	30%
10-H West Bantry	- 15% complete	\$2,892,000	30%
16-H West Bantry	- prepped for pipeline installation	\$2,266,000	30%

#### 8.02 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M

In follow up to last meeting, Directors were advised that B. Schmidt and I. Friesen met with Cole Webb to review the draft Restrictive Covenant to be registered on NE & NW 19-17-13 W4M land titles, once irrigation development conditions are met by the landowner. It was consensus to amend the document to clarify the definition of excess acres, and to extend the removal notice and transfer period for those acres. This framework has now resulted in a standardized Restrictive Covenant document.

Through supplementary discussion concerning measured flow rates, it was suggested to indicate "measured" or "estimated" in the IDARS system, and to encourage landowners and Water Operators to measure flow rates for accuracy.

[12:46 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

### 9.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

### 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; 23 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 36 for Rosemary. The fibre path for phase 1 is being finalized and sending for final engineering; ordering of materials has begun.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to December 31, 2020	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	52
Residential Accounts	1,718
Business Accounts	26
EID Automation	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,801</b>

[12:54 p.m. R. Gagley and R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

## 10.0 Lands

### 10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

#### 10.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2021 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review was provided of last year's approved rates for the campground and marina at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. Due to the uncertainties and COVID-19 restrictions that were in place in early spring of 2020, a decision was made to cancel seasonal camping and offer daily camping on a first-come first-serve basis. The change to daily use was well received by the public; having all the sites available at the daily rate also resulted in an increase in revenues. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

#### 2021-01-020 Moved by T. Hemsing that the 2021 rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for:

- **Camping be set at:**
  - **\$40/night, including GST, on all daily sites,**
    - **plus an additional \$5 per day for 50 amp sites,**
  - **\$3,200/season for all seasonal sites,**
    - **35 seasonal sites available, distributed throughout the campground,**
    - **18 of the seasonal sites being reserved for Water Users,**
  - **\$500 for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable towards the full seasonal fee); and**
- **Boat Slips be set at:**
  - **\$10/day, including GST,**
  - **\$60/week, including GST,**
  - **\$475/season, plus GST; and**
  - **\$475, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee);**

**Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 2021-01-021 Moved by T. Hemsing that the 2021 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and close at noon Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



### 10.01.2 Direction for Pt SW & Pt NE 13-18-14 W4M

In follow up to last month's meeting, it was advised that the Canadian Pheasant Company Inc has found the District's offer acceptable, however would like to ensure that the existing leaseholder be given the opportunity to lease the land. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

**2021-01-022 Moved by B. Schmidt that for consolidation with the existing EID owned 43.7 acre parcel, the District purchase the adjacent 68.2 acre parcel in Pt SE 24 & Pt NE 13-18-14 W4M from The Canadian Pheasant Company Inc for \$2,000/acre = \$136,400.00 and offer a 5 year grazing permit to the existing Lessee at District Private Grazing Lease rates. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 10.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

#### 10.02.1 Permit to Trail Cattle

In follow up to the November and December Board Meetings, the Permit to Trail Cattle, as revised per Board direction, was presented for final review. The Permit will be necessary for anyone wishing to trail cattle across EID lands, stating the contact, advance notice, land access protocols, and insurance required.

**2021-01-023 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Permit to Access EID Lands to Trail Cattle be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:28 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton re-entered.]

### 10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

#### 10.03.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2020

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
October 1, 2020	303,938	3,553	39	58	307,588
December 31, 2020	303,998	3,553	39	58	307,648*
Net increase	60	< 0 >	0	0	60
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 2 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					62
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

\*Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 307,609 irrigation acres are on the roll, and 39 irrigation acres are currently under Annual Agreement.

### 10.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

#### 10.03.2.1 Budget Reports

The Year End and Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Reports were presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – YEAR END REPORT	
<b>2020 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
Grants approved but not paid ( <i>incomplete</i> ) as of September 30, 2019 *	< \$ 947,648 > *
2020 Budget Remaining ( <i>if all grants paid out from last year</i> )	\$1,052,352
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October 2019 through September 2020 ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 722,012 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 953,859</b>

\*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$0 will be carried over from the 2020 fiscal year to the 2021 fiscal year (all retroactive grants have expired).

\*\*Total grants paid in the 2020 fiscal year were \$1,046,141 (\$722,012 approved and paid in the 2020 fiscal year, and \$324,129 approved prior but paid within this fiscal year).

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – Monthly Report	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 2,000 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through December ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 221,495 >
January ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 63,456 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 552,049</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$257,495.

**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.

**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.

#### 10.03.2.2 Flood to Pivot w C/A – Gemstar Farms Ltd (Alvin & Angela Plett) – NW 04-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 144 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 149 acres flood (5 acres added for general assessment)
- Converting: 135 acres to pivot and 9 acres to corner arm

- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres, all under pivot (135 pivot, 14 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-01-024 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gemstar Farms Ltd for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot and 9 acres flood to corner arm in NW 04-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) + \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre) = \$19,800. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.2.3 Flood to Pivot – Ernest & Katherine Wiens – SW, NW & NE 25-21-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 15 acres flood (5 acres on each of the 3 corners)
- Converting: 15 acres flood to corner pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 15 acres, all under corner pivot

**2021-01-025 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ernest & Katherine Wiens for the conversion of 15 acres flood to corner pivot in SW, NW & NE 25-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$1,500 (15 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A grant deduction was previously applied in 2004 for 5 of these acres and in 2015 for the remaining 10 acres. All 15 acres are now eligible for a return of deduction.

**2021-01-026 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of:**

- \$200/acre for 5 acres applied in February 2004, and
- \$500/acre for 10 acres applied in September 2015

**be returned to Ernest & Katherine Wiens for new efficiencies in SW, NW & NE 25-21-16 W4M; \$1,000 (5 acres x \$500/acre) + \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) = \$6,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3 historical irrigable units exist on portions of SW, NW & NE 25-21-16 W4M. With the installation of the corner pivot, it is required to register one irrigable unit on all 3 quarters, therefore the historical ones may be removed.

**2021-01-027 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Units on:**

- SW 25-21-16 W4M;
- SW 25 & Pt NW 25-21-16 W4M; and
- NE 25 & Pt NW 25-21-16 W4M;

**all lands being owned by Ernest & Katherine Wiens. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-01-028 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of the Irrigable Units on SW, NW & NE 25-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ernest & Katherine Wiens. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Upgrades** (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps) and **Corner Irrigation** (corner arm, subsurface) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

**10.03.2.4 Pump – Eusebius Halsema & Esther Halsema-Bernstein – SW 14-14-13 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$7,500 (motion 44-04-2000)
- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 132 acres pivot (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-01-029 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eusebius & Esther Halsema for the pump upgrade in SW 14-14-13 W4M purchased for \$11,201. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 x \$100/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$5,500. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.2.5 Pump – Eusebius Halsema & Esther Halsema-Bernstein – SE 23-14-13 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$7,500 (motion 44-04-2000)
- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 132 acres pivot (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-01-030 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eusebius & Esther Halsema for the pump upgrade in SE 23-14-13 W4M purchased for \$11,201. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 x \$100/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$5,500. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.2.6 Pump – Highplains Cattle Company Ltd (Alisha Armstrong) – Sec 26-21-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 498 acres (NW – 150 term, NE – 124 term, SE – 92 term, SW – 102 term & 30 irr acres)
- Current Assessment: 510 irr acres (12 acres added in the 1987 general assessment)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 510 acres, 489 under section pivot & 21 acre separate field
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-01-031 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Highplains Cattle Company Ltd for the pump upgrade in Sec 26-21-17 W4M purchased for \$9,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$3,000 (30 x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.2.7 Panel – Alfred & Nancy Klassen – NW 26-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres
- Current Assessment: 138 acres pivot (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (131 pivot, 7 south pivot)

**2021-01-032 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Alfred & Nancy Klassen for the panel upgrade in NW 26-22-17 W4M purchased for \$11,754. The Farm**

**Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$11,754. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.2.8 Nozzles – Gregory & Rosemarie Klassen – SE & Pt NE 35-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$1,150 (motion 2005-12-248 – conversion)  
\$1,732 (motion 2018-02-104 – panel)
- Previous Assessment: 96 acres
- Current Assessment: 97 acres wiper pivot (1 acre added for general assessment)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 97 acres, all under wiper pivot

**2021-01-033 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gregory & Rosemarie Klassen for the nozzle upgrade in SE & Pt NE 35-22-17 W4M purchased for \$6,215. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$9,600 (96 x \$100/acre) less \$2,882 (previous grants) = \$6,718; with the payable amount being \$6,215. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.2.9 Pivot Replacement – Robert & Lisa Rommens – SW 01-20-14 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$10,813 (motion 2018-02-113)
- Previous Assessment: 150 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres corner arm pivot (2 acres added for 2018 general assessment)
- Installing: pivot replacement
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-01-034 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Robert & Lisa Rommens for the pivot replacement upgrade in SW 01-20-14 W4M purchased for \$167,416. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$15,000 (150 x \$100/acre) less \$10,813 (previous grant) = \$4,187. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Irrigable Units

**10.03.3.1 Discharge – Charles & Wynona Hansen and Robert & Yvonne Olsen – S ½ 36-19-14 W4M**

Historically, SW 36 and SE 36 shared 2 deliveries in the east quarter. Since the registration in 1973 the North Branch pipeline has allowed for a separate delivery on each quarter.

**2021-01-035 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on:**

- SW 36-19-14 W4M; lands being owned by Charles & Wynona Hansen; and
- SE 36-19-14 W4M; lands being owned by Robert & Yvonne Olsen.

**Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.3.2 Discharge – 1790005 AB Inc (Joey Stadnicki) and Randal & Ada Stadnicki – N ½ 25-19-14**

Historically, NW 25 and NE 25 shared 2 deliveries in the east quarter. Since the registration in 1973 the North Branch pipeline has allowed for a separate delivery on each quarter.

- 2021-01-036 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on:**
- **NW 25-19-14 W4M; lands being owned by 179005 AB Inc (Joey Stadnicki); and**
  - **NE 25-19-14 W4M; lands being owned by Randal & Ada Stadnicki.**
- Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:37 p.m. – 1:42 p.m. Short break; E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

## **11.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite**

### **11.01 Public Meeting Follow Up**

Directors and Admin debriefed on the January 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Plebiscite Public Meetings. It was consensus that additional Public Meetings would be beneficial; both print and radio ads will be run to notify water users.

A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for:

- Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

Additional online Public Meetings were scheduled for:

- Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

### **11.02 Resolution to Authorize Plebiscite**

M. Koochin reviewed the following with Directors and Admin:

The Board of Directors is proposing to make a bylaw to change the expansion limit of the EID from the existing limit of 311,000 acres to 345,000 acres.

Section 12(4) of the *Irrigation Districts Act* (RSA 2000, c I-11) (the “Act”) provides that if an irrigation district proposes to make a bylaw to change the expansion limit of the district, the board of directors must:

- a) hold a meeting with the public, and
- b) by resolution authorize the holding of a plebiscite to obtain the approval of the irrigators.

Section 12(5) of the Act provides that a board of an irrigation district, not less than 30 days before the board intends to consider a resolution in subsection 12(4)(b) of the Act, must give public notice of its intention to consider the resolution and the date, time and locations of the meeting with the public.

Section 12(6)(b) of the Act also provides that the question that the plebiscite shall determine must be included in a resolution of the board of directors.

A public notice was published in the Brooks Bulleting newspaper on December 16, 2020 and public meetings occurred on January 18 & 21, 2021.

Since a public notice and a public meeting have now occurred, the Board must next approve a resolution authorizing the holding of a plebiscite to obtain the approval of irrigators to change the expansion limit of the Eastern Irrigation District.

**2021-01-037 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board of the Eastern Irrigation District authorizes the holding of a plebiscite on February 23, 2021 to obtain the approval of the irrigators to change the expansion limit to 345,000 acres by asking the following question as will be reflected on the form of ballot for the plebiscite:**

***"The Eastern Irrigation District presently has an expansion limit of 311,000 acres. The Board of Directors has determined that 345,000 acres could be served with its existing water licenses. The Board of Directors is seeking the approval of the irrigators to change the expansion limit to 345,000 acres.***

***Do you approve:***

- ☐ ***Yes, I am in favor of changing the expansion limit to 345,000 acres.***
- ☐ ***No, I am against changing the expansion limit."***

**Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.03 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> reading was gained November 24, 2020. Information within the bylaw was presented at the January Public Meetings and will also be presented at the February Public Meetings. There were no revisions requested nor made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading draft.

**2021-01-038 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #942 (2020) be read the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading draft will be posted to the District website as information. 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of this bylaw may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

#### **11.04 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The Irrigation Acres 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. 1<sup>st</sup> reading was gained November 24, 2020. Information within the bylaw was presented at the January Public Meetings and will also be presented at the February Public Meetings. In addition to Admin advising that a typo should be corrected on page 4, a discussion was held on the "Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field" weighting criteria. Since the maximum number of irrigation acres per irrigator caps have been removed from the new bylaw, there was consensus to equalize the Size of Parcel rating for regular quarter section pivots with that of section size pivots. This adjustment will not enable a section pivot to be approved over a quarter section pivot, strictly based on size of parcel. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading draft was revised as outlined in the following motion.

**2021-01-039 Moved by B. Chrumka that for Bylaw #943 (2020):**

- **page 4, 3.0(g)(i):**
    - **"Notwithstanding the provisions of this subclause 3.0(h)(i)"**  
**be corrected to:**
      - **"Notwithstanding the provisions of this subclause 3.0(g)(i)";**
  - **page 9, 9.01(c):**
    - **(c) Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field:**

	<b>Rating</b>
<b>(i) 1 to 40 acres</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(ii) 40 to 80 acres</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>(iii) 80 to 100 acres</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>(iv) 100 to 120 acres</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>(v) 120 to 150 acres</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>(vi) 150 to 220 acres</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>(vii) more than 220 acres</b>	<b>15</b>
- be amended to:**
- **(c) Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field:**

	<b>Rating</b>
<b>(i) 1 to 39 acres</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(ii) 40 to 79 acres</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>(iii) 80 to 99 acres</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>(iv) 100 to 119 acres</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>(v) 120 acres or larger</b>	<b>15</b>

**and that the bylaw be introduced and read the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.  
Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading draft will be posted to the District website as information. 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of this bylaw may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

**2021-01-040 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.05 Information Ad – Draft**

**11.06 Discussion on Identifying and Assessing Conflict of Interest**

[3:05 p.m. E. Wilson and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Town of Bassano Stormwater & Treated Effluent Discharge**

**13.0 Annual Report Book**

**13.01 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input**

**13.02 AGM Agenda**

**14.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

**14.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**



## 14.02 Commercial Updates

**2021-01-041 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN-CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

## 11.05 Information Ad – Draft

A draft Plebiscite information ad was proposed to Directors. The ad will be revised and forwarded to Directors for further input and final approval. The ad will be run as a full page ad in local papers, and included on the District website.

## 11.06 Discussion on Identifying and Assessing Conflict of Interest

M. Koochin will review more detailed *Municipal Government Act* legislation and any related regulations to aid Directors in assessing and declaring pecuniary interests which may arise under the *Irrigation Districts Act*.

## 12.0 Town of Bassano Stormwater & Treated Effluent Discharge

## 13.0 Annual Report Book

### 13.01 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

Chair and GM Reports were discussed, with minor revisions resulting.

### 13.02 AGM Agenda

No additions or deletions were requested to the proposed AGM agenda.

## 14.0 Legal & Corporate Services

### 14.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft

The draft Audio Recording policy will be amended and brought back for further review.

## 14.02 Commercial Updates

### CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

## 15.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| 15.01 | Special Board Meeting         | - Monday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>                                   |
| 15.02 | Plebiscite Public Meeting     | - Wednesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 p.m. <i>[online]</i>   |
| 15.03 | Plebiscite Public Meeting     | - Thursday, February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m. <i>[online]</i>    |
| 15.04 | Plebiscite                    | - Tuesday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.        |
| 15.05 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Thursday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                    |
| 15.06 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                          |
| 15.07 | Annual General Meeting        | - Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn or online |
| 15.08 | Nominations Close – Div 3 & 6 | - Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.                      |



**T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:12 p.m.**

Chairman

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General Manager

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'T. Hemsing', is written over a horizontal line.

**February 8 & 10, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> days of February 2021. Those in attendance on February 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Chromka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

[10:00 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the proposed agenda.

**2021-02-042 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-02-043 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:01 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**2.0 Capital Assets Survey****2.01 Survey Results Presentation****2.02 Direction for Posting Results to Public**

[11:45 a.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite****3.01 Upcoming Public Meetings**

[11:48 a.m. – 12:08 p.m. Lunch break.]

**3.02 Radio Ad****4.0 Annual General Meeting – Format**

**2021-02-044 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN-CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

**2.0 Capital Assets Survey cont'd.**

A Capital Assets Charges Survey was made available to water users both online and through a mailout. The survey was mailed and posted to the District website on December 21<sup>st</sup>, with a return deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Values and comments were requested of water users for 2 categories: "Infill and Efficiency Acres Up To a maximum of 50 irrigation acres" and "Infill and Efficiency Acres Over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and for New Parcels". Data handling procedures were also posted on the website as information, including compilation, verification, anonymity of responses, presentation, summary for public disclosure, and data retention.

**2.01 Survey Results Presentation cont'd.**

Maintaining anonymity of respondents, M. Porter, Information Services Supervisor, presented a detailed summary of the survey to Directors and Admin delineating the number of responses according to values chosen for both categories and including all submitted comments and letters. The survey results are summarized as follows:

<b>CAPITAL ASSETS CHARGES – IRRIGATOR SURVEY</b>	
Total number of survey responses	388
Total number of eligible respondents	1,337
Infill and Efficiency acres Up To a maximum of 50 acres <i>[average of all responses]</i>	\$940/acre
Infill and Efficiency acres Over a maximum of 50 acres, and for New Parcel acres <i>[average of all responses]</i>	\$2,286/acre

A period of time was allowed for review, with a request being made to continue the discussion Wednesday prior to the online Plebiscite Public Meeting. It was further requested that additional graphs and summaries be created to assist in the examination of the survey results. A chart displaying values per Electoral Division was requested and provided to Directors during a meeting break.

**2.02 Direction for Posting Results to Public cont'd.**

The results of the survey, including additional graphs and summaries, will be posted on the District's website February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.**

**3.01 Upcoming Public Meetings cont'd.**

For the additional Plebiscite Public Meetings to be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup>, it was requested that portions of the proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw and Expansion Limit Bylaw be explained more thoroughly.

**3.02 Radio Ad cont'd.**

It was directed to replace the standard Notice of Plebiscite radio ad with a revised version that offers additional information.

**4.0 Annual General Meeting – Format cont'd.**

Given current and foreseeable restrictions, it was consensus to host the AGM via an online format. Votes on motions and motions from the floor will remain available for participants. Parameters for chair of the meeting are yet to be determined.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

[12:21 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

**R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 12:21 p.m.**

The meeting is to be resumed Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon.

Those in attendance on February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12:13 p.m.

[12:13 p.m. E. Wilson and M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**2021-02-045 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Capital Assets Survey cont'd.**

[12:34 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**2021-02-046 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:22 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

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**DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN-CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**

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**2.0 Capital Assets Survey cont'd.**

In follow up to Monday's meeting, requested graphs and summaries were presented to Directors. Further direction was given on posting additional survey information to the website. A copy of the draft Capital Asset Bylaw was distributed for discussion, insertion of values, and first reading.

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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

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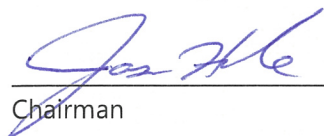
**2021-02-047 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #944 (2021) be amended by:**

- **inserting the following capital asset charges:**
    - **\$350/acre for terminable acres converting to irrigation acres;**
    - **\$950/acre for irrigation acres up to and including the infill acre cap;**
    - **\$2,300/acre for irrigation acres in excess of the infill acre cap;**
    - **\$2,300/acre for irrigation acres being added to new parcels;**
  - **inserting the following capital asset rate:**
    - **\$3,500/acre for irrigation acres sold to the District by an irrigator; and**
- that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|---|---|
| 5.01 | Plebiscite Public Meeting<br><i>[virtual Town Hall Meeting]</i> | - Wednesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 p.m., online    |
| 5.02 | Plebiscite Public Meeting<br><i>[virtual Town Hall Meeting]</i> | - Thursday, February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m., online     |
| 5.03 | Plebiscite  | - Tuesday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 5.04 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Thursday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.             |
| 5.05 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                   |
| 5.06 | Annual General Meeting  | - Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., online          |
| 5.07 | Nominations Close – Div 3 & 6                                   | - Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.               |
| 5.08 | Election <i>[if necessary]</i> – Div 3 & 6                      | - Tuesday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>                             |

**D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:34 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**February 26, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

Those present in the boardroom were:

Mr. Ross Owen	Director [Division 3]
Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant

Those connected on Teams call were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair [Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director [Division 2]
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 4:08 p.m.

**1.0 Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) Financing Agreement**

The Board of Directors met to pass resolutions authorizing the District to:

- proceed with its obligations associated with the historic \$815 million combined Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB), Government of Alberta (GOA) and irrigation district financing arrangements whereby EID will receive a GOA grant of \$72.2 million and a low interest loan from the CIB for up to \$120.45 million as set out in the Funding Agreement dated December 18, 2020 between Irrigating Alberta Inc. (IAI) and the Eastern Irrigation District,
- guarantee IAI's obligations under its credit agreement with CIB pursuant to an EID Guarantee and Pledge Agreement which grants a security interest over EID's shares in AIA,
- grant a security interest over EID's incremental revenues associated with additional irrigation acres and charges levied by the EID for the modernization projects and Snake Lake Reservoir project pursuant to an EID Assignment of Incremental Revenues,
- enter into any additional agreements, documents and instruments which are required from time to time to complete the contemplated transaction and financing arrangements, and
- authorize the EID Chairman and General Manager together to execute such documentation on behalf of the District.

**2021-02-048 Moved by D. Jacobson that:**

**WHEREAS the District has passed Bylaw No. 947 (2020) (the "Borrowing Bylaw") effective December 7, 2020, in accordance with section 177(2)(l) of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, which Bylaw is subject to the Approval of the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in accordance with section 44(2) of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, authorizing the District to enter into a Funding Agreement with Irrigating Alberta Inc. ("IAI") to be dated as of December 18, 2020 (the "Funding Agreement"), in which IAI has agreed to make available to the District the Irrigation Funding (as defined in the Funding Agreement) from loans advanced to the IAI from the Canada Infrastructure Bank (the "Lender") to fund specific irrigation infrastructure**

projects of the District pursuant to a credit agreement dated as of December 18, 2020 between IAI and the Lender;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the terms of the Funding Agreement, the District is required to grant an assignment of incremental revenues in favour of the IAI (the "Assignment Agreement");

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, the District is required to (i) grant a limited recourse guarantee and pledge agreement (the "Guarantee and Pledge Agreement") in favour of the Lender in order to guarantee certain secured obligations under or in connection with the Credit Agreement and to pledge its interest in the share capital of IAI in favour of the Lender (the "Pledged Securities") and (ii) grant an assignment of material agreements in favour of the Lender (the "Material Agreements Assignment" and collectively with the Guarantee and Pledge Agreement and the Assignment of Incremental Revenues, the "Security Documents").

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**1. The District is authorized to:**

- (a) enter into, execute and deliver the Funding Agreement to perform its obligations thereunder;
- (b) guarantee the obligations of IAI under the Credit Agreement pursuant to the terms of the Guarantee and Pledge Agreement;
- (c) grant, enter into, execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Security Documents and to perform its obligations thereunder substantially in the form of the drafts presented to the directors, all upon the terms and conditions set forth in such Security Documents, and all such further and other security as may be required by the Lender or IAI from time to time;
- (d) Estoppel Certificate in favour of the Lender;
- (e) Estoppel Certificate in favour of the Grant Provider as defined in the Funding Agreement;
- (f) charge, assign, transfer, pledge and otherwise grant security interests in the Pledged Securities held by it (along with the execution and delivery of stock transfer powers of attorney endorsed in favour of the Lender or its nominee or in blank) as may be required by the Lender pursuant to the Guarantee and Pledge Agreement from time to time;
- (g) charge, assign, transfer, pledge and otherwise grant security interests in the Incremental Revenues (as defined in the Funding Agreement) to IAI pursuant to the Assignment Agreement, in the form attached as Appendix "A" and on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Directors; and enter into, execute and deliver the Estoppel Certificate in respect of the Funding Agreement, in the form attached as Appendix "B" and on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Directors.

**2. Both the Chairman and the General Manager together, are hereby authorized to do all such things on behalf of the District, to take all such steps, and execute and deliver all such documents certificates, instruments and agreements in addition to the Funding Agreements, the Assignment Agreement and the Guarantee and Pledge Agreement, with such additions, deletions or other changes to any such documents, as approved by both**



the Chairman and the General Manager, in both the Chairman's and the General Manager's discretion, may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by both the Chairman's and General Manager's execution and delivery of the Funding Agreements, the Assignment Agreement or the Guarantee and the Pledge Agreement, as the case may be.

3. Both the Chairman and the General Manager together, are authorized and directed, on behalf of the District, to negotiate, finalize, execute and deliver or file such further documents, agreements, authorizations, elections and instruments and to do all such other acts and things as are required or as such Chairman and General Manager, in both the Chairman's and the General Manager's discretion, may determine to be necessary or desirable in order to complete the transactions contemplated in the foregoing resolutions, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by both the Chairman's and General Manager's execution and delivery of any such documents or instruments or the taking of any such action, as the case may be.
4. Any agreements, instruments or other documents executed and delivered and any and all acts and things done by the Chairman or the General Manager of the District on or before the date hereof determined to be necessary or desirable by the Chairman or the General Manager in order to complete the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions are ratified, approved and confirmed in all respects.
5. These resolutions may be executed in counterparts and by means of facsimile signature or other electronic means, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS effective as of December 18, 2020, are hereby approved by all of the Directors of the District.

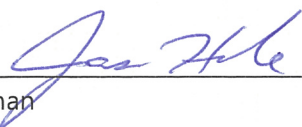
2021-02-049 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services

2.01 Commercial Update

2021-02-050 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Jacobson moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
General Manager

**March 8, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021. 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] <i>[online]</i>		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 AIDA Executive Meeting Update
- 5.01 Canadian Water Agency
- 5.02 Conference Call with the Agriculture & Forestry Minister re Budget
- 10.03.2 JBS Treated Industrial Wastewater Agreements
- 15.01 Request to Rescind Motion 2020-05-156 re Director Term Limits

The following items were moved from In Camera to the Public portion of the meeting:

- 13.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations
- 14.0 Vision and Mission Statements
- 15.0 Code of Conduct

The following items were deferred to the April meeting:

- 2020 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary
- 2020 PHD Program Summary

**2021-03-051 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 January 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The January 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**2021-03-052 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.02 February 8 & 10, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The February 8 & 10, 2021 Special Directors Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**2021-03-053 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the February 8 & 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.03 February 26, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The February 26, 2021 Special Directors Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**2021-03-054 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the February 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **3.0 Business Arising**

### **3.01 AIDA Executive Meeting Update**

In follow up to the AIDA Executive Meeting report in January, T. Hensing further advised regarding government departments assigned to the prevention of aquatic invasive species. The AIS Coordinator position has remained within the Fish & Wildlife branch, although the inspection team has been moved from the Infrastructure Operations branch to the Fish & Wildlife branch. The inspection budget has been maintained for the coming season and the number of inspection stations and inspectors will remain the same for this year.

## **4.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite**

### **4.01 Results of Plebiscite**

Following public meetings held January 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> via online platforms, the plebiscite to seek the approval of the water users to change the expansion limit from 311,000 acres to 345,000 acres was authorized through resolution at the January 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting. As it continues that irrigation districts are not authorized to hold advance voting, the plebiscite was then held Tuesday, February 23, 2021, with voting stations in all 7 electoral divisions.

The plebiscite passed with a 75% majority of eligible ballots. Nearly 600 voters participated in the plebiscite, and 49% of the eligible votes were cast. The following tables delineate overall and divisional results.

<b>EID EXPANSION LIMIT PLEBISCITE – STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF VOTING</b>		
<b>The Eastern Irrigation District presently has an expansion limit of 311,000 acres. The Board of Directors has determined that 345,000 acres could be served with its existing water licenses. The Board of Directors is seeking the approval of the irrigators to change the expansion limit to 345,000 acres.</b>	<b>Number of VALID Ballots marked for each response</b>	<b>% of Votes in the Affirmative or Negative</b>
<b>YES</b> , I am in favour of changing the expansion limit to 345,000 acres.	485	75%
<b>NO</b> , I am against changing the expansion limit	163	25%

Division	Eligible Votes	Total Votes	% of Eligible Votes	Rejected Votes	YES Votes	NO Votes
1	251	133	53%	1	116	16
2	274	99	36%	4	82	13
3	171	78	46%	2	38	38
4	164	77	47%	0	64	13
5	156	94	60%	1	76	17
6	203	100	49%	0	42	58
7	123	80	65%	5	67	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>163</b>

#### 4.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

The 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw increases the expansion limit from 311,000 irrigation acres to 345,000 irrigation acres, provided no more than 340,000 irrigation acres are 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. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the bylaw was passed November 24, 2020, and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading January 26, 2021. M. Koochin advised of a required wording correction.

#### 2021-03-055 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #942 (2020) be amended by replacing:

- "...more than 50% of the irrigators voted in favour..."

with:

- "...more than 50% of the irrigators voting voted in favour...";

and that this bylaw, being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Change the Expansion Limit, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The bylaw is posted on the website.

#### 4.03 Capital Assets Bylaw #944 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings

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 for review of the Board, at least once per year. The bylaw was presented for 1<sup>st</sup> reading in November but was defeated; it was again presented at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the rates amended to coordinate with the averaged results of the irrigator survey: \$950/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50; \$2,300/acre for infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 and for new acres. Conversion acres were presented at \$350/acre and acres purchased back by the District at \$3,500/acre. There were no revisions requested to the bylaw; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings were gained at this meeting.

#### 2021-03-056 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #944 (2021) be read the second time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-03-057 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #944 (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 T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The bylaw is posted on the website. J. Hale requested that the interest rate for financing agreements be discussed at the April meeting.

## **5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

### **5.01 Canada Water Agency**

T. Hemsing joined a virtual information session / town hall meeting of the Canada Water Agency earlier. Online consultations were held across the country to bring together all levels of government on various topics connected to freshwater management (infrastructure, mapping, quality, quantity, floods, droughts), climate change, invasive species, etc. A national forum was held in January and a series of regional forums were held in February. For the western provinces, 4 presenters spoke and debated on topics including climate change, regional control of water, water infrastructure, invasive species, and water quality. The sessions were well received and Mr. Hemsing felt that there is support of the irrigated agriculture industry.

### **5.02 Conference Call with the Agriculture & Forestry Minister re Budget**

The annual Minister's call to irrigation districts was held February 25<sup>th</sup>, after the provincial government's budget announcement. Devin Dreesen, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, recapped the Alberta Government / CIB (Canada Infrastructure Bank) / 8 irrigation districts announcement; advised that this year's IRP funding is \$12 M, forecasted to increase to \$14 M in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year; and congratulated the EID on the passing of the expansion plebiscite.

[9:38 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

## **6.0 Financial Report**

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

### **6.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2021**

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

- YTD revenues total about \$13.57 million and are tracking slightly over YTD budget, due mainly to capital asset charges revenue being under budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9.41 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.16 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Lassiter and Mr. Friesen.

**2021-03-058 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:52 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]



## 7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

### 7.01 Snowpack Report

Although all 6 identified snow pillows are currently at or somewhat below last year's levels, 4 are currently tracking near the upper quartile and 2 are tracking slightly above.

### 7.02 Set Water Delivery Date

A water delivery date of May 6<sup>th</sup> was recommended, which is within the typical timeframe. As Admin and Operations are always evaluating conditions as they unfold, it will ultimately be determined in April as to the suitability of the delivery date.

**2021-03-059 Moved by D. Peltzer that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 6, 2021. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:56 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Moen entered the meeting.]

## 8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

### 8.01 Project Status

Due to the extreme cold during the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, the entire construction department was shut down and 5 days of construction were lost. Fortunately, the pipeline crews were ahead of schedule and are currently on track to having all pipelines installed by the second week of April. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Approved Estimate	Potential Gov't Funding
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>			
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed	\$650,000	-
<b>PIPELINE</b>			
C Springhill	- 95% complete	\$11,385,000	30%
01-C Springhill	- prepped for pipeline installation	\$5,112,000	30%
9-H West Bantry	- 100% complete, final cleanup remains	\$957,000	30%
10-H West Bantry	- 95% complete	\$2,892,000	30%
16-H West Bantry	- prepped for pipeline installation	\$2,266,000	30%

## 9.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

### 9.01 Monthly Report

A major power outage occurred in the Brooks and southern areas of the District. Although some towers ran out of power, service to customers was returned as quickly as possible. A moratorium

on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 28 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 44 for Rosemary. J. Kabut is talking to applicable landowners concerning the Phase 1 fibre path and getting agreements signed. The engineering firm is executing the final buildout and materials are being ordered, with the project remaining on schedule.

## 9.02 Fibre Project Discussion

R. Moen will attend a meeting in Duchess to give an EIDNet fibre presentation to Village Council; D. Peltzer will attend as well. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[10:19 a.m. – 10:24 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered.]

## 10.0 Lands

### 10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

#### 10.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Rules Update

To guarantee water user access to the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, a minimum number of seasonal sites are reserved for applications from water users, as well as the opportunity to reserve a daily site 48 hours in advance. As the demand for camping has increased, it has been increasingly difficult to reserve a daily site. This is mainly due to all campers having the option to extend their stay when already in the campground, and staff then not sure what site, if any, will be vacant. If a site does become available, it is typically filled the following day. It was recommended that, in order to accommodate access for water users, campers would no longer be able to extend their stay impromptu; campers will be required to book the extent of their stay at the original time of booking. Should there be an open site (not prebooked by a water user) at the time of checkout, a camper may choose to extend their stay up to the maximum 14 days combined with their original booking. This process would allow more opportunity for the public to get a daily site as well. Directors were in agreement with this rule change recommendation.

[10:37 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

### 10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

#### 10.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

##### 10.02.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 2,000 >
Require Approval	< \$ 4,500 >

<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through February ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 284,951 >
March ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 60,000 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b> ( <i>less \$125,000</i> )	\$ 487,549

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$335,851.

**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. 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.

Following are **Farm Improvement Grant Applications RECEIVED BY March 7, 2021**

- For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District the EID will pay \$2,500/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 50 irrigation acres per parcel.

**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.

#### 10.02.1.2 Tree Removal – Pedro Reimer and Deydrych Neufeld – NE 20-19-15 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees in NE 20-19-15 W4M to accommodate a pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$9,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

**2021-03-060 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro Reimer and Deydrych Neufeld for the removal of trees to accommodate a pivot in NE 20-19-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$9,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$4,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. 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.

#### 10.02.1.3 Flood/Wheels to Pivot - J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michele Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SW 31-19-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$1,950 (motion 2010-04-093)
- Current Assessment: 140 acres flood and wheels
- Converting: 133 acres flood and wheels to pivot; keeping 7 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (133 pivot, 7 outside the pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: grant is subject to the yard being cleared

**2021-03-061 Moved by R. Owen that motion 2020-07-245 be rescinded. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**2021-03-062 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for J4 Ranch Inc for the conversion of 133 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SW 31-19-13 W4M; subject to the yard being cleared. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,000; with the payable amount being \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,950 (previous grant) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,850. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.4 Flood to Pivot – 3 Triangle Land & Livestock Ltd (Max Tateson) – SE 36-17-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 143 acres flood
- Converting: 122 acres flood to pivot; keeping 21 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (122 pivot, 21 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-063 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 3 Triangle Land & Livestock Ltd for the conversion of 122 acres flood to pivot in SE 36-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,300; with the payable amount being \$12,200 (122 acres x \$100/acre) less \$10,500 (21 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Max & Corrine Tateson – NE 25-17-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 142 acres flood
- Converting: 125 acres flood to pivot; keeping 17 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (125 pivot, 17 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-064 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Max & Corrine Tateson for the conversion of 125 acres flood to pivot in NE 25-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,200; with the payable amount being \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre) less \$8,500 (17 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.6 Flood to Pivot – Norman & Sheila Musgrove – SE 31-20-12 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 84 acres (36 flood, 48 south pivot)
- Converting: 36 acres flood to wiper pivot; 34 additional acres to be added
- New Assessment: 118 acres, all under pivot (70 wiper pivot, 48 south pivot)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: additional acres to complete the wiper pivot were approved through an Increase in Irrigation Acres application in 2020

**2021-03-065 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Norman & Sheila Musgrove for the conversion of 36 acres flood to pivot in SE 31-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$8,400; with the payable amount being \$3,600 (36 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.7 Wheels to Pivot – Retzlaff Farms Ltd (Richard & Marlene Retzlaff) – Pt SE 31-20-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 88 acres
- Current Assessment: 89 acres (1 acre transferred from NE 31-20-15 W4M)
- Converting: 20 acres wheels to wiper pivot; 2 additional acres needed

- New Assessment: 91 acres, all under pivot (69 north pivot, 22 wiper pivot)
- New pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-066 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Retzlaff Farms Ltd for the conversion of 20 acres wheels to pivot in Pt SE 31-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$8,800 (88 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,000 (20 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (2 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Upgrades** (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps) and **Corner Irrigation** (corner arm, subsurface) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

#### **10.02.1.8 Pivot Replacement w/CA – Richard & Marlene Retzlaff – NW 33-20-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 139 acres (127 wiper pivot, 12 acres outside)
- Installing: full pivot with corner arm replacement
- Assessment remains the same at 139 acres (127 pivot, 12 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Marlene Retzlaff for the pivot replacement and corner arm in NW 33-20-15 W4M purchased for \$172,891.43. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) + \$8,400 (12 acres x \$700/acre) = \$21,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **10.02.1.9 Pivot Replacement – Monfred Haag – NE 06-16-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres (28 irrigation, 114 terminable)
- Current Assessment: 142 irrigation acres (114 terminable converted in 2001)
- Installing: high pressure to low pressure pivot replacement; keeping 7 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (135 pivot, 7 outside)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-068 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Monfred Haag for the high pressure to low pressure pivot replacement in NE 06-16-15 W4M purchased for \$34,800. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$2,800 (28 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **10.02.1.10 Panel w/CA – S & K Anderson Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – NE 21-15-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 126 acres (107 wiper pivot, 8 wedge pivot, 19 acres outside)
- Installing: corner arm & panel for large wiper pivot; 2 acres needed
- New Assessment: 128 acres, all under pivot (120 wiper pivot with corner arm, 8 wedge pivot)
- Large wiper pivot has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-069 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Anderson Farms Ltd for the panel and corner arm in NE 21-15-15 W4M purchased for \$77,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner on this pivot system is \$10,700 (107 acres x \$100/acre) + \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$18,400. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (2 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.11 Nozzles – Van Den Hoek Farms Ltd (Cornelis & Marian Van Den Hoek) – Pt SW 12-16-16**

- Previous Grant: \$3,150 (motion 2014-02-035)
- Previous Assessment: 45 acres
- Current Assessment: 52 acres wiper pivot (7 acres purchased in 2014)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 52 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-03-070 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Van Den Hoek Farms Ltd for the nozzle upgrade in Pt SW 12-16-16 W4M purchased for \$6,460. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$4,500 (45 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,150 (previous grant) = \$1,350. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Following are **Increase in Irrigation Acres – Applications RECEIVED BY March 7, 2021**

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.

**10.02.1.12 Add Corner Arm – Bearspaw Management Ltd (Frances Hargrave) – SE 21-21-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 80 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot (53 acres added through transfer and banked efficiencies in 2009)
- Proposal: 151 acre pivot with corner arm; 18 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: Subject to meeting soils requirements

**2021-03-071 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Bearspaw Management Ltd for 18 infill acres in SE 21-21-14 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$13,500 (18 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.13 Wheels to Pivot – Calvin Cameron – SE 13-18-14 W4M (Update)**

- Previous Assessment: 53 acres
- Current Assessment: 29 acres wheels (13 acres transferred to SW 13-18-14 W4M for an existing pivot)
- Proposal: 40 acre wiper pivot; 11 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: wheels to pivot; 29 acres x 1.15 = 4 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 40 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Note: Subject to the pivot being a minimum of 40 acres

**2021-03-072 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Calvin Cameron for 4 efficiency acres and 7 infill acres in SE 13-18-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,250 (11 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.14 Pivot & Drip Corner – JWD Ranching Inc (Jonathan Douglass & Sarah Thompson) – NW 08-24-15**

This application was deferred to the end of the Assessment, Water & Lands portion of the meeting.

**10.02.1.15 Add Corner Arm – Danny Henke & Connie Poncelet-Henke – NW 17-20-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 135 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 142 acre wiper pivot with corner arm; 7 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 142 acres, all under wiper pivot with corner arm

**2021-03-073 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Danny Henke & Connie Poncelet-Henke for 7 infill acres in NW 17-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,250 (7 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.16 Flood to Pivot – Jason Mortensen – SW 16-19-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 85 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 91 acres flood (6 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: 111 acre pivot; 20 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot, 91 acres x 1.40 = 36 efficiency acre
- New Assessment: 111 acres, all under pivot

**2021-03-074 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jason Mortensen for 20 efficiency acres in SW 16-19-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (20 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.17 Flood to Wheels – Shannon Packham – SE 23-20-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 33 acres flood
- Proposal: 40 acre wheel field; 7 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to wheels, 33 acres x 1.20 = 7 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 111 acres, all under pivot

**2021-03-075 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Shannon Packham for 7 efficiency acres in SE 23-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,250 (7 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.18 Flood to Wheels – Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman – Pt NW 11-20-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 40 acres (17 wheels, 23 flood, 2 separate flood fields)
- Proposal: 43 acres wheels (2 separate fields); 3 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to wheels, 23 acres x 1.20 = 5 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 43 acres wheels (2 separate fields)

**2021-03-076 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman for 3 efficiency acres in Pt NW 11-20-14 W4M. The capital**

**assets charge is \$2,250 (3 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.19 Flood to Pivot – Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman – NE 11-20-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 92 acres (48 flood, 44 wheels)
- Proposal: 129 acre pivot with corner arm; 7 acres to be transferred from Pt NW 12-20-14 W4M; 30 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot, 48 acres x 1.40 = 19 efficiency acres  
wheels to pivot, 44 acres x 1.15 = 7 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 129 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: This project is eligible for the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant, therefore not eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant; Pivot corner arm must not cross into the road allowance

**2021-03-077 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman for 26 efficiency and 4 infill acres in NE 11-20-14 W4M; subject to the pivot not irrigating the road allowance. The capital assets charge is \$22,500 (30 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The landowners are proposing to convert from flood and wheels to pivot in NE 11-2-14 W4M at the time of the C Springhill rehab project. Upon completion, this 92 acre conversion to 129 acre pivot qualifies for the grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

**2021-03-078 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman for converting from flood and wheel moves to pivot in NE 11-20-14 W4M at the time of the C Springhill pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.2 Alternate Parcel Transfers**

**10.02.2.1 County of Newell – Pt SE 29-16-16 to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20 & Pt SE 29-16-16**

For the 2021 season, the County of Newell is requesting to transfer 35 irrigation acres from Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe: 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M to infill a wiper pivot and 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

**2021-03-079 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2021 alternate parcel transfer of 35 irrigation acres from the County of Newell in Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe:**

- 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M, and
- 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M.

**Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.2.2 John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – (various)**

For the 2021 season, John Miller is requesting to transfer 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City: 19 acres to Sec. 27-17-17 W4M for an end gun, 17 acres to Sec. 29-17-17 W4M for an end gun, and 44 acres to Sec. 34-17-17 W4M to complete a pivot. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.



~~2021-03-080 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2021 alternate parcel transfer of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City:~~

- ~~• 19 acres in Sec. 27-17-17 W4M,~~
- ~~• 17 acres in Sec. 29-17-17 W4M, and~~
- ~~• 44 acres in Sec. 34-17-17 W4M.~~

~~Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2021-04-122]~~

#### 10.02.2.3 Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M

For the 2021 season, Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert are requesting to transfer 18 irrigation acres from SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M for a separate flood field.

**2021-03-081 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2021 alternate parcel transfer of 18 irrigation acres from SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert; subject to the delivery location being turnout #4235 or #4222. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 10.02.3 Irrigable Units

##### 10.02.3.1 Registration – Lee & Shirley Pickett – NW & Pt SW 16-22-17 W4M

The pivot in Pt SW 16-22-17 W4M crosses into NW 16, with a single delivery in the SW, therefore an irrigable unit is required to be registered for W ½ 16-22-17 W4M.

**2021-03-082 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the registration of the Irrigable Unit on NW & Pt SW 16-22-17 W4M; all lands being owned by Lee & Shirley Pickett. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-03-083 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 10.02.4 Review of Rejected FI Application – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wim van der Poel)

[12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break.]

#### 10.02.5 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Application Process and Ranking

#### 4.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd

##### 4.04 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943

#### 10.0 Lands cont'd

##### 10.02.1.14 Pivot & Drip Corner – JWD Ranching Inc (Douglass & Thompson) – NW 08-24-15 cont'd

[2:14 p.m. – 2:19 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

#### 10.03 Grazing

**10.03.1 Request for Review of Rejected Grazing Application – Charmark Charolais (Leigh Marquess)****10.03.2 JBS Treated Industrial Wastewater Agreements**

[2:37 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

[2:56 p.m. John Ellis – Principal Owner of Acestes Power called into the meeting.]

[2:56 p.m. Clyde Carr – President of Acestes Power entered the meeting.]

**3:00 p.m. Acestes Presentation**

[3:42 p.m. – 3:47 p.m. Short break; J. Ellis disconnected and C. Carr exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Legal & Corporate Services****12.01 Commercial Update**

**2021-03-084 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING*****10.02.4 Review of Rejected Farm Improvement Application – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wim van der Poel) cont'd**

Admin will respond to the applicant of the denied Farm Improvement application, and this matter will be followed up with the Board.

**10.02.5 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Application Process and Ranking cont'd**

In follow up to the passed plebiscite and the approved 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw, the process for receiving, reviewing, and ranking Increase in Irrigation Acres applications was examined in detail.

For 2021 only, it was agreed to present applications for increase in irrigation acres in April for projects that can be developed this year by September 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Applications for Projects to be completed by September 30, 2021:
  - To permit eligible installation-ready projects to proceed this season, applications will be accepted up to end of day, Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Additional acres required for projects may be under or over the 50 irrigation acre threshold; and may be for irrigation parcels or dry parcels.
  - Applications will be rated and presented at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting and landowners will be informed directly after of the Board's decision.
  - Landowners of all previously held applications will be contacted and informed of the requirement to resubmit their applications (previously declined applications will not be automatically reviewed).



Otherwise, as standard practice there are 2 categories of applications:

- Applications for Projects to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year:
  - In continuance of the format of annual approvals for projects requiring over 50 irrigation acres, or for projects on dry parcels:
    - applications will be accepted up to end of day, September 30<sup>th</sup>
    - projects are to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year
  - Applications will be rated and presented at the November Board of Directors Meeting, after which Landowners will be contacted of the Board's decision.
  - Landowners must contact the EID office and each year complete a new application form for review (previously declined applications will not be automatically reviewed year after year).
- Ongoing Applications:
  - Landowners may apply at any time during the year for projects requiring 50 or less irrigation acres to be added to existing irrigation parcels.
  - Upon project approval by the Board, Landowners are given 1 year to complete the project.
  - Landowners must contact the EID office and each time complete a new application form for review (previously declined applications will not be automatically reviewed year after year).

The 2021 application information will be announced at the AGM, and advertised through the website, newspapers, and radio. Additional points of decisions were:

- When rating applications to be considered under the "infill" rating, the project must be on the same irrigation system being used on that parcel, or equal to or greater than the existing irrigation system.
- The evaluation of affiliates/farm links used to reconcile the General Assessment will not be considered going forward:
  - unused acres will no longer be required to be transferred within affiliates/farm links, prior to receiving additional acres
  - efficiency acres will no longer be able to be transferred within affiliates/farm links
- As follow up to reconciling the General Assessment, landowners identified with unauthorized irrigation acres (acres in excess of assessment) will be charged 1.5 times the new acre rate to purchase acres to continue irrigating those acres, subject to meeting all requirements.

#### **4.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd**

##### **4.04 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 cont'd**

Bylaw #943 was revised to reflect the previous discussion and presented at the end of the meeting for approval of the amendments and for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

#### **10.0 Lands cont'd**

##### **10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd**

##### **10.02.1.14 Pivot & Drip Corner – JWD Ranching Inc (Jonathan Douglass & Sarah Thompson) – NW 08-24-15 cont'd**



Approval for the extension to the wiper pivot was deferred to the end of the meeting. The application for a corner drip field will be brought back to the April meeting.

### **10.03 Grazing cont'd**

#### **10.03.1 Request for Review of Rejected Grazing App – Charmark Charolais (Leigh Marquess) cont'd**

The Board upheld Gem Grazing Association's decision to reject the Charmark Charolais grazing application. Charmark Charolais' request for a meeting with and a formal review from the Board was denied.

#### **10.03.2 JBS Treated Industrial Wastewater Agreements cont'd**

A meeting with JBS Food Canada, MCF Feedyards, Green Prairie International Inc, Duchess Grazing Association and Admin is being coordinated for later in March to discuss the treated industrial wastewater irrigation project on EID lands.

### **11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update cont'd**

The Board was updated as to the status of the Snake Lake Reservoir project, with Directors confirming direction for Mr. Friesen.

### **3:00 p.m. Acestes Presentation cont'd**

This commercial update will be revisited at the April meeting.

### **12.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd**

#### **12.01 Commercial Update – Solar Krafte Utilities Inc cont'd**

Following lengthy discussions and negotiations, on February 25, 2021 the EID and Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. ("SKU") executed a land lease on favorable terms for a 400 Megawatt solar project being proposed by SKU. The solar project is being sited for EID lands located at Sections 19, 29 & 30, S ½ of Sections 31 & 32, N ½ of Section 18, W ½ of Section 28 and SW 33-18-15 W4M as well as Section 24-18-16 W4M and on adjacent third party private lands. For ease of reference these lands are located adjacent to the Altalink Cassils Substation.

The EID lands are currently being used for grazing purposes and are also densely populated with oil and gas wells and related pipeline infrastructure. This solar project provides an opportunity for the EID to participate in a large renewable energy project utilizing lands otherwise densely populated with conventional oil and gas energy infrastructure and to diversify its future revenue streams.

The EID owns approximately 3,600 acres of the 3,900 acres being initially sited for the project. The project is expected to be completed in phases with construction commencing in late 2021 and operations continuing over the next 30 years and beyond.

Moving forward, SKU will also co-operate with the EID to permit the EID to use portions of the leased lands for appropriate livestock and agribusiness operations which do not otherwise interfere with SKU's solar project.

This solar project will also provide an important source of direct and indirect economic activity to the County of Newell and City of Brooks.

The EID has received a notification from SKU that SKU will be hosting a virtual live “open house” at 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2021. Similar notifications would have also been circulated by SKU to any potentially affected parties in accordance with regulatory requirements.

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## *CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA*

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### **10.0 Lands cont’d**

#### **10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands cont’d**

##### **10.02.1.14 Pivot & Drip Corner – JWD Ranching Inc (Jonathan Douglass & Sarah Thompson) – NW 08-24-15 cont’d**

- Current Assessment: 42 acres flood
- Proposal: 46 acre wiper pivot; 4 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot, 42 acres x 1.40 = 17 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 46 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Note: the request for a 4 acre drip field will be brought back to the April meeting as a separate application

**2021-03-085 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for JWD Ranching Inc for 4 efficiency acres in NW 08-24-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (4 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont’d**

#### **4.04 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

The Irrigation Acres 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. 1<sup>st</sup> reading was gained November 24, 2020 and information within the bylaw was presented at the January and February Public Meetings. An amended 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was passed January 26<sup>th</sup>. The bylaw was further revised at this meeting to reflect the application and ranking process discussion, and presented for approval of the amendments and for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**2021-03-086 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #943 (2020) be amended as presented to reflect the Board’s decisions on infill efficiency ratings and grandfathered applications; and that Bylaw #943 (2020), 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**

The bylaw is posted on the website.

**13.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations**

The format of the AGM and possible questions on additional topics were discussed. A meeting chair has been arranged, and the meeting is to be video recorded and posted to the website. The length of time for posting the meeting is tentatively 1 year.

**14.0 Vision and Mission Statements**

Some preliminary discussion occurred last spring regarding vision and mission statements. It was reviewed that a Vision Statement describes the desired future of the company, and the Mission Statement defines the company's business, its objectives, and its approach to reach those objectives. Mr. Friesen shared the most recent Mission Statement for the District with Directors, from the 1990's, along with an updated draft version. Mr. Schmidt also shared a suggested draft. This matter will be brought back to a future board meeting for further discussion.

**15.0 Code of Conduct**

A copy of a Code of Conduct template was provided to Directors, Mr. Hale having obtained it from AIDA. Although some discussion was given to this item, it was agreed that it be brought back for further evaluation and discussion.

**15.01 Request to Rescind Motion 2020-05-156 re Director Term Limits**

Mr. Peltzer requested the opportunity to make the following motion prior to the upcoming nominations deadline and elections process. Mr. Jacobson declined rescinding the motion. The referenced motion is as follows:

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

*The motion was seconded by B. Schmidt.*

*The motion was CARRIED.*

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

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

**2021-03-087 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2020-05-156 regarding Director term limits be rescinded. Seconded by B. Chrumka. DEFEATED**

**IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Pelter**

**OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson**

**16.0 Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) for Class 1 and 2 Drivers Licenses**

An open letter to government concerning the Province of Alberta's Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) program for Class 1 drivers licenses was received by Mr. Hemsing from an irrigator and shared with the Board. It was agreed that this letter may be brought up at the AGM, during the questions from the floor portion of the meeting.



## 17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Annual General Meeting                     | - Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., online  |
| 17.02 | Nominations Close – Div 3 & 6              | - Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.       |
| 17.03 | AIDA Board of Directors Meeting            | - Thursday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1:00 p.m., online |
| 17.04 | Election <i>[if necessary]</i> – Div 3 & 6 | - Tuesday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>                     |
| 17.05 | Organizational & Regular Meetings          | - Tuesday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.         |

**B. Schmidt moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:58 p.m.**

  
Chairman

  
General Manager

**April 20 & 27, 2021 Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an Organizational Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 and a Regular Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> days of April 2021. Those in attendance on April 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, online

J. Hale, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen connected online to the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) Board of Directors Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT</b>		
<b>Investment</b>	<b>Matured</b>	<b>Purchased</b>
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.03 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> to the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. If the pumps are delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 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
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- project delayed to 2020/2021 construction season	\$0	\$650,000	-
<b>PIPELINE</b>				
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.

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

**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
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 4 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (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	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 6,500 >
Require Approval	< \$ 8,450 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through March ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 344,951 >
April ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 15,200 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 463,899</b>

\*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. Hemsing 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. Hemsing 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 & Engelen 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. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jelmer Tilma & Engelen 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Declercq) – 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 Declercq) – 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 Declercq) – SE 15-19-12 W4M**



- **826167 Alberta Inc (Firmin Declercq) – 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and for native pasture be May 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by T. Hemsing. 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. Hemsing 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

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Those in attendance on April 27<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>70</b>

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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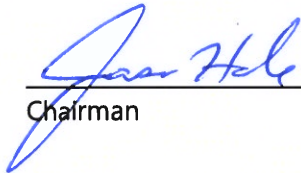
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**22.0 Upcoming Events**

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

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



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Chairman



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General Manager

**May 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	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:

- 9.01.1 Farm Improvement Policy – Ditch Rehabilitation Cost-Share to Facilitate Pivot Path

**2021-05-125 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 April 20 & 27, 2021 Organizational and Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the April 20 & 27, 2021 Organizational and Regular Director Meetings were accepted as presented.

**2021-05-126 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the April 20 & 27, 2021 Organizational and Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

There were no reports on meetings or events.

**5.0 Vision and Mission Statements**

In follow up to previous meetings, additional discussion was given to crafting new vision and mission statements for the EID. The Vision Statement is to describe the desired future of the company, and the Mission Statement defines the company's business, objectives, and approach to

reach those objectives. The District's current statement from the 1990's and a number of options were displayed and again reviewed and discussed, with the following outcomes.

**2021-05-127 Moved by T. Hensing that the EID Vision Statement be approved as:**

- ***"The Eastern Irrigation District is dedicated to providing water security to the area and managing the District's diverse resources in a manner that will provide the greatest economic, social, and environmental benefit."***

**Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-05-128 Moved by B. Schmidt that the EID Mission Statement be approved as:**

- ***"The Eastern Irrigation District will divert and convey water through a maintained and continually improved infrastructure system while providing good stewardship of District lands and promotion of agriculture and the local economy in a collaborative, informed, sustainable, and fiscally responsible manner through District policy and practices."***

**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:23 a.m. D. Syvret entered the meeting.]

## 6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

### 6.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack for the Bow Basin was averaging near the upper quartile throughout winter. Levels have now crested and as they are declining are within the average to above average range.

### 6.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The system was largely up and running the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> with the usual leaks being fixed on the systems as they arose. Reservoirs are at the upper end of operating levels (FSL), with Lake Newell being the slight exception at approximately .3 m below FSL. Early strong irrigation demand combined with weak river supplies attributed to this lower level when compared to last year. Most recently, the snow melt has increased river flows and an inch of rain in the area has curbed irrigation demand. This should allow an increase in diversions to meet demand, while still slowly increasing storage volumes, particularly in Lake Newell. To date approximately 15,000 ac ft more water has been diverted than last year and reservoir volumes are approximately 10,000 ac ft less than last year.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	May 2021	May 2020
Water Diverted to Date	90,356 ac ft (3.48")	75,100 ac ft (2.96"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	-	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	1 – 630	1 – 424
Parcels Using Over 12"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	268,400 ac ft	278,700 ac ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

[9:35 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

## **7.0 Engineering**

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

### **7.01 Scott Pipeline – Preliminary Funding**

On behalf of R. Summach, R. Gagley advised that Scott Canal, a lateral off the Main Bantry Canal, currently serves 4,108 acres. The proposal includes moving the pipeline inlet 4 km south, to directly off Lake Newell Reservoir. The stilling pond and first 4.5 km of pipeline are on EID pasture, enabling this work to be started this irrigation season. As exploratory soils testing in the early 1980's indicated some irrigable land near Scott Canal, additional testing is being conducted on 30 quarters to determine their suitability for irrigation. Soil test results are expected by the end of June. A potential 3,200 new acres maximum being added would require the first 3 km of the pipeline to be upsized, and later a gravity or pressurized lateral to feed the parcels.

A number of questions were answered by Admin and Staff. Pending suitable soil classification results, Board consensus was gained to upsize the first 3 km of pipe to serve a potential irrigated acre expansion. It was agreed that additional testing be done outside the targeted area if soils are trending favourably for irrigation. The cost, presently estimated at \$800,000 for the upsizing, will be updated subject to the sizing required to supply the irrigation expansion determined to be irrigable, and in the project cost when presented for final project approval. Construction of the stilling pond was approved.

**2021-05-129 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve initial construction work on the Scott Pipeline project to construct the stilling pond, build the gabion wall, and place armour, for an estimated cost of \$350,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **7.02 12 Mile Coulee Drainage Area**

As background information, D. Syvret and R. Gagley described the operations and irrigation works that make up and contribute to the 12 Mile Coulee drainage area. At the upper end, this drainage system is feeding 2 pump systems with waters originating mainly out of Bantry #1 Reservoir, and also from H Canal. New technology is being used for the computer programs on H Canal, and as there are numerous structures on this system the automation of gates and adjustments is still being calibrated and the efficiencies have yet to be realized. The intent of the automation is to help project demand, and help operate the system, and has been considerably successful on other canals.

[10:27 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Short break; D. Syvret and R. Gagley exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

## **8.0 EIDNet**

### **8.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 32 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 49 for Rosemary. The fibre path for phase 1 is being finalized with signing landowner rights-of-way, final engineering, and ordering of materials.

## 9.0 Lands

### 9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

#### 9.01.1 Farm Improvement Policy – Ditch Rehabilitation Cost-Share to Facilitate Pivot Path

D. Peltzer requested that clause 10 of the Farm Improvement Policy be revisited. Several factors of ditch rehab were cited by Directors and Admin, to be considered when revising this portion of the Farm Improvement Policy. The Policy will be brought back at a later date for additional discussion.

#### 9.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

##### 9.01.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 14,950 >
Require Approval	< \$ 32,500 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through April ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 360,151 >
May ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 103,604 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 327,795</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$396,151.

\*\*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.*)

#### 9.01.2.2 Tree Removal – 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde) – NE 23-18-15 W4M

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees in NE 23-18-15 W4M to accommodate a corner arm. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$12,500.

**2021-05-130 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 2125538 Alberta Ltd for the removal of trees to accommodate a corner arm in NE 23-18-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$12,500; of which the EID will pay \$6,250 and the Landowner's share is \$6,250 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.3 Tree Removal – Pedro & Eva Wiebe – SW 25-17-13 W4M**

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees in SW 25-17-13 W4M to accommodate a wiper pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$4,500.

**2021-05-131 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro & Eva Wiebe for the removal of trees to accommodate a wiper pivot in SW 25-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$4,500; of which the EID will pay \$2,250 and the Landowner's share is \$2,250 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:53 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**Various****9.01.2.4 Flood to Pivot, and Tree Removal & Levelling Ditch – Vincent Kraus – NW 02-21-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 72 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 94 acres (22 efficiency acres approved April 2021 – motion 2021-04-105)
- Converting: 72 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 94 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-05-132 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Vincent Kraus for the conversion of 72 acres flood to wiper pivot in NW 02-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$7,200 (72 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hensing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and level a ditch in NW 02-21-15 W4M to accommodate the wiper pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$41,700.

**2021-05-133 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Vincent Kraus for the removal of trees and ditch leveling to accommodate a wiper pivot in NW 02-21-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$41,700; of which the EID will pay \$12,000 and the Landowner's share is \$29,700 + GST. Seconded by T. Hensing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.5 Pivot Replacement & C/A – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – SW 15-21-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 129 acres
- Upgrade: pivot replacement with corner arm; 24 acres needed (infill)
- New Assessment: 153 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: irrigation development approved in October 2020, pivot project has been slightly modified

**2021-05-134 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for the pivot with corner arm replacement in SW 15-21-15 W4M purchased for \$163,368. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$12,900 (129 acres x \$100/acre). The capital asset charge is \$18,000 (24 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:56 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)**

**9.01.2.6 Flood to Pivot – Pedro Reimer & Deydrych Neufeld – NE 20-19-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 49 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 99 acres (25 efficiency acres and 25 infill acres approved December 2020 – motion 2020-12-410)
- Converting: 49 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 99 acres, all under wiper pivot; subject to retesting the applicable 50 acres of 5R soils in 5/10 years
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-05-135 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro Reimer & Deydrych Neufeld for the conversion of 49 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 20-19-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$4,900 (49 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.7 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – Donald & Karen Walde – NW 09-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 37 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 65 acres (13 efficiency acres and 15 infill acres approved April 2020 – motion 2020-04-132)
- Converting: 37 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 65 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-05-136 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Donald & Karen Walde for the conversion of 37 acres flood to wiper pivot in NW 09-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$3,700 (37 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.8 Flood to Pivot – David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman – SE 08-22-16 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$5,400 (motion 2018-10-417)
- Current Assessment: 78 acres (54 south wiper pivot, 24 north flood field)
- Converting: 24 acres flood to wiper pivot; 18 additional acres needed (12 efficiency, 6 infill)
- New Assessment: 96 acres all under pivot (54 south wiper, 42 north wiper)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: irrigation development approved in January 2020, acre transfer for project has been cancelled



- 2021-05-137 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman for the conversion of 24 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 08-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$7,800 (78 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,400 (previous grant) = \$2,400 (24 acres x \$100/acre). The capital asset charge is \$5,400 (18 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Transfer of Irrigation Acres and Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps)**

**9.01.2.9 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) – (various)**

Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) has requested to transfer irrigation acres from various locations to accommodate a corner arm added to a pivot in SW 29-14-13 W4M. Operations has confirmed availability to deliver. 5 acres which had a deduction applied in December 2017 will be eligible for a return of deduction once assessed under the pivot.

- 2021-05-138 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of:**
- **5 acres from SE 31-14-13 W4M,**
  - **8 acres from NW 31-14-13 W4M, and**
  - **5 acres from SW 36-14-14 W4M**
- to SW 29-14-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Eastwood Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.10 Pivot Replacement – Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) – SW 36-14-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 141 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (5 acres transferred to SW 29-14-13 W4M)
- Installing: pivot replacement
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2021-05-139 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd for the pivot replacement in SW 36-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2021-05-140 Moved by T. Hemsing that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in December 2017 to 5 acres in SW 36-14-14 W4M be returned to Eastwood Farms Ltd for 5 new efficiencies in SW 29-14-13 W4M; 5 acres x \$500/acre = \$2,500. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.11 Pivot Replacement & C/A – Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) – SW 29-14-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 136 acres
- Current Assessment: 154 acres pivot (18 acres transferred in, motion 2021-05-138)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2021-05-141 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd for the pivot with corner arm replacement in SW 29-14-13 W4M purchased for \$151,564. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 x**



**\$100/acre) + \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) = \$26,200. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.12 Nozzles – Jeff Owen – NW 06 & SW 07-21-12 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres (52 irrigation acres, 79 terminable acres)
- Current Assessment: 141 acres (113 pivot; 28 acre separate field), (10 acres added)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (113 under pivot, 28 separate field)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-05-142 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jeff Owen for the nozzles upgrade in NW 06 & SW 07-21-12 W4M purchased for \$8,122. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$5,200 (52 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.13 Panel – Rommens Farms Ltd (Lloyd Rommens and Wendell Rommens) – N ½ 16-18-16**

- Previous Assessment: 166 acres
- Current Assessment: 175 acres (130 pivot, 36 separate field), (9 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 175 acres (139 under pivot, 36 separate field)

**2021-05-143 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in Pt N ½ 16-18-16 W4M purchased for \$12,502. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,502. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.14 Panel – Rommens Farms Ltd (Lloyd Rommens and Wendell Rommens) – NE 21-18-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres, all under pivot

**2021-05-144 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in NE 21-18-16 W4M purchased for \$12,502. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,502. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:04 a.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[11:04 a.m. Jessica Surgenor and Myra Altwasser entered the meeting.]

**11:04 a.m. Pathways Presentation – Economic Recovery Taskforce**

In follow up to earlier presentations, Jessica Surgenor, Manager of Community Development for the City of Brooks and Myra Altwasser, Communications Intern, were in attendance on behalf of the Brooks Region Economic Recovery Taskforce to update the Board of a revised proposed pathway route, inform of other pathway models, and advise of discussions with corresponding landowners and developers. Video footage was shown of a portion of the proposed route. Grazing pasture

fencing, pavement maintenance, adjacent landowner and pathway liability, reservoir right-of-way delineation, and project planning stages were discussed. Input was given to resituate parts of the path along the District ROW boundary, where possible, and when adjacent to Lake Newell Reservoir, and to extend the pathway another 1 km through to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, rather than ending at Marsh Trail. The Board recognized the value of the recreational opportunity and gave support for the pathway project proceeding to the next stages of planning. T. Hemsing offered to sit as the EID representative on the Economic Recovery Taskforce (ERT) Pathway Committee, once formed.

[11:34 a.m. Jessica Surgenor and Myra Altwasser exited the meeting.]

[11:34 a.m. S. Connauton re-entered the meeting.]

## **9.0 Lands cont'd**

### **9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd**

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

#### **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.

[11:35 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

#### **9.01.2.15 Subsurface – 768976 Alberta Ltd (Brent & Rhian Schroeder) – S ½ 12-18-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 255 acres (127 west wiper pivot, 128 east pivot)
- Proposal: subsurface irrigation; 2 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 257 acres (127 west wiper pivot, 128 east pivot, 2 subsurface)
- Notes: project must be complete by May 30, 2022

**2021-05-145 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 768976 Alberta Ltd for 2 infill acres in S ½ 12-18-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,900 (2 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:36 a.m. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

#### **9.01.2.16 Add Corner Arm – George Enterprises Inc (Floyd & Stephanie George) – N ½ 21-23-16**

- Current Assessment: 250 acres (130 west pivot, 120 east wiper pivot)
- Proposal: resituate west pivot and add corner arm; 20 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 270 acres (150 west corner arm pivot, 120 east wiper pivot)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements under the west pivot; project must be complete by May 30, 2022

**2021-05-146** Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for George Enterprises Inc for 20 infill acres in N ½ 21-23-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements under the west pivot. The capital assets charge is \$19,000 (20 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2021-05-147** Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for George Enterprises Inc for the removal of trees and infill of ditch to accommodate a wiper pivot in NW ½ 21-23-16 W4M; subject to the relocation of the pivot, addition of corner arm, and meeting soils requirements under the pivot. The project is to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000 and is estimated to cost \$41,700, of which the EID will pay \$12,000 and the Landowner's share is \$29,700 + GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.01.2.17 Add End Gun – George Murray V – E ½ 31-18-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 123 acres pivot
- Proposal: add end gun; 16 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 139 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by May 30, 2022

**2021-05-148** Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for George Murray V for 16 infill acres in E ½ 31-18-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,200 (16 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.01.3 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Douglas Barg – SE 05-20-14 W4M to Fred Barg – NE 32-19-14**  
Doug Barg has requested to transfer 4 irrigation acres from SE 05-20-14 W4M to Fred Barg for a previous wheel field in NE 32-19-14 W4M. Operations has confirmed eligibility to deliver.

**2021-05-149** Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the transfer of 4 irrigation acres from SE 05-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Douglass Barg, to NE 32-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Frederick Barg. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.01.4 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Tom Parker – NW 31-21-15 W4M to SE 06-22-15 W4M**

The Landowner was approved for irrigation development on SE 06-22-15 W4M but has opted to request an alternate parcel transfer of 37 acres from 2 small pivots in NW 31-21-15 W4M. Operations has no concerns with the transfer; however, the 2 small originating pivots will not be allowed to receive water during the alternate transfer to SE 06.

**2021-05-150** Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2021 alternate parcel transfer of 37 irrigation acres from NW 31-21-15 W4M to SE 06-22-15 W4M; all lands being owned by Tom Parker. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.01.5 Irrigable Unit Registration – Kirk Prescott and Kimberley Resch – Pt Sec 28, Pt Sec 29 & Pt Sec 32-15-13 W4M**

A constructed dugout in SE 32-15-13 W4M will be the delivery for the irrigation development approved for Pt Sec 28, Pt Sec 29 and Pt Sec 32-15-13 W4M, therefore an irrigable unit is required to be registered on all the lands involved.

- 2021-05-151 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:**
- **Pt S ½ 28 and S ½ 29-15-13 W4M, lands being owned by Kimberley Resch, and**
  - **Pt NW 28, Pt N ½ 29, and Pt Sec 32-15-13 W4M, lands being owned by Kirk Prescott.**
- Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:07 p.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Volek entered, and N. Fontaine called in to the meeting.]

## 9.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

### 9.02.1 PGL #7039 & #7053 – Results of Tenders

Private Grazing Lease #7039 and #7053 were tendered out as 3 year grazing permits, expiring on October 1, 2023. The tenders did not include minimum bids, but did include standard restrictions and requirements, except that there be no deductions if running cattle in a community lease and no 640 acre PGL limitation.

PGL #7039 3 Years 320 acres 60 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Carl Chomistek	\$6,010.00	\$100.17	\$300.50	\$6,310.50
Larry Hirsch	\$4,510.00	\$75.17	\$225.50	\$4,735.50
Luke Kropf	\$3,780.00	\$63.00	\$189.00	\$3,969.00
Loren Weaver	\$3,285.00	\$54.75	\$164.25	\$3,449.25
Kyle Davidson	\$2,460.00	\$41.00	\$123.00	\$2,583.00
Devon Buteau	\$1,821.60	\$30.36	\$91.08	\$1,912.68

PGL #7053 3 Years 242 acres 45 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Larry Hirsch	\$5,210.00	\$115.78	\$260.50	\$5,470.50
Carl Chomistek	\$4,011.00	\$89.13	\$200.55	\$4,211.55
Devon Buteau	\$1,304.10	\$29.98	\$62.21	\$1,369.31

- 2021-05-152 Moved by T. Hemsing that by meeting all eligibility requirements and as high bidders through the tender process, the following 3-year grazing lease permits be awarded:**

- **Carl Chomistek – PGL #7039 – E ½ 19-14-13 W4M, and**
- **Larry Hirsch – PGL #7053 – NW 20 & Pt SE 20-14-13 W4M.**

**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Various questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

[12:45 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

## 9.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

### 9.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass)

In follow up to the April Meeting, confirmation has been received in writing from Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) requesting to purchase a portion of District land to enable the corner arm addition of a section pivot to capture 8 further acres with the remainder to be grazed, and to lease

an adjacent portion for grazing. These lands are directly west of the Landowner's land in NW 25 & SW 36-24-16 W4M and are severed from the Gem Grazing Community Lease to the west, by the North Branch Canal. The sale of the 24 acres will be contingent on 8 acres under the corner arm meeting soils requirements and standard sale-of-land conditions. The lease of the 51 acres will be subject to the land sale.

**2021-05-153 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the sale of 24 acres in Pt NW-25-24-16 W4M to Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass):**

- 8 acres x \$8,000/acre = \$64,000 (including capital assets) + GST; plus
- 16 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$32,000 + GST;

**subject to meeting soils requirements, the land being consolidated into the parcel, and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-05-154 Moved by R. Owen that Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) being the adjacent landowner, the Board approve entering into an Annual Private Grazing Lease with this landowner for:**

- Pt NE 26 & Pt SE 35-24-16 W4M (51 acres, 12 AUMs),
- subject to the finalization of the Lessee purchasing 24 acres in Pt NW 25-24-16 W4M from the EID. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:51 p.m. D. Buell entered the meeting.]

#### **9.04 Habitat, Wildlife & Access**

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

##### **9.04.1 2020 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary**

A detailed 2020 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented and discussed with Mr. Buell, outlined as follows:

- Public Access:
  - 460 individuals applied for hunting permission, by phone or email, which is by far the highest number on record yet only accounts for approximately 1/3 of all hunters utilizing EID lands
  - 14 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands, which is average for the last 5 years
  - lands around Lake Newell Reservoir, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir were busier than normal, seeing an increase in random camping and other non-compliance activities
  - OHV use increased this spring in the sandhills of Rosemary and Bantry GA, and was average in the Eyremore gravel pit and in Patricia GA
  - highest use areas for hunting are Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) GAs
  - County Peace Officers are an effective enforcement presence and focused the District's portion of their time patrolling:
    - in the summer at EID campgrounds, around reservoirs, & Eyremore gravel pit
    - during the hunting season in Patricia, & Duchess GAs, and Finnegan Field
    - during the winter, on lands with late elk seasons, and on reservoirs where ice fishing is occurring
    - on 2 grazing leases in the 12 Mile Coulee area

- provincial staffing cuts resulted in Conservation Officers shifting to Cypress Hills Provincial Park and a significant reduction in time spent patrolling EID lands adjacent to Dinosaur Provincial Park and Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, and patrol the entire EID
- central and eastern portions of the EID also see RCMP surveillance
- 39 warnings/non-compliance information tickets were issued, mostly for off-trail infractions, as well as for random camping, OHV use; and for the AIS Prevention Program or for launching watercraft where prohibited
- CPOs provided significant assistance with the AIS Prevention Program providing an official presence, helping educate, issuing warnings, and responding as backup
- CPOs facilitated in the removal of an abandoned travel trailer, ice shack, and car; maintained traffic enforcement levels at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground; inspected 6 watercraft and found 11 violations; and greatly assisted with the creation of the new County of Newell Boating Safety & Aquatic Invasive Species Bylaw
- 2020 saw a significant increase in day use around reservoirs, however aside from an early spike in random camping and a resurgence of OHV use in select locations, the majority of people followed EID rules
- it is anticipated that the automated Hunting Access Authorization system via the District website be operational by this summer
- Research Access:
  - the Calgary Zoo continued to monitor and band Burrowing Owls in the Tilley and Rolling Hills grazing areas
- Ducks Unlimited:
  - a total of 15,271 ac ft of water was conveyed for DU projects, approximately half of their license, but expected due to runoff and rainfall
- Wildlife:
  - the Fisheries & Wildlife Management Information System data has been filtered down to relevant species and locations on EID lands; ground truthing will begin this spring; and the resulting data will ultimately be incorporated as one of the District's GIS mapping layers

#### **9.04.2 2020 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary & Brochure**

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

- 2020 PHD Program:
  - 6,488 trees & shrubs were planted on 6 new sites; 3 sites received materials to fence out livestock
  - 1,223 replacements were planted on eight 2019 sites to replace winter kill seedlings
  - 272 replacements were planted on two 2018 sites
  - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 14 sites
  - seedling survival was about 68%, long term average is 74%
  - 4 summer students were hired although an extra student may be considered for years with additional sites
  - exceptional weed growth later in summer kept students occupied and they were unable to conduct any drive-by inspections of previous sites
  - surveys and anecdotal observations on a variety of game birds showed fluctuating numbers from years past, which could be due to the inability to complete full surveys, cyclical nature of populations, identification of previously uncounted leks, and heavy rain in spring and early summer

- 2021 PHD Program:
  - 4 new planting sites have been selected for 2021, and 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides hired
  - 9,495 seedlings (bare root/soil plug) were ordered (approx. 7,055 going to new habitat) and approximately 2,203 for 2020 replacements; 90 rolls of mulch were also ordered and between 1.0 – 3.0 km of fencing materials will be provided
- 2021 Budget:
  - \$140,000 is allotted for staffing and supplies, of which the EID provides \$125,000 of core funding; the balance being applied for through various grant applications
- Advertising:
  - the number of water users interested has extended planning potential sites through to 2024 or 2025
  - word of mouth, District website, brochures, and newsletters are used to advertise
- Long Term Plans:
  - as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options will be investigated for seedlings
  - as time and staffing permit, statistics will be collected, and mapping overlays generated to potentially establish PHD sites and Ring-neck Pheasant numbers
  - new displays will be created, and additional fundraising opportunities explored

#### **9.04.3 2020 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report**

During 2020, the Partners in Habitat Development program worked exclusively within the EID. The Annual Report was accepted as information.

**2021-05-155 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.04.4 Access Policy for District Owned Lands – Draft Revisions**

[1:27 p.m. N. Fontaine disconnected and D. Buell exited the meeting.]

### **10.0 Staffing Update**

**2021-05-156 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### ***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

#### **9.04.4 Access Policy for District Owned Lands – Draft Revisions**

The draft Access policy will be brought back to the next meeting to provide extra review time for Directors, and for admin/staff comment on incorporating the hunter registration process and cattle trailing permit.

#### ***CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA***


### **11.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|-----------------------|--|
| 11.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 11.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |





**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:46 p.m.**

  
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Chairman

  
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General Manager



**June 22, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Pathway
- 4.01 Bow River Working Group
- 4.02 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee
- 4.03 AIDA Executive Meeting
- 4.04 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 13.0 Request for Donation - HALO

**2021-06-157 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 May 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the May 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented. I. Friesen advised of some minor edits to the Vision and Mission Statements, as finalized and shown in the minutes.

**2021-06-158 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the May 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Vision and Mission Statements can be viewed on the District website.

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Pathway**

T. Hemsing will attend an Economic Recovery Taskforce (ERT) Pathway Committee meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> and will bring information back to the Board.

## 4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

### 4.01 Bow River Working Group

I. Friesen attended an online session with the Bow River Working Group to review proposed drought/flood mitigation projects and to discuss the current stages of these proposals. The 3 projects being considered, to ultimately be reduced to 1 project for government consideration and potential approval, are Morley, Relocated Ghost Dam, and Glenbow East. All proposals have had public engagement and are now moving to the feasibility stage.

### 4.02 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee

T. Hemsing joined online for the initial County of Newell/Stakeholder Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee meeting to discuss local soil erosion and prevention measures. A proactive approach is being taken focusing on landowner awareness of the issue and encouraging mitigation methods such as cover crops; followed by assessment of and a reclamation process for damages to County infrastructure. A first draft County of Newell "Soil Conservation Policy" was presented, and Directors and Admin are to contact Mr. Hemsing with any input. Mr. Friesen advised of the reclamation provisions through the IDA for irrigation districts, and of the potential impact to the EID's infrastructure.

### 4.03 AIDA Executive Meeting

T. Hemsing advised that items addressed at a recent AIDA Executive Meeting included contracting an accountant to conduct CIB loan reporting on behalf of Irrigation Alberta Inc, and responding to a negative article with misinformation regarding the proposed CIB irrigation projects. AIDA also helped coordinate a meeting with a consultant to determine the degree of indigenous consultation required for CIB irrigation projects.

### 4.04 Prairie Conservation Forum

D. Peltzer joined online for the Prairie Conservation Forum annual meeting. Key topics included the concern for the cultivation of prairie lands due to the high price of commodities, reintroducing bison on native range in the U.S., and promotion and conservation of prairie lands.

[9:35 a.m. Justin Latrace, MNP entered the room]

## 5.0 Financial Report

Justin Latrace, CPA, CA, with MNP was welcomed to the boardroom. In collaboration with staff, MNP has been temporarily contracted to report on the financial statements of the District and to assist in some financial functions.

### 5.01 Financial Statements to May 31, 2021

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

- YTD revenues total about \$27.89 million and are tracking slightly under (within 1% of) YTD budget, due mainly to community pasture, campground, capital asset charges and land sale revenue being under budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$19.03 million and are tracking under YTD budget due to all net departments expenses and special project expenses being under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$8.86 million.

Mr. Latrace advised that investments will be reviewed, and annual budget preparation will begin next month.

**2021-06-159 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:56 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting.]

## 6.0 Annual General Meeting

### 6.01 Review of the March 9, 2021, AGM Draft Minutes

Directors were given the opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 9, 2021 Annual General Meeting. Board consensus was gained to post the draft minutes to the website as presented.

## 7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

### 7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

In comparison to last year conditions are drier however reservoirs are in good shape. Since it appears that the hot dry conditions may persist throughout summer, the Board directed that water users be contacted by their Water Operator when reaching 12" of water use on any given parcel to ensure that proper water management is being used. Water Users are also to be reminded of their obligation in communicating all On/Off irrigation requests, for each parcel, and to contact staff if their parcel's designated flow requires a measurement.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	June 2021	June 2020
Water Diverted to Date	188,787 ac ft (7.43")	127,190 ac ft (5"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	3"	1.6"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	23 – 968	14 – 583
Parcels Using Over 12"	17	-
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	286,926 ac ft	282,750 ac ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

[10:00 a.m. R. Gagley & D. Syvret entered the meeting.]

### 7.02 Aquatic Chemical Treatments – Tilley Canal

Due to a variety of factors certain areas of District infrastructure, such as the Tilley Canal, are more prone to developing aquatic weeds and algae. Over the last few years, scheduled chemical treatments in these areas have improved conditions, but at times aquatic weeds and algae can still cause significant challenges. Research and monitoring will continue and information on possible mitigation strategies will be brought back to the Board for Director's consideration.

[10:31 a.m. – 10:38 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

## 8.0 Engineering

### 8.01 08-A and 08-B Springhill Pipeline Extensions

J. Kabut presented the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project, advising that the purpose of the project is to tie onto 2 existing closed gravity pipelines to deliver to 3 existing pivots, all currently assessed with terminable acres fed from Matzhiwin Creek. Operations has requested this rehab to reduce inefficiencies of creating artificial spill to deliver from the creek. Through this project 393 terminable acres would then be converted to irrigation acres. The project is located approximately 7 km NW of Rosemary, requires 6 km of pipe installation, and is estimated to cost \$904,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program. A number of questions were responded to by Staff. Directors requested that Staff contact applicable landowners along the pipeline extensions to ask if they would want the option of investing in larger pipe (upsizing beyond what is required to provide the standard allottable cfs per parcel) to increase the pressure at their pump sites. 100% of the upsizing cost would be at the Landowners' expense. A number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin.

**2021-06-160 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project by installing 2 sections of pipeline, 6 km total length, at an estimated cost of \$904,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell)  
– Sec 36-21-16 W4M – Landowner Request to Move Deliveries

Chinook Cattle Co Inc has requested that the delivery points for the pipeline extensions in Sec 36-21-16 W4M be located at the 2 pivot centers, rather than at the existing deliveries. This will result in an additional \$28,000 in pipe materials and installation, mostly due to the change in elevation. The EID by policy will pay 50%, up to a maximum contribution of \$20,000 per quarter section.

**2021-06-161 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Chinook Cattle Co Inc to move the 2 deliveries in Sec 36-21-16 W4M to the pivot centers. The realignment is estimated to cost \$28,000; of which the EID would pay \$14,000 and the landowner would pay \$14,000 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 8.01.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Darryl Graham – SE 11-21-17 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Darryl Graham will be converting from flood to pivot in SE 11-21-17 W4M at the time of the 08-A Springhill project. Upon pivot installation this quarter section conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

**2021-06-162 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Darryl Graham for converting from flood to pivot in SE 11-21-17 W4M at the time of the 08-A Springhill pipeline extension project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Through discussion, it was suggested that further clarification be added to the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy to state that if the project engineering is complete, or a pivot is installed prior to engineering a project, the pivot does not qualify for the IC-S Grant.

**8.02 13-H West Bantry**

R. Summach presented the 13-H West Bantry project, located 6.5 km SW of Tilley, just east of the intersection of Hwy 875 and 535. The canal currently serves 175 acres of flood. It is being proposed to convert this portion of the system into a closed pipeline by installing 900 m of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$377,000. A south lateral is being requested by a landowner to be installed at the time of this project; all costs associated with this extension will be the responsibility of the landowner. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Summach.

**2021-06-163 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 13-H West Bantry project by installing 900 m of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$377,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.03 Bantry Reservoir Pumping**

A lengthy discussion was given to reservoir pumping, and to a particular landowner example pumping from Bantry #1 Reservoir. History to the matter in general and to this particular scenario was provided and reviewed, as well the pump site options that have been presented to the landowner. In addition, the current operational practices of the Bantry #1 Reservoir and conceivable possibilities for that portion of the District's conveyance system were cited.

[12:02 p.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break; J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued concerning capturing spill, terminable acres, policies, and other examples of pumping from reservoirs. Further discussion may be had.

[12:36 p.m. R. Gagley, R. Summach, D. Syvret exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

**9.0 EIDNet**

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

**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, 33 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 50 for Rosemary. Final drawings for the fibre path for Phase 1 have been sent to the County of Newell for approval. It is anticipated that approvals for Phase 1 of the fibre project should be received by the end of the week and construction of the project will start the beginning of July.

The City of Brooks' recently announced 10 gigabyte broadband internet system proposed for 2023 was also mentioned by R. Moen and discussed.

[12:48 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

**10.0 Lands****10.01 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

### **10.01.1 Grazing Season Update**

Although spring and early summer precipitation has been slightly below normal, overall grass conditions are good and carryover grass from 2020 will compensate for any shortfalls that may be encountered if conditions remain dry. It is anticipated that pastures will be able to be utilized for a normal 5 month grazing season. The maximum listing was increased conservatively for 2021 from 70 to 75 head. A total of 16,848 cattle were placed, which is up 1,295 head from 2020 but below the 5 year average of 17,313 head. Of this total, 411 cow/calf pairs are utilizing the Kitsim pivots irrigated pasture, which is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at full capacity since reseeding in 2018. Overall membership increased from 256 in 2020, to 263 in 2021. While most dugouts have adequate water levels, more pumping will be needed as the grazing season progresses. Due to the age of some of the water systems an increase has been seen in the replacement of hydrants and valves. About 24 km of poly pipe will be installed to supply water to 9 water tanks and 4 dugouts for the Patricia project this summer. To date this spring, 3 old tire tanks have been upgraded to steel tanks when the hydrants required replacement. Almost 2/3 of the fireguards have been sprayed for weeds and Downy Brome control is almost finished. Increased surveillance for Downy Brome has located more sites, primarily in the Rolling Hills area; control has been effective and is recommended to continue. Approximately 30-38 km of barbed wire fence will be completed this summer. 4 Grass fires have occurred so far this season, with a combined pasture loss estimated at only 110 acres. 1,150 acres of last year's 1,700 acre regrass project were reseeded this spring and control measures have been implemented to reduce the extreme gopher infestation.

The 2 north Rock Lake pivots are once again cropped. The northern most pivot was seeded with spring and fall Triticale. After silage is removed the fall Triticale will be irrigated and utilized by Duchess Grazing in September. The next pivot south was seeded to glyphosate resistant corn for silage. The 2 south pivots continue to be used for irrigated pasture by Duchess Grazing. JBS has received emergency approval from Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) to apply treated industrial wastewater (TIW) to all the EID land parcels under agreements, at an individual customized volume per parcel for the 2021 season. Utilization of N 1/2 32 & NW 33-19-15 W4M for emergency application of TIW on native pasture, approved by the Board in November 2020, has also been approved by AEP; a plan will be completed shortly.

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

### **10.01.2 Request for Controlled Training Burn – Rural Fire & Emergency Services**

Stewart Luchies, Newell Regional Fire Chief for Rural Fire and Emergency Services has requested if the EID would allow the use of approximately 60 acres of District land for a controlled training burn in the spring of 2022. This exercise would provide hands-on training for new recruits and allow veteran firefighters to maintain their skills. All Brooks and outlying areas would be involved. It was directed that this request be discussed with the GAC, as well as suggestions for a suitable location. It was also requested that the EID be added to the Emergency Services insurance coverage, as an added insured to their policy. The request will be brought back to the Board for finalization.

[1:17 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; R. McLean and E. Palaschak entered.]

## **11.0 Equipment**

R. McLean and E. Palaschak gave comment to the following equipment quotes.

### 11.01 Quotes for the Purchase of Excavators

As is standard practice, it is being proposed to buy one 250 excavator and one 350 excavator for the upcoming construction season. The new machines will be replacing a 2017 250 Deere and a 2017 350 Deere. Staff gave comment and answered a number of questions concerning the makes and specs for both the 250 and 350 excavators.

250 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2021 Deere 250GLC	\$346,775.00
Finning Canada	2021 Cat 326-07	\$351,100.00
Wajax Equipment	2021 Hitachi ZX250LC-6	\$354,900.00

350 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Equipment	2021 Hitachi ZX350LC-6	\$433,900.00 + \$5,800 [reversing fan] \$439,700.00
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2021 Deere 350GLC	\$439,405.00
Finning Canada	2021 Cat 336-07	\$454,800.00

**2021-06-164 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a:**

- **2021 Deere 250GLC Excavator for \$346,775.00 from Brandt Tractor Ltd; and**
- **2021 Hitachi ZX350LC-6 Excavator with reversing fan for \$439,700 from Wajax Equipment.**

**Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 11.02 Quotes for the Purchase of a Tandem Truck & Pup

The tandem truck and pup purchase is scheduled as part of the 2021/2022 capital purchase budget. Request for approval of the purchase now is to ensure delivery in the spring of 2022. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

Tandem Truck & Pup					
Dealer	Mack Truck	Bibeu Truck Box	Bibeu Pup	Cascade Truck Box	Cascade Pup
<b>Nortrux</b> Red Deer	\$163,950.00				
<b>Commercial Truck Equipment Co</b> Red Deer		\$38,044.00	\$58,575.00		\$59,500.00
<b>Horizon Truck &amp; Body Ltd</b> Lethbridge				\$47,831.00	\$58,625.00
<b>Groeneveld auto greaser</b>	\$5,804.05		\$4,534.00		
[Truck & Pup work-ready]	\$270,907.05				

- 2021-06-165 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase of a:**
- **2021 Mack Truck for \$163,950 from Nortrux, Red Deer;**
  - **Bibeau truck box for \$38,044 from Commercial Truck Equipment Co, Red Deer;**
  - **Bibeau pup for \$58,575 from Commercial Truck Equipment Co, Red Deer; and**
  - **Groeneveld auto greasers for \$5,804.05 and \$4,534.00;**
- for a total of \$270,907.05. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:27 p.m. R. McLean and E. Palaschak exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

## 10.0 Lands cont'd

### 10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

#### 10.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

##### 10.02.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 47,450 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through May ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 463,755 >
June ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 163,900 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 163,895</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$499,755.

\*\*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.

#### Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

##### 10.02.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Cliff Sewall – SE 22-18-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 89 acres flood (11 acres added in 1982)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (irrigation development approved – 2020-04-129)
- Converting: 89 acres flood to pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding



**2021-06-166 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cliff Sewall for the conversion of 89 acres flood to pivot in SE 22-18-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$8,900 (89 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Jelmer Tilma & Engelien Timmermans – Pt W ½ 05-14-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 13 acres flood (6 acres shifted within irrigable unit)
- Current Assessment: 26 acres (irrigation development approved 2021-04-106)
- Converting: 13 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 26 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-06-167 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jelmer Tilma & Engelien Timmermans for the conversion of 13 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt W ½ 05-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$1,300 (13 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.4 Flood to Pivot with C/A – Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – SE 22-17-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 138 acres flood
- Converting: 110 acres flood to pivot and 28 acres flood to corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-06-168 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot and 28 acres flood to corner arm in SE 22-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$11,000 (110 acres x \$100/acre) + \$19,600 (28 acres x \$700/acre) = \$30,600. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.5 Wheels to Pivot – Cole Webb – N ½ 19-17-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 152 acres wheels
- Current Assessment: 239 acres pivot (irrigation development approved 2021-04-133 and 2020-12-414)
- Converting: 152 acres flood to 2 pivots
- Assessment remains the same at 239 acres, all under pivot, (134 West pivot, 105 East pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: a restrictive covenant limits the maximum flow rate (one delivery for both pivots) at 3.0 cfs or less; irrigable unit exists

**2021-06-169 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cole Webb for the conversion of 152 acres flood to pivot in N ½ 19-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$15,200 (152 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:34 p.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**Upgrades** (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps) and **Corner Irrigation** (corner arm, subsurface)

**10.02.1.6 Panel – Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) – SW 13-15-14 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$7,560 (motion 2019-12-322)
- Current Assessment: 150 acres pivot
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 150 acres, all under pivot

**2021-06-170 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hemsing Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 13-15-14 W4M purchased for \$4,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$15,000 (150 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,560 (previous grant) = \$7,440; with the payable amount being \$4,500. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.7 Transfer – Tracy & Michele Hemsing – SE 11 to SW 01-15-14 W4M**

Tracy & Michele Hemsing have requested to transfer 3 acres from SE 11 to SW 01-15-14 W4M to accommodate a corner arm being added to a pivot.

**2021-06-171 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the transfer of 3 irrigation acres from SE 11-15-14 W4M to SW 01-15-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Tracy & Michele Hemsing. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.8 Nozzles & C/A – Tracy & Michele Hemsing – SW 01-15-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 141 acres pivot (3 acres transferred from SE 11-15-14 W4M)
- Installing: nozzles & corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-06-172 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Michele Hemsing for the nozzles upgrade and corner arm installation in SW 01-15-14 W4M purchased for \$80,200. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,800 (14 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,500. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.9 Panel – Tracy & Michele Hemsing – SE 11-15-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres pivot (3 acres transferred to SW 01-15-14 W4M)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (136 pivot, 6 corner pivot, 1 outside)

**2021-06-173 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Michele Hemsing for the panel upgrade in SE 11-15-14 W4M purchased for \$4,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-06-174 Moved by B. Schroeder that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in December 2019 to 3 acres in SE 11-15-14 W4M be returned to Tracy & Michele Hemsing for 3 new efficiencies in SW 01-15-14 W4M; 3 acres x \$500/acre = \$1,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



[1:38 p.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

**10.02.1.10 Nozzles, Panel & C/A – Brent & Coralee Jakobsen – NE 05-17-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Installing: nozzles, panel, & corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-06-175 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brent & Coralee Jakobsen for the nozzles upgrade, panel upgrade, and corner arm installation in NE 05-17-13 W4M purchased for \$82,197. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$12,400 (124 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) = \$21,500. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conversion of Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres and Registration of Irrigable Unit**

**10.02.1.11 Richard Hiebert – SE & Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M**

Upon completion of the 08-A Springhill pipeline extension, the 125 terminable acres in SE & Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M can be converted to irrigation acres. As well, as the pivot in the SE crosses into the NE, with one delivery for both parcels, a registration of an Irrigable Unit is required.

**2021-06-176 Moved by B. Schmidt that upon the completion of the 08-A Springhill pipeline extension the Board approve the conversion of 125 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SE & Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Richard Hiebert. The capital assets charge to convert 125 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$43,750 (125 x \$350/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-06-177 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE & Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Richard Hiebert. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.12 Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – Sec 36-21-16 W4M**

Upon completion of the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extensions, the 268 terminable acres in Sec 36-21-16 W4M can be converted to irrigation acres. As well, as both pivots cross into other quarter sections, a registration of an Irrigable Unit is required.

**2021-06-178 Moved by D. Peltzer that upon the completion of the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extensions the Board approve the conversion of 268 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Sec 36-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Chinook Cattle Co Inc. The capital assets charge to convert 268 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$93,800 (268 x \$350/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-06-179 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 36-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Chinook Cattle Co Inc. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:42 p.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)  
and **Increase in Irrigation Acres**

**10.02.1.13 Wheels to Pivot – Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – NE 14-20-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 137 acres wheels
- Converting: 137 acres wheels to 138 acre pivot; 1 acre needed (efficiency)
- New Assessment: 138 acres pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: landowners were previously approved for a project to utilize efficiency acres earned; project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-180 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chinook Cattle Co Inc for the conversion of 137 acres wheels to pivot in NE 14-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,700 (137 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$300 (1 acre x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.14 Flood to Pivot – Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – SE 24-20-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 140 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 136 acres flood (4 acres transferred to Sec 24-20-14 W4M)
- Converting: 136 acres flood to pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-181 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chinook Cattle Co Inc for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in SE 24-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.15 Flood to Pivot – Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – NW 02-21-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 128 acres flood (3 acres transferred to Sec 24-20-14 W4M)
- Converting: 128 acres flood to pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 128 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-182 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chinook Cattle Co Inc for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot in NW 02-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$12,800 (128 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.16 Flood to Pivot – Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – N ½ 24-20-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 133 acres flood (11 acres transferred in)
- Converting: 133 acres flood to 51 acre wiper pivot & 98 acre wiper pivot;

- New Assessment: 16 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: landowners were previously approved for a project to utilize efficiency acres earned; irrigable unit exists; subject to soils; project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-183 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chinook Cattle Co Inc for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in N ½ 24-20-14 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,800 (16 acre x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.17 Increase – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – NE 23-21-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 121 acres pivot (part section pivot)
- Proposal: add wiper pivot to NE corner; 28 add. acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: (gained from other projects)
- New Assessment: 149 acres (121 part section pivot, 21 NE corner wiper pivot)
- Note: project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-184 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 66 Ranch Ltd for 28 efficiency acres in NE 23-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,400 (28 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.18 Increase – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – Sec 01-22-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 152 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 202 acres wiper pivot; 50 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: (gained from other projects)
- New Assessment: 202 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; landowners were previously approved for a project to utilize efficiency acres earned; project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-185 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 66 Ranch Ltd for 50 efficiency acres in Sec 01-22-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (50 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.1.19 Increase – Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – W ½ 36-21-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 153 acres pivot (75 W ½ large pivot, 78 N wiper pivot)
- Proposal: add 2 wiper pivots; 89 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: (gained from other projects)
- New Assessment: 242 acres, all under pivot (75 W ½ large pivot, 78 N wiper pivot, 33 W wiper pivot, 52 SW wiper pivot)
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; landowners were previously approved for a project to utilize efficiency acres earned; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by December 31, 2021

**2021-06-186** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Chinook Cattle Co Inc for 89 efficiency acres in W ½ 36-21-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$62,300 (89 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2021-06-187** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 36-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Chinook Cattle Co Inc. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2021-06-188** Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **10.02.2 Review of Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications – Tom Parker**

[2:09 p.m. S. Connauton and R. Gagley exited the meeting; D. Buell and N. Fontaine entered.]

#### **10.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access**

##### **10.03.1 Access Policy for District Owned Lands – Draft Revisions**

[2:15 p.m. D. Buell and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

#### **12.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations**

**2021-06-189** Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

#### **10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd**

##### **10.02.2 Review of Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications – Tom Parker**

The motions approved at the April 2021 Board Meeting concerning irrigation applications from Mr. Parker were upheld and a recent request for terminable acres was denied. I. Friesen will contact Tom Parker, and a follow up letter from the Board will be forwarded.

#### **12.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations**

The *Irrigation Districts Act* Regulations are due to expire October 31, 2022. In respect of the review process, AIDA has requested that all irrigation districts examine the regulations and return comments for compilation by July 31, 2021. The four regulations are:

- Irrigation General
- Irrigation Forms
- Irrigation Plebiscite
- Irrigation Seepage Claims Exemption





Suggested Admin amendments to the Regulations were reviewed and will be brought back to the July meeting for further discussion.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

### 10.0 Lands cont'd

#### 10.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

##### 10.03.1 Access Policy for District Owned Lands – Draft Revisions cont'd

The Access Policy for District Owned Lands was further revised by adding the following to 3.1(b):

- "In this regard, a cattle trailing permit is available upon request."

**2021-06-190 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Access Policy for District Owned Lands as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The policy can be viewed on the District's website.

### 13.0 Request for Donation – HALO Air Ambulance

A request was received for a donation to HALO Air Ambulance, either in the form of a fundraising prize such as some free camping, or a monthly donation. Through discussion of suggestions, the following was approved.

**2021-06-191 Moved by T. Hemsing that for the remainder of the 2021 camping season, the Board approve:**

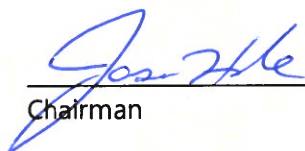
- a prime campsite to be designated for HALO fundraising,
- temporary HALO signage to be installed at the site, and
- all revenue from the campsite to be forwarded to HALO.

**Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 14.0 Upcoming Events

- |       |                       |  |
|-------|-----------------------|--|
| 14.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 14.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:11 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**July 27, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Joint Shared Services Committee
- 4.02 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee
- 4.03 Ag Ministers Reception
- 9.01.1 Report on Grass Fire – Patricia Grazing Lease
- 12.0 Commercial Update

**2021-07-192 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 June 22, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the June 22, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-07-193 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events****4.01 Joint Shared Services Committee**

B. Schroeder attended a Joint Shared Services Committee meeting last month. A number of items disclosed in the spring newsletter to water users were relayed to the Committee by Mr. Schroeder.



#### 4.02 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee

T. Hemsing informed that the Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee has met several times to work on a draft policy to present to County Council. As proposed in the draft policy, cover crops or stubble will be encouraged, high risk areas and fields are to be inspected by County staff, and discussions held with landowners to ensure a plan is in place to deal with high wind situations. It is also being proposed to forward an information letter from the County to producers.

#### 4.03 Ag Ministers Reception

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, J. Hale attended the Minister of Agriculture & Forestry's reception in Calgary. The Hon. Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta and The Hon. Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry addressed attendees, citing how agriculture and in particular, irrigated agriculture, is key to economic recovery in Alberta.

[9:13 a.m. J. Latrace, MNP entered the room.]

### 5.0 Financial Report

J. Latrace presented the following Financial Report.

#### 5.01 Financial Statements to June 30, 2021

The financial statements to June 30, 2021 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$31.89 million and are tracking slightly over (within 1% of) YTD budget. Community pasture, campground, capital asset charges, water, and land sale revenues are under budget, while EIDNet, investment income and Oil/Gas are over budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$23.09 million and are tracking under YTD budget due to all net departments expenses and special project expenses being under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$8.86 million.

Mr. Latrace advised that procedures and reports will be developed to record Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) loan transactions.

**2021-07-194 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 5.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2021

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2021 was \$7,599,733 or 7.7% 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 9 months of the fiscal year.

3 <sup>rd</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$6,900,000	-
IRP – Short Term	-	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development	-	\$115,000

Due to low interest rates in larger term securities, cash flows have been retained in the chequing account.

**2021-07-195 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.03 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2021**

A variety of accounts were detailed, and questions answered by Admin, with the June 10, 2021, Sanling Energy Ltd bankruptcy being noted.

**2021-07-196 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:38 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting; R. Gagley, D. Syvret, and B. Kroschel entered.]

## 6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations report.

### 6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

This year District Operations have diverted twice as much water YTD as the year prior YTD and have essentially diverted the same amount of water to date as all last year. Without precipitation in the upper Bow Basin, river flows will decline rapidly and significantly in August. To date, reservoir levels have been maintained as best as possible, even with the high irrigation demands, and will be utilized to supplement flows as river supply declines and irrigation demand remain high.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	July 2021	July 2020
Water Diverted to Date	376,125 ac ft (14.62")	186,600 ac ft (7.32")
Water Applied to Land to Date	9.12"	3.12"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	660 – 1,189	7 – 760
Parcels Using Over 12"	668	12
Parcels Using Over 16"	139	2
Parcels Using Over 20"	23	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	269,273 ac ft	279,379 ac ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

Reservoir status will be re-evaluated at the August meeting and discussed whether any extra measures will need to be made at that time (ex. no fall irrigating, earlier shut down date, etc.); and in which ways to communicate this with the water users. In addition, letters will be mailed to water users on pressure systems, notifying of upcoming power bills which will be considerably higher than last year.

### 6.02 Screening / Algae

R. Gagley presented information on screen cleaners currently being used in the District to filter aquatic weeds:

- Side Sweep – estimated cost of \$55,000 per; 10 installed in the North, 16 in the South

- Up/Down Sweep – estimated cost of \$55,000 per; 8 installed in the North, 8 in the South
- Travelling Screen – estimated cost of \$60,000 per; 6 installed in the North, 0 in the South
- Gabion Wall – estimated cost of \$80,000 (depending on size); 17 installed in the North, 14 in the South

Approximately \$5 million has been spent to date installing the cleaners. Sweeps and travelling screens have operational, power, and maintenance requirements. Gabion walls are relatively maintenance free but require additional space for a stilling pond. Although varying degrees of success in filtering aquatic weeds, none of the cleaners being used have appeared to be effective in filtering algae. Engineering is currently looking for land to construct a gabion wall for a scheduled capital project off the Tilley Canal. In addition to screening aquatic weeds, this wall would be monitored for its effectiveness with screening algae in this problematic area of the District. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley. Additional Board discussion may be held around policy factors relating to District installations of screen cleaners and gabion walls, and consideration of grant incentives for private installations.

[10:35 a.m. – 10:41 a.m. Short break; B. Kroschel exited the meeting, R. Summach and J. Kabut entered.]

## 7.0 Engineering

### 7.01 Scott Pipeline

R. Summach presented the Scott Pipeline synopsis, advising that this project will convert the Scott Canal to closed gravity pipelines. The inlet of the main pipeline will be moved from the Main Bantry Canal, 3.5 km south, to Lake Newell Reservoir. The pipeline, including laterals, will be 17 km long and will cross Hwy #873, extend east, northeast, and south. The canal currently serves 3,809 acres. The canal tails out into the Summit Drain and will have the capacity to supply the Summit Drain with enough water for all 7 pivots (889 acres) north of the South Bantry Drain. The project is estimated to cost \$16,324,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program.

The Scott pipelines have capacity for expansion:

- The north pipeline has capacity to serve an extra 250 acres east of the highway.
- The first section of the main pipeline has the capacity to serve an additional 3,400 acres. 400 of these acres would be supplied off the Main Scott Pipeline that is to be installed this winter.
- Soil tests were completed on 32 quarters. A total of 4,945 acres were tested, of which 3,353 acres met irrigation requirements. The maximum amount of land tested that would be reasonable to develop is 3,000 acres.

Previously studied, a number of questions were responded to on this final review and approval of the project.

**2021-07-197 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Scott Pipeline project by installing 17 km of pipeline, at an estimated cost of \$16,324,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:55 a.m. D. Syvret exited the meeting.]

## 7.02 08-B Springhill Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Matt Janzen – SE 21-21-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Matt & Marianne Janzen will be converting from flood to pivot in SE 21-21-16 W4M at the time of the 08-B Springhill project. Upon pivot installation this quarter section conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. Upon approval, the project cost for the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension will need to be amended from \$904,000 to \$924,000.

**2021-07-198 Moved by D. Pelter that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Matt & Marianne Janzen for converting from flood to pivot in SE 21-21-16 W4M at the time of the 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-07-199 Moved by D. Peltzer that the estimated project cost of the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project be increased from \$904,000 to \$924,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:57 a.m. R. Summach and J. Kabut exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

## 8.0 EIDNet

### 8.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 34 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 53 for Rosemary. Phase 1 of the fibre path has been approved and surveying is currently underway. Fibre conduit installation will begin once the poly waterlines are completed for the grazing projects. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2021	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	46
Residential Accounts	1,739
Business Accounts	27
EID Automation	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,865</b>

[11:09 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

## 9.0 Lands

### 9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

On behalf of R. Volek, N. Fontaine presented the following report.

#### 9.01.1 Report on Grass Fire – Patricia Grazing Lease

A grass fire started in NW 10-20-11 W4M, approximately 5 km south of Dinosaur Provincial Park, on Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with flare ups continuing through the weekend. Approximately 5,000 acres of pasture, 5 rolls of grazing waterline poly pipe, and 5.5 km of fence were lost to the fire. Land

and air firefighting units in and outside the District were deployed, with the District grader and private operators also helping out. At meeting time, the affected area was still being monitored and Rural Fire & Emergency Services were continuing their investigation. It is likely that the fire started from a mower tractor on an oil/gas lease and had insufficient water to contain the blaze. EID expenses associated with the fire will be tracked and submitted to the insurance company of the responsible party. The District has temporarily prohibited other mowing operators from accessing EID lands. Policy development may be required for added direction in extreme hot/dry/windy weather conditions. 80 late entry cow/calf pairs scheduled for this area of the Patricia grazing lease will be shifted to the Rosemary grazing lease this season.

[11:27 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

## 9.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

### 9.02.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2021

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to June 30, 2021					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2021	304,143	3,553	0	28	307,724
June 30, 2021	304,592	3,553	0	73	308,218
Net increase	449	< 0 >	< 0 >	45	494
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 22 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					471
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

3 <sup>rd</sup> QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$693,900
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$ 0
Annual Agreements	\$ 0
5R Soil Agreements	\$ 33,750
<b>Total this quarter</b>	<b>\$727,650</b>

## 9.02.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

### 9.02.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 47,450 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through June ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 627,655 >
July ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 50,408 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 113,487</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$599,255.

\*\*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.

**Upgrades** (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*)

#### **Upgrades & Corner Irrigation**

#### **9.02.2.2 Pump & Nozzles – 1717868 AB Inc (Greg Johnson) & 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson)**

##### **– SE 29-20-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 125 acres
- Current Assessment: 129 acres pivot (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: pump & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 129 acres, all under pivot

**2021-07-200 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717868 Alberta Inc and 1717875 Alberta Inc for the pump and nozzles upgrade in SE 29-20-17 W4M purchased for \$12,136. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,136. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.02.2.3 Panel – Deborah Dovichak – SW 36-19-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres
- Current Assessment: 153 acres corner arm pivot (7 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 153 acres, all under corner arm pivot



**2021-07-201 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Deborah Dovichak for the panel upgrade in SW 36-19-14 W4M purchased for \$2,295. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$14,600 (146 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,295. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.2.4 Pump & Nozzles – J & K Acres Ltd (James Blandford & Kendal Van Hall) – SW 30-16-15**

- Current Assessment: 141 acres
- Installing: pump & nozzles; keeping 4 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (137 pivot, 4 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-07-202 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for J & K Acres Ltd for the pump and nozzles upgrade in SW 30-16-15 W4M purchased for \$22,959. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,700 (137 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$11,700. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.2.5 Panel – Mike Hauck – NW 05-17-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 135 acres
- Previous Grant: \$9,450 (motion 2014-06-123)
- Current Assessment: 141 acres (6 acres added through Farm Improvement Grant)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres, all under corner arm pivot

**2021-07-203 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mike Hauck for the panel upgrade in NW 05-17-13 W4M purchased for \$4,376. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,450 (previous grant) = \$4,050. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.6 Panels – Travis & April Lyzenga – W ½ 17-20-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 218 acres (128 north pivot, 89 south wiper pivot, 1 outside)
- Installing: 2 panels; keeping 1 acre outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 218 acres (128 north pivot, 89 south wiper pivot, 1 outside)
- South wiper pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-07-204 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Travis & April Lyzenga for the 2 panel upgrade in W ½ 17-20-15 W4M purchased for \$11,827 each. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$21,800 (218 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$11,827 (north pivot) + \$8,900 (south pivot) less \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$20,227. Seconded by B. Schmidt. 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.

**9.02.2.7 Increase – 2125538 AB Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde) – NE 23-18-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres
- Current Assessment: 140 acres (6 acres granted through efficiencies in 2018)
- Proposal: 8 acre corner wiper pivot; 8 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres (140 corner arm pivot, 8 corner wiper pivot)
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements

**2021-07-205 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 2125538 Alberta Ltd for 8 infill acres in NE 23-18-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$7,600 (8 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Sell Back of Irrigation Acres** (*landowners choosing to sell irrigation acres back to the District*)

**9.02.2.8 764002 AB Ltd (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – NW 18-16-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 152 acres (124 acre portion of section pivot, 26 acre corner)
- Selling: 26 acres in the NW corner
- Relinquishing: 2 acres for a Rural Water Use Purposes Agreement
- New Assessment: 124 acres all under section pivot
- Note: corner will need to remain dry

**2021-07-206 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of 764002 Alberta Ltd's 26 irrigation acres in NW 18-16-15 W4M; 26 acres x \$3,500/acre = \$91,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.2.9 1633400 Alberta Ltd (Estate of Amy Hutch) – NW 34-18-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 22 acres
- Selling: 22 acres
- New Assessment: 0 acres
- Note: parcel has been annexed into the City of Brooks, does not have access to water and will not be eligible to obtain irrigation acres in the future

**2021-07-207 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of 1633400 Alberta Ltd's 22 irrigation acres in NW 34-18-14 W4M; 22 acres x \$3,500/acre = \$77,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.2.10 Brooks Solar II GP Inc (James Houssain) – SE 03-19-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 96 acres
- Selling: 94 acres
- Relinquishing: 2 acres for a Rural Water Use Purposes Agreement
- New Assessment: 0 acres
- Note: irrigation acres must be removed from the parcel as part of the request of change in use; water can be delivered for the RWUP and will be used for tree watering





**2021-07-208 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the purchase of Brooks Solar II GP Inc's 94 irrigation acres in SE 03-19-14 W4M; 94 acres x \$3,500/acre = \$329,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.2.11 Lepp Hay Farms Inc (Irvin Lepp) – SW 14-21-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 145 acres (pivot and corners)
- Selling: 3 acres over the yard site
- New Assessment: 143 acres (pivot and corners)
- Note: parcel has an existing RWUP Agreement

**2021-07-209 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase of Lepp Hay Farms Inc' 3 irrigation acres in SW 14-21-16 W4M; 3 acres x \$3,500/acre = \$10,500. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-07-210 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.0 County of Newell Rural Water Project 2**

[11:54 a.m. – 12:23 p.m. Lunch break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations**

**12.0 Commercial Update**

**13.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

**2021-07-211 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

**10.0 County of Newell Rural Water Project 2**

Direction for Admin was confirmed if the County's second phase of the rural water project proceeds.

**11.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations**

In follow up to the July meeting, Mr. Friesen advised of some final suggested revisions to the IDA Regulations. The suggested amendments were discussed, and Director support was given to forward the document to AIDA.

**12.0 Commercial Update**

Direction was confirmed for I. Friesen.

**13.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project.



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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

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**14.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 14.01 | Alberta Open Farm Days - Bassano Dam Tours | - Saturday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. |
| 14.02 | Regular Board Meeting                      | - Tuesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.               |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting                      | - Tuesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.            |
| 14.04 | Special Budget Meeting                     | - Thursday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:15 p.m.**

  
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Chairman

  
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General Manager

**August 5, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]	<i>[connected via phone call]</i>	

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m.

**2021-08-212 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.0 Amended and Restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 – CIB Financing**

**2021-08-213 Moved by D. Jacobson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING****1.0 Amended and Restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 – CIB Financing cont'd**

In connection with the District's plans to design and construct additional irrigation infrastructure projects in addition to those projects initially described in the District's Borrowing Bylaw #947 which was initially passed on December 7, 2020, an Amended and Restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 was presented to the Board to obtain additional joint funding from the Canada Infrastructure Bank and the Government of Alberta.

The additional qualifying projects will result in the CIB loan increasing from a maximum amount of \$120,456,000 to \$140,847,500; available provincial grant money increasing from \$72,273,600 to \$84,508,500; and the corresponding EID contribution share increasing from \$48,178,400 to \$56,339,000.

All other material terms of the initial bylaw passed on December 7, 2020 are retained within the amended and restated bylaw.

Since the increased amount of the loan will exceed the debt limit of the District as set out in section 2(b) of the Irrigation General Regulation (i.e. debt limit being 1.5 times the revenue of the District in the most recent audited financial statements), approval of the amended and restated bylaw is also required by the Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

- 2021-08-214 Moved by D. Jacobson that amended and restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 (2021) be introduced and read the first time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-08-215 Moved by D. Jacobson that amended and restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 (2021) be read the second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-08-216 Moved by D. Jacobson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to amended and restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 (2021) this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2021-08-217 Moved by R. Owen that amended and restated Borrowing Bylaw #947 (2021), being a bylaw relating generally to the transaction of the business affairs of the Eastern Irrigation District, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:00 a.m.**

[10:00 a.m. R. Owen exited the meeting.]

[After impromptu discussion on the following matter with the remainder of the Board, and a request put forward to set direction, J. Hale reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m.]

## **2.0 Temporarily Relaxing the 24 Inch Water Limit**

Brought forward by T. Hemsing, a dialogue was held on whether the District should fulfill requests to supply additional water above the 24" limit for crops that require the extra water to finish production. A number of aspects were reviewed, including the current number of parcels irrigating, river and reservoir levels, types of crops and the number of water users requiring additional inches, the number of excess inches that could be considered, and a range of suggested surcharge rates. It was reiterated that all irrigators should use proper irrigation management, communicate well with their Water Operator, and have flows measured if recorded volumes used are in question. It was consensus of the Directors present that amending the maximum water limit from 24" to 27", as done in 2017 and 2019, should not be the solution to requests for additional water, but that an alternative could likely be allowed on a user pay model. Directors were also in agreement to fully re-examine the provision within the Drought Plan Guidelines that allows water users to average their irrigation use over their farm link once at the second stage of the Drought Plan. Subject to further discussion with R. Owen who had to leave at initial meeting adjournment, the following preliminary motion was put forward.

- 2021-08-218 Moved by D. Jacobson that for the remainder of the 2021 irrigation season, for purposes of completing crop production an allowance be made to permit water users to purchase additional volumes of water over the current 24" maximum allotment as follows:**
- in 1 inch/acre increments;**
  - at \$2.00/inch/acre;**
- and provided that this allowance does not include fall irrigation. Seconded by T. Hemsing.**



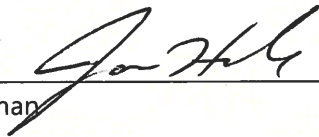
**2021-08-219 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2021-08-218 be tabled. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In order to provide for the opportunity for discussion and also obtain R. Owen's input, this matter is to be discussed at a second meeting, to be held Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Directors were given the option to call in for this meeting, rather than attend in person.

### **3.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 3.01 | Special Directors Meeting                  | - Friday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                 |
| 3.02 | Alberta Open Farm Days – Bassano Dam Tours | - Saturday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. |
| 3.03 | Regular Board Meeting                      | - Tuesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.               |
| 3.04 | Regular Board Meeting                      | - Tuesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.            |
| 3.05 | Special Budget Meeting                     | - Thursday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |

**D. Jacobson moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:49 a.m.**

  
Chairman

  
General Manager

**August 6, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

Those present in the boardroom were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]
Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager	
Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services	
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

Those connected via Conference Call were:

Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]

[8:55 a.m. D. Syvret – South Division Superintendent and C. Getz – North Division Superintendent entered the meeting.]

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

**1.0 Temporarily Relaxing the 24 Inch Water Limit**

The Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #907 (2016) limits the maximum amount of water per irrigation season that may be delivered to each assessed irrigation acre to 24". The weather conditions to date in 2021 have been drier and hotter than normal which have increased the demand for irrigation water in some areas of the District and for some crops. Additionally, some irrigators to date have used in excess of 20" per acre and it is anticipated that they will require slightly more water during the 2021 irrigation season to complete irrigating this year's crop and may exceed the 24" water limit.

**1.01 Bylaw #953 (2021)**

As an alternative to being shut off by the District for exceeding the 24" water limit, and further to the previous meeting's preliminary motion, M. Koochin presented for consideration a draft bylaw to temporarily relax the 24" water limit. A subsequent discussion was held on how to best respond to the present need, with confirmation to thoroughly address this and related matters this winter. A discussion on crop varieties, optimum yields, ground variations, perennial and under seeded crops, on-farm water management, communication with Water Operators, present reservoir and river capabilities, and the estimated amount of additional water that might be used occurred. It was the consensus of the Board, subject to water availability and for use in completing 2021 crops only, to permit the relaxation of the 24" irrigation cap but to also implement a user pay system with incremental increases to act as a disincentive for more water used and to conserve reservoirs for the next year. The water user will be required to complete a request form at the EID Office indicating in advance the number of inches they are purchasing, parcel location(s), etc., and must:

- purchase in 1" increments, up to a maximum of 4";
- receive approval from the General Manager or designate;



- pay in advance, with no reimbursement for part inches used:
  - \$20/inch/acre for the initial 1" of water
  - \$30/inch/acre for the 2<sup>nd</sup> inch of water
  - \$40/inch/acre for the 3<sup>rd</sup> inch of water
  - \$80/inch/acre for the 4<sup>th</sup> inch of water
- purchase on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> (water may be used after September 15<sup>th</sup>)

The draft bylaw was amended to reflect the above requirements.

**2021-08-220 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #953 (2021) be introduced and read the first time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-08-221 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #953 (2021) be read the second time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-08-222 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #953 (2021) this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-08-223 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #953 (2021), being a bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Temporarily Relax the 24 Inch Water Limit, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

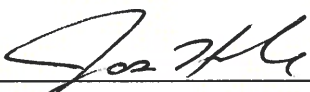
An information sheet will be developed, and Water Operators will inform water users that have used 20" or more of their option to purchase additional water this irrigation season. Averaging water use over the farm link, water purchasing, and the drought plan will be reviewed this winter.

## 2.0 Upcoming Events

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| 2.01 | Alberta Open Farm Days – Bassano Dam Tours | - Saturday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. |
| 2.02 | Regular Board Meeting                      | - Tuesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.               |
| 2.03 | Regular Board Meeting                      | - Tuesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.            |
| 2.04 | Special Budget Meeting                     | - Thursday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>                          |

[10:01 a.m. D. Syvret and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

**D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:01 a.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager



### **August 24, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Subsurface Drip Irrigation Field Day
- 4.02 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee
- 4.03 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA)
- 12.0 Request for Donation/Funding – CPR Engineer's House & Gardens

**2021-08-224 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the revised Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

##### **2.01 July 27, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the July 27, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-08-225 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **2.02 August 5, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 5, 2021 Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-08-226 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the August 5, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **2.03 August 6, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 6, 2021 Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-08-227 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the August 6, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

### **4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### **4.01 Subsurface Drip Irrigation Field Day**

On August 4<sup>th</sup> D. Peltzer attended the Subsurface Drip Irrigation Field Day, hosted by Southern Irrigation. Displaying photos, Mr. Peltzer advised that the large scale newly implemented system, northwest of Lethbridge, serves a 623 acre field, currently seeded to winter wheat. Irrigation intake is off a canal, fitted with a rotary screen, with a concrete pump house built to automatically backflush, and including a fertigation option. Two 100 HP pumps provide 3,200 gal/min of irrigation water, entering the filtration system at 62 psi, leaving at 55 psi, down approximately 2 dozen 800 m lengths of PVC, with an end pressure of 15 psi. The mainline is 16" or 18", down to 10" and smaller, with laterals spaced 36" apart, emitters 27" apart, and the whole system placed approximately 10" – 11" below surface. 36 zones each have concrete boxes with pressure regulators, electronic valves, and solar powered controllers. The field may be irrigated all at once, individually by zones, can go over 2"/week, and can be run from a phone. Winter pump outs are installed for delivery pipes; however, the drip lines are self-draining. Some of the advantages from this type of system include approximately 30% water savings (no evaporation), options for configuration, no fungicide requirements, ability to fertigate, and increased yields. Investment/acre (this system was \$2,500 - \$2,800/acre), no deep root crops (potatoes, sugar beets), and maintenance are some of the limitations. The best soil for this type of irrigation system is sandy clay loam.

#### **4.02 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee**

T. Hemsing advised that the Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee has met a couple more times and that the Committee is in the final stages of policy development. It is anticipated to bring a definitive draft to the EID Board and County Council in September or October.

#### **4.03 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA)**

T. Hemsing advised that the AIDA Board Meeting has been set for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. A location and date for this twice-yearly meeting are yet to be determined. Irrigation District Directors and General Managers are all invited to take part.

[9:19 a.m. J. Latrace, MNP entered the meeting.]

### **5.0 Financial Report**

J. Latrace presented the following Financial Report.

#### **5.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2021**

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

- YTD revenues total about \$36.98 million and are tracking slightly over YTD budget. Community pasture and water conveyance are under budget, while basically all other significant revenue accounts are ahead of budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$25.41 million and are tracking under YTD budget due to all net departments expenses and special project expenses being under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.57 million.

**2021-08-228 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:38 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting; R. Gagley and D. Syvret entered.]

## 6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations report.

### 6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The hot, dry and breezy weather of the past month has seen persistently higher than average irrigation demands. Essentially since July 21 – August 17<sup>th</sup> the District has been passing 600 cfs past the Bassano dam (400 cfs licensed minimum) and diverting the remainder of the river supply. Diversions were around 3,000 cfs on July 20<sup>th</sup> (3,390 licensed maximum) to as low as 810 cfs on August 10<sup>th</sup> as that is all that could be diverted from the river supply and meet our licensed conditions. Reservoirs have been utilized to supply the remaining irrigation demands that river supplies didn't and are approximately 30,000 ac-ft less than in 2020. Water levels however are in relatively good shape considering the demand and conditions. The rainfall event on August 17<sup>th</sup> has seen demand fall off significantly and will likely see this declining or low demand trend continue into September as harvest resumes.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	August 2021	August 2020
Water Diverted to Date	465,252 ac ft (18.12")	289,527 ac ft (11.32")
Water Applied to Land to Date	12.6"	6.48"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	342 – 1,189	368 – 869
Parcels Using Over 12"	1,940	240
Parcels Using Over 16"	731	43
Parcels Using Over 20"	147	6
Total Firm Live Storage*	233,579 ac ft	262,050 ac ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

As per the provisions approved through Bylaw #953 (2021), there have been no requests received for additional inches of water.

[9:51 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

### 6.02 Set Water Shut Down Date

Mr. Friesen recommended to set the water shut down date to water users no later than Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, which is typical and near the long-term average. Depending on the water levels of the reservoirs in October, and to bring them to levels that are adequate for winter/into next spring, diversions to fill reservoirs only may continue after October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**2021-08-229 Moved by R. Owen that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Thursday, October 7, 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:57 a.m. – 10:01 a.m. Short break.]

## 7.0 Engineering

### 7.01 12 Springhill Pipeline

J. Kabut presented the 12 Springhill pipeline rehab project, located approximately 7 km southeast of Rosemary, supplying 5,118 acres, and slated for the 2021/2022 construction year. Mr. Kabut advised that at a starting point close to the north corner of Rock Lake Reservoir, this project will convert a portion of canal exiting the Springhill Canal, to a closed gravity pipeline and allow any spill to remain in the reservoir. There will be twin 54" pvc lines, 1.2 km in length. It is also being proposed for the stretch of the Springhill Canal which runs parallel to the northwest bank of the reservoir, to lift and rehab the banks and to modify an existing check structure to raise the water level in the canal half a meter. The estimated cost of the project is \$4,674,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. A number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin.

**2021-08-230 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 12 Springhill rehabilitation project by modifying an existing check structure, raising and rehabbing canal banks, and installing 2.4 km of pipeline, at an estimated cost of \$4,674,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.02 Bow Slope Canal

R. Summach presented the Bow Slope Canal synopsis, beginning at the Lake Newell spillway and ending at Hwy #873, 4 km east of Rainier; the canal supplies 27,800 acres downstream. Mr. Summach advised that this 3.2 km of canal is unlined and has experienced significant erosion from water and cattle. It is being proposed to regrade, armour, and fence the canal to repair and prevent any future damage. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,010,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Through discussion it was directed that the rehab be completed to bring this portion of the main delivery canal up to standards, but to also examine the possibilities of installing single or multiple pipelines in the future as reliable materials become available and feasible.

**2021-08-231 Moved by D. Jacobson that, as an interim measure, the Board approve the Bow Slope Canal rehabilitation project by regrading, armouring, and fencing the canal at an estimated cost of \$1,010,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-08-232 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.03 02 Bow Slope

**2021-08-233 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*

### 7.03 02 Bow Slope

Ongoing delivery issues and attempts to resolve were discussed for 02 Bow Slope, a 4 km canal coming off the main Bow Slope Canal and feeding 4 pipeline laterals. Estimates to permanently correct the issue will be brought back to the next meeting, comparing pipeline rehabbing costs to canal rehabbing costs. The affected landowners who have submitted letters will be contacted and

notified that the District is investigating its options. Additionally, if consent is received from all the water users on this system, after harvest Operations will conduct a supply test of the system with all users on.

[11:37 a.m. D. Syvret, J. Kabut, R. Summach exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

## CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

### 8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet report.

#### 8.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 35 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 55 for Rosemary. District staff have begun fibre conduit installation for Phase 1 of the fibre path. The Cat D7 dozer is taking an initial run to cut the path and then a second deeper run to pull the conduit approximately 4' below surface. An experienced third party will inspect the course to the first junction box and advise if any changes in installation are needed. Subject to finalizing commercial terms, the same third party will blow in the fibre once all the conduit has been placed for Phase 1. Completion date for the project is anticipated for end of October or early November. As an additional update, it was advised that no word yet has been received on the announced \$150 M government funding for rural broadband projects. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen and Mr. Gagley.

[11:47 a.m. – 12:17 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley and R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

### 9.0 Lands

#### 9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

##### 9.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

##### 9.01.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 47,450 >
Require Approval	< \$ 21,500 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through July ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 678,063 >
August ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 37,670 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 54,317</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$649,663.

\*\*Total purchase of acres from landowners within the 2021 fiscal year is 165 acres or \$577,500.

### **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.*)

#### **9.01.1.2 Field Drain Infill – Daniel & Marg Loewen – NW 28-20-15 W4M**

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to infill a drain in NW 28-20-15 W4M to accommodate a pivot. Consent from the adjacent landowner to the east will be required for the drain infill to proceed. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$19,000.

**2021-08-234 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Marg Loewen for the infill of a drain to accommodate a pivot in NW 28-20-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$19,000; of which the EID will pay \$9,500 and the Landowner's share is \$9,500 + GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.01.1.3 Tree Removal – Gregory Tamura – N ½ 11-21-15 W4M**

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal in N ½ 11-21-15 W4M to accommodate a pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$36,000.

**2021-08-235 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gregory Tamura for tree removal to accommodate a pivot in N ½ 11-21-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$36,000; of which the EID will pay \$12,000 and the Landowner's share is \$24,000 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

#### **9.01.1.4 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – Carl Scheibner – S ½ 07-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 193 acres flood and wheels
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (motion 2008-04-094)
- Current Assessment: 255 acres (irrigation development motion 2020-04-128)
- Converting: 193 acres flood and wheels to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 255 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Notes: irrigation development approved in April 2020;  
36 acres of 5R soils are subject to retesting 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

- 2021-08-236 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl Scheibner for the conversion of 193 acres flood and wheels to wiper pivot in S ½ 07-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$19,300 (193 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$16,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

As the half section wiper pivot will cover both the SW and SE quarters an irrigable unit is required to be registered.

- 2021-08-237 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW & SE 07-23-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Carl Scheibner. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.5 Flood to Wheels – Ian & Jo Ann Zoerb – NW 05-19-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 113 acres flood
- Converting: 113 acres flood to wheels
- Assessment remains the same at 113 acres, all under wheels

- 2021-08-238 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ian & Jo Ann Zoerb for the conversion of 113 acres flood to wheels in NW 05-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowners is \$11,300 (113 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$5,650 (113 acres x \$50/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**9.01.1.6 Panel – Jackson Cattle Company Ltd (William & Anne Jackson) – SW 06-19-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 99 acres
- Current Assessment: 119 acres wiper pivot (20 acres added through irrigation development)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 119 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2021-08-239 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jackson Cattle Company Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 06-19-14 W4M purchased for \$11,027. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$9,900 (99 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:28 p.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**9.01.1.7 Nozzles – Rudolph & Jean Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Installing: nozzles; keeping 2 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 133 acres (131 pivot, 2 outside)

- 2021-08-240 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rudolph & Jean Peltzer for the nozzles upgrade in SE 15-21-15 W4M purchased for \$6,320. The Farm**



**Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$6,320 less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,320. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:29 p.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

#### **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.

#### **9.01.1.8 GL Graham Farms Ltd (Gordon Graham) – SE 24-16-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 117 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (16 acres added through irrigation development)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 14 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 147 acres (133 pivot, 14 corner arm)
- Note: project must be complete by August 31, 2022

**2021-08-241 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for GL Graham Farms Ltd for 14 infill acres in SE 24-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$13,300 (14 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:30 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

#### **9.02 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing report.

##### **9.02.1 Set Round-Up Date**

Although the summer of 2021 has been extremely hot and dry, excellent reserve grass and adequate livestock water has allowed 16,848 head to graze community pastures so far this season. Consensus from Grazing Associations supports keeping cattle out until October 16<sup>th</sup> without negatively affecting pastures for next year. After round-up, pasture conditions will be re-evaluated to determine a preliminary maximum head for next year, then reviewed again in spring along with the 2022 listings.

**2021-08-242 Moved by R. Owen that for the 2021 grazing season, all cattle are to be out of community leases by end of day on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin. The District may allow diversion to some DU projects at this point in time, and overall dugouts/water supply for grazing will continue to be assessed.

[12:40 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Gagley entered.]

**2021-08-243 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.0 JBS / City of Brooks**

[1:03 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

[1:21 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

**11.01 Audio Recording Policy – Discussion**

**11.02 Financing Agreements**

**11.03 CIB Financing Update**

**12.0 Request for Donation/Funding – CPR Engineer's House & Gardens**

**13.0 Pathway**

**2021-08-244 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*

**10.0 JBS Foods Canada / City of Brooks**

Engineering representatives from both JBS Foods Canada and the City of Brooks will be invited to answer questions during separate sessions at September's Board Meeting.

**11.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

**11.01 Audio Recording Policy – Discussion**

The draft Audio Recording Policy will be brought to the September Meeting for discussion.

**11.02 Financing Agreements**

For further Board discussion, a revised Capital Assets Bylaw will be presented at a fall meeting proposing no future financing through commercial term loans be available to water users.

**11.03 CIB Financing Update**

The EID has secured a second round of funding from the Government of Alberta and the Canada Infrastructure Bank for additional modernization projects.

**12.0 Request for Donation/Funding – CPR Engineer's House & Gardens**

An email was received by the Chairman from Kathy Ramer, Project Manager – CPR Engineers House & Gardens requesting funding support for presentations to local school classes and a donation towards an Alberta Culture Days event. The Board was supportive of promoting awareness, appreciation and understanding of irrigated agriculture and its history within the Eastern Irrigation



District and approved the request for irrigation based educational field trips to the CPR Engineer's House.

- 2021-08-245 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District pay to the CPR Engineer's House & Gardens Project Manager:**
- **\$150 per local school class up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for presentations on irrigation and history of the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 13.0 Pathway

Board consensus was gained to allow the Pathway Project to move forward as per the proposed route utilizing a portion of District lands, contingent upon private landowners being in agreement. Depending on the portion of the pathway, EID lands will either be leased or consolidated into County ROW's. Other matters such as insurance, etc. will be addressed as project details evolve. I. Friesen will respond to the County.

### CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

### 14.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|------------------------|--|
| 14.01 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.            |
| 14.02 | AIDA Board Meeting     | - Thursday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> [location & time TBD] |
| 14.03 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.              |
| 14.04 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.              |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:14 p.m.**

Chairman

General Manager

### **September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 4.01 AIDA Executive Meeting
- 4.02 Canadian Foodgrains Bank

**2021-09-246 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

##### **2.01 August 24, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-09-247 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

#### **4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

##### **4.01 AIDA Executive Meeting**

T. Hemsing attended an AIDA Executive meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The AIDA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., online. Some topics to be discussed with irrigation districts are the 2015 IDA amendment proposals and IDA Regulations, and a request from the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers to financially support hiring a consultant to complete an analysis of transmission and distribution rates in southern Alberta.

#### 4.02 Canadian Foodgrains Bank

D. Peltzer thanked I. Friesen for attending a portion of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank harvest day on his behalf. The 2021 Newell Growing Project was a 101 acre field located 5.5 km north of Brooks and produced 89 bushels/acre of hard red spring wheat, which sold for \$97,485. These funds are matched 4:1 by the federal government and are used overseas to meet emergency food needs, achieve long term solutions, and inform citizens and governments to support this international cause.

### 5.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations report.

#### 5.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Reservoirs are in good shape overall. Currently the level of Lake Newell is being held down for construction purposes in a couple of areas. A graph depicting cumulative precipitation to date depicts 2021 being similar to 2019 and 2000, well below the long-term average; however late August rains relieved most of the irrigation demands. It is expected that diversion will total approximately 550,000 ac ft by the end of the year. 36 parcels reached the maximum limit of 24"; some enquiries were received about increasing volumes over the 24" annual allocation, but likely due to the rain received no volume surcharges were made. In response to an enquiry, Mr. Friesen noted that when tracking water usage, the District consists of approximately 3,370 "parcels". Note that in some cases more than 1 field/irrigation system is fed from the 1 delivery point being tracked.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	September 2021	September 2020
Water Diverted to Date	516,300 ac ft (20.04")	366,346 ac ft (14.28")
Water Applied to Land to Date	13.44"	8.4"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	84 – 342	153 – 699
Parcels Using Over 12"	2,173	694
Parcels Using Over 16"	977	190
Parcels Using Over 20"	261	38
Total Firm Live Storage*	235,587 ac ft	250,550 ac ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

[8:51 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

### 6.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet report.

#### 6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 36 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 57 for Rosemary. Fibre conduit installation for Phase 1 of the fibre path has progressed up to the One Tree tower. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[8:55 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

## 7.0 Lands

### 7.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

#### 7.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

##### 7.01.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 68,950 >
Require Approval	< \$ 18,200 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through August ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 715,733 >
September ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 29,279 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)</b>	<b>\$ 6,838</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$767,890.

\*\*Total purchase of acres from landowners within the 2021 fiscal year is 165 acres or \$577,500.

#### **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.*)

##### 7.01.1.2 Drain Infill – Calvin Cameron – Pt SE 13-18-14 W4M

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share to infill a drain in Pt SE 13-18-14 W4M to accommodate a wiper pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$8,900.

**2021-09-248 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Calvin Cameron for the infill of a drain to accommodate a wiper pivot in Pt SE 13-18-14 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$8,900; of which the EID will pay \$4,450 and the Landowner's share is \$4,450 + GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 7.01.1.3 Drain Infill – Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – SW & Pt NW 11-17-13 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to infill a drain in SW & Pt NW 11-17-13 W4M to accommodate a pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$24,600.



**2021-09-249 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert for the infill of a drain to accommodate a pivot in SW & Pt NW 11-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$24,600; of which the EID will pay \$12,000 and the Landowner's share is \$12,600 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.4 Tree Removal – Richard & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M**

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal in NW 21-16-13 W4M to accommodate an existing wiper pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$3,500.

**2021-09-250 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Gail Volek for tree removal to accommodate a wiper pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$3,500; of which the EID will pay \$1,750 and the Landowner's share is \$1,750 + GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)**

**7.01.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Jason Mortensen – SW 16-19-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 91 acres (85 acres plus 6 acres added through general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 111 acres pivot (irrigation development motion 2021-03-074)
- Converting: 85 acres flood to pivot; 12 additional acres required (infill)
- New Assessment: 123 acres pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Notes: irrigation development approved in March 2021; pivot is larger than original proposal; additional acres are subject to meeting soils requirements and purchasing County road plan area

**2021-09-251 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jason Mortensen for the conversion of 85 acres flood to pivot in SW 16-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$8,500 (85 acres x \$100/acre). The purchase of additional acres is subject to meeting soils requirements and purchasing the County road plan area, with a capital assets charge of \$9,000 (12 infill acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**7.01.1.6 Panel – Leslie & Tonja Douglass – SE 12 & Pt SW 12-24-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 139 acres pivot
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 139 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-09-252 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Leslie & Tonja Douglass for the panel upgrade in SE 12 & Pt SW 12-24-16 W4M purchased for \$22,050. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,900 (139 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7.01.1.7 Panel – Leslie & Tonja Douglass – Pt SW 26-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$4,980 (motion 2010-08-156)
- Current Assessment: 81 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 81 acres, all under wiper pivot

**2021-09-253 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Leslie & Tonja Douglass for the panel upgrade in Pt SW 26-23-16 W4M purchased for \$2,379. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$8,100 (81 acres x \$100/acre) - \$4,980 (previous grant) = \$3,120; with the payable amount being \$2,379. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.8 Panel – Van Den Hoek Farms Ltd (Cornelis & Marian Van Den Hoek) – NW 12-16-16 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$1,575 (motion 2014-02-035, W ½)
- Previous Assessment: 138 acres
- Current Assessment: 146 acres pivot (8 acres added through general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 146 acres, all under pivot

**2021-09-254 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Van Den Hoek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in NW 12-16-16 W4M purchased for \$4,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) - \$1,575 (previous grant) = \$12,225; with the payable amount being \$4,500. 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.

**7.01.1.9 Increase – George & Carmen Graham – NE 10-17-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 121 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (10 acres added through irrigation development, motion 2008-11-260)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 20 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres (131 pivot, 20 corner arm)
- Note: project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-255 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for George & Carmen Graham for 20 infill acres in NE 10-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$19,000 (20 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.10 Increase – Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 11-24-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 366 acres
- Current Assessment: 380 acres (14 acres added through general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 40 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0

- New Assessment: 420 acres; all under pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-256 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for the Hutterian Brethren of Spring View for 40 infill acres in Sec 11-24-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$38,000 (40 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.11 Increase – Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – NW 27 & Pt NE 28-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 109 acres
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (26 acres added in 2006, motion 2006-12-234)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 25 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 420 acres; all under pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-257 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for the Hutterian Brethren of Spring View for 25 infill acres in NW 27 & Pt NE 28-23-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$23,750 (25 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.12 Increase – Jordan Wolfer – SE 27-17-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 123 acres
- Current Assessment: 118 acres (5 acres transferred out)
- Proposal: install corner arm pivot; 23 additional acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot;  $118 \times 1.4 = 47$  efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 141 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Note: project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-258 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jordan Wolfer for 23 efficiency acres in SE 27-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$21,850 (23 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.13 IU Registration – Doerksen Farms Ltd (Arno & Wanda, Timothy & Yvonne, Daniel & Kim Doerksen) and Daniel & Kim Doerksen – W ½ 05 & SW 08-22-16 W4M**

The landowners are proposing to shift 2 pivot points and add corner arms, resulting in 2 pivots crossing into 3 parcels off 2 deliveries; therefore, the registration of an irrigable unit is required.

**2021-09-259 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:**

- SW 05-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Doerksen Farms Ltd;
- NW 05-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Daniel & Kim Doerksen; and
- SW 08-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Doerksen Farms Ltd.

**Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.14 Increase – Doerksen Farms Ltd and Daniel & Kim Doerksen – NW 05 & Pt SW 08-22-16**

- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Proposal: shift pivot and add corner arm; 33 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 169 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Note: project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-260 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Doerksen Farms Ltd and Daniel & Kim Doerksen for 33 infill acres in NW 05 & Pt SW 08-22-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$31,350 (33 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.15 Increase – Doerksen Farms Ltd and Daniel & Kim Doerksen – SW 05 & Pt NW 05-22-16**

- Current Assessment: 146 acres pivot
- Proposal: shift pivot and add corner arm; 23 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 169 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Note: project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-261 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Doerksen Farms Ltd and Daniel & Kim Doerksen for 23 infill acres in SW 05 & Pt NW 05-22-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$21,850 (33 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.16 Increase – Timothy & Yvonne Doerksen – NE 33-22-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 69 acres flood
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 6 additional acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot;  $69 \times 1.4 = 28$  efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 75 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Note: project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-262 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Timothy & Yvonne Doerksen for 9 efficiency acres in NE 33-22-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,550 (9 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.17 Michael & Janet Dovichak to Byron & Melissa Dovichak**

Michael & Janet Dovichak have requested to transfer 1 irrigation acre from SW 31-17-13 W4M and 5 irrigation acres from NW 13-17-14 W4M to Byron & Melissa Dovichak in NW 30-16-12 W4M to accommodate corner wheel irrigation.

**2021-09-263 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the transfer of:**

- **1 irrigation acre from SW 31-17-13 W4M, and 5 irrigation acres from NW 13-17-14 W4M; all lands being owned by Michael & Janet Dovichak,**

**to:**

- **NW 30-16-12 W4M, lands being owned by Byron & Melissa Dovichak.**

**Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.18 Anchor H Farms Ltd (Herbe & Holly Torkelson) – to Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson**

Anchor H Farms Ltd has requested to transfer 6 irrigation acres from SW 26-20-15 W4M to Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson in SE 27-20-15 W4M to accommodate the addition of a corner arm.

**2021-09-264 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 6 irrigation acres from SW 26-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Anchor H Farms Ltd to SE 27-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.1.19 Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson – SE 27 & Pt NE 22-20-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 153 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 159 acres (6 acres transferred in, motion 2021-09-264)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 18 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 177 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Note: project must be complete by September 30, 2022

**2021-09-265 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson for 18 infill acres in SE 27 & Pt NE 22-20-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$17,100 (18 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conversion of Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres**

For application and payment of converting terminable acres to irrigation acres, landowners may reference the current Irrigation Acres Bylaw and Capital Assets Charges Bylaw, which are posted on the District's website.

**7.01.1.20 Keith & Mindy Evans – NW 02 & Pt SW 11-21-18 W4M**

The landowners have applied to convert 80 terminable acres in NW 02 & Pt SW 11-21-18 W4M to irrigation acres. The current pivot delivery is off a slough with no guarantee on the availability of water. To convert the acres, the landowner must change the legal delivery point to the East Branch Canal, obtain easement, and install infrastructure. Once the conversion takes place, an irrigable unit will be registered.

**2021-09-266 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the conversion of 80 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NW 02 & Pt SW 11-21-18 W4M, lands being owned by Keith & Mindy Evans; subject to the landowner securing easement and installing infrastructure. The capital assets charge to convert 80 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$28,000 (80 x \$350/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.01.2 Farm Improvement Policy – Confirm Clause 8 and 9 Expiry Date**

In June 2020, by motion 2020-06-227, the Board approved removal of funding for sections 8.0 (upgrades) and section 9.0 (corner arm, subsurface corners) expenditures as set out in the Farm Improvement Policy to take effect September 30, 2022. The policy is posted on the District's website. The decision was announced at the 2021 AGM, and as it was intended to provide additional notification of the conclusion of these funding categories, a short discussion was held to confirm direction. Board confirmation was obtained, and it was directed that an information

notification be placed in the fall and spring newsletters. The 2021/2022 budget may be adjusted to allow for an influx of landowners wishing to submit applications prior to the deadline.

### **7.01.3 Capital Assets Bylaw – Confirm General Assessment Penalties for Non-Compliant Landowners**

Likewise, confirmation of direction was requested for section 4.0 of the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw which imposes a 150% rate based on \$2,300/acre for any acres to be purchased which have been identified as being in excess of the assessment roll and had not been otherwise reconciled through the General Assessment process. A short discussion was held concerning non-compliant landowners, the process required for purchasing acres to reconcile their parcel's assessment, and the 150% purchase rate. Board confirmation was obtained, and it was directed that an information notification be placed in the fall and spring newsletters.

[9:51 a.m. – 9:57 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered.]

## **8.0 Engineering**

### **8.01 15 North Branch Check Structure**

J. Kabut presented the 15 North Branch Check Structure synopsis. The check structure is located on the North Branch Canal, approximately 3.5 km NW of Gem in SW 19-23-16 W4M. It is cast-in-place concrete with an overshot gate, and a design flow-through of 260 cfs while checking upstream for the 15 North Branch Pipeline. The structure is in good condition although a few spots are experiencing cracking. The rehab plan is to inject epoxy resin to seal the cracks and provide additional corner support for an estimated cost of \$35,000; to be funded under the IRP program.

**2021-09-267 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 15 North Branch Check Structure rehabilitation project by injecting epoxy resin to seal cracks and provide additional corner support, at an estimated cost of \$35,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.02 F Tilley Check Structure**

J. Kabut presented the synopsis for the F Tilley Check Structure, located on the Tilley Canal, approximately 200 m north of the Hamlet of Tilley. The design flow through the structure is 178 cfs (5 cms) while checking upstream for the F Tilley Canal. The current structure consists of 3 gates, of which 2 are controlled using boards and the third is a slide gate; the concrete was cast in place in 1982 and is in very good condition. It is being proposed to replace the gates with new leaf gates, with the center gate incorporating a screen and automated cleaner. This in-canal cleaner will be an up-sweep configuration with debris being lifted out of the canal and dropped onto a horizontal conveyor which will convey it to the driving bank. Perforated deflectors will be installed on an angle just upstream of the structure to deflect debris to the center gate where it can be removed. The estimated cost of the project is \$260,000; to be funded under the IRP program.

**2021-09-268 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the F Tilley Check Structure rehabilitation project by replacing the current gates with leaf gates, automated screen cleaner and filters, at an estimated cost of \$260,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**2021-09-269 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.03 02 Bow Slope**

### **9.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

**2021-09-270 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***

### **8.0 Engineering cont'd**

#### **8.03 02 Bow Slope cont'd**

In follow up from the August Board Meeting, pipeline and canal rehab options for 02 Bow Slope were presented for discussion. This rehabilitation project is located approximately 3.5 km NE of Rainier and supplies 4,152 acres. The canal was widened in an emergency situation this summer; the permanent rehab was then slated for the 2021/22 construction year. Option 1 consists of replacing the level bank canal with 3.4 km of 60" closed gravity pipeline and tying onto 3 existing pipelines. Water users on the upstream portion would still need to pump from below ground, and there would be no water savings in converting this portion of the canal to pipeline. The estimated cost for this option is \$5,313,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Option 2 consists of trimming and armouring the first 1,750 m of the widened canal. The estimated cost for this option is \$555,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. A discussion regarding the options and proposed solutions was held; Option 2 was approved. It was also directed that a section of canal be relined up to Range Road 160. An operations test of the widened canal with all users on will take place prior to water shut down.

**2021-09-271 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 02 Bow Slope Canal rehabilitation project by trimming and armouring a section of the recently widened canal, and lining an additional section, at an estimated cost of \$655,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **9.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project.

## ***CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA***

### **10.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 10.01 | AIDA Board Meeting     | - Thursday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m. <i>[online]</i> |
| 10.02 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                     |
| 10.03 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                     |
| 10.04 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                    |

[11:50 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]





**B. Schmidt moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:50 a.m.**

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

General Manager



**October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021. 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. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

[8:51 a.m. J. Latrace, CPA, CA, with MNP, entered the meeting.]

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were deferred to the October 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- 4.0 Legal & Corporate Services
- 4.01 Audio Recording Policy
- 4.02 Capital Assets Bylaw
- 5.0 Corporate Planning
- 5.01 Topics for Discussion
- 5.02 Preliminary Item – Drought Plan, Water Purchasing/Averaging/Sharing

**2021-10-272 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-10-273 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 2021/2022 Budget Discussion****2.01 Overview**

[9:56 a.m. – 10:02 a.m. Short break; Don Syvret – South Division Superintendent and Brent Kroschel – Assistant North Division Superintendent entered the meeting.]

**2.02 Operations & Maintenance**

[10:29 a.m. D. Syvret and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; Roger McLean – Equipment Superintendent, Rob Elliott – Assistant Equipment Superintendent, and Earl Palaschak – Shop Supervisor / Heavy Duty Mechanic entered.]

**2.03 Equipment & Shop**

[10:54 a.m. R. McLean, R. Elliott, and E. Palaschak exited the meeting; Nathan Fontaine – Land Supervisor, Rick Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing, and Staci Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands entered.]

**2.04 Lands**

[11:45 a.m. – 12:14 p.m. Lunch break. N. Fontaine, R. Volek, and S. Connauton exited the meeting; Ronan Moen – Internet Services Supervisor, Mark Porter – Information Services Supervisor entered.]

**2.05 EIDNet & Information Services**

[1:03 p.m. R. Moen and M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**2.06 Administration**

[1:12 p.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting.]

**3.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

**2021-10-274 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING*****2.0 2021/2022 Budget Discussion****2.01 Overview**

J. Latrace presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2021/2022, including comparisons to past year's budgeted and actual revenues and expenses, and mention of inflationary cost increases. Mr. Friesen, Mr. Koochin, Mr. Gagley, and Mr. Latrace welcomed comment and answered questions from Directors throughout the meeting. T. Hemsing will gather additional information on relevant construction and maintenance expenses concerning the proposed pathway, to bring back for continued Board discussion on a contribution commitment above pathway ROW. M. Koochin advised that insurance premiums are increasing, and more notably for liability, property, and heavy equipment. Firm quotes on increased cyber security insurance and for increasing liability coverage up to \$25 million have not yet been received.

**2.02 Operations & Maintenance**

Several capital purchases were discussed for Operations and Maintenance departments. To avoid unavailability, rush orders, and pumping stoppages, certain essential pump motors will be purchased to hold in stock. Mr. Friesen will investigate the level of interchangeability among the District's pumping units. A new office building at Crawling Valley Campground is included in the budget, with CVC revenue being earmarked; as well as a new shop/garage in Rolling Hills to replace the existing structure being sold to the County for Fire & Emergency Services. Project proposals and estimated costs will be brought back to the Board for final approval.

**2.03 Equipment & Shop**

Equipment and Shop capital purchases were highlighted. In addition to the standard equipment acquisitions, the purchase of a D8 dozer will make the unit available throughout the year for fibre installation and construction projects and will result in savings versus renting the unit for a few months each year as is the practice. Cost recoveries from the Equipment department are set up to result in neither a profit nor loss point of balance.

**2.04 Lands**

Community grazing pipeline projects were budgeted for Gem Grazing and Tilley Swingfield pastures, as well as upgrades for the 2 Kitsim pivots. Projects will be brought back to the Board with additional information and for final approval. All community grazing expenses are budgeted to recover through the AUM rate, currently projected at \$18, and ultimately set in December once listings are confirmed. It was agreed that the revenue from the \$200/acre fee applied to one of the JBS pivots be allocated to the pasture development fund.

Revenues from oil & gas operations, powerlines, irrigated leases, Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, and Rural Water Use Purposes Agreements are projected to be near or consistent with last year's actuals. Capital Asset (irrigation acre) sales will be adjusted to reflect the potential approval of further irrigation applications received last month.

**2.05 EIDNet & Information Services**

A portion of the expenses for the Phase 1 fibre project currently in progress will be carried over to the 2022 budget; completion is estimated for the end of November. The Cassils leg has been shifted to the Phase 2 project to meet scheduled timelines. An additional staff person who will be the main installer, and a bucket truck, have been added to the budget, and some subscription accounts will be adjusted to remain competitive.

Standard IS purchases were reviewed. As the office phone system is at end-of-life, capabilities and cost-savings in switching from office landline phones to strictly cell phone use will be further examined. A replacement staff person is being proposed for this department, in the roll of advanced GIS Analyst/Developer, on a shorter term basis.

**2.06 Administration**

Directors were encouraged to contact Admin with any questions or comments as they further assess the full budget prior to the regular meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**3.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project. Direction was confirmed for Admin.

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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

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**4.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 4.01 | Regular Board Meeting          | - Tuesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 4.02 | Corporate Planning – Session 1 | - November ____ [TBD]                           |



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6.03 Regular Board Meeting

- Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:11 p.m.**

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Hemsing', is written over a horizontal line.

General Manager

**October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9:08 a.m. Derek King, Brownlee LLP
- 4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting
- 4.03 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting
- 7.01 02 Bow Slope
- 7.02 Scott Pipeline
- 7.03 Joint Drainage Program

**2021-10-275 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-10-276 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-10-277 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9:08 a.m. Derek King, Brownlee LLP**

**2021-10-278 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:02 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; J. Latrace, MNP entered the meeting.]

## 2.02 October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-10-279 Moved by T. Hensing that the Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5.0 2021/2022 Budget – Further Review / Approval

A few changes which were made to the budget were itemized for Directors. The budget was approved through the following motion. Rehabilitation projects, waterline projects, large purchases, and special items will be brought back to the Board for individual review and approval.

**2021-10-280 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board of Directors approve the 2021/2022 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6.0 Financial Report

### 6.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2021

It was noted that the financial statements at this point should be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as year-end accounting work is continuing. It is intended that the 2021 year-end financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2022. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.9 million and are showing slightly under YTD budget. Community pastures and water conveyance are under budget, while most other significant revenue sources are showing above budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$31.05 million and are finishing under YTD budget due to Operations being over budget and all other departmental expenses showing under budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$10.85 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Administration and Mr. Latrace.

**2021-10-281 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 6.02 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2021

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2021 was \$13,481,231 or 13.7% more than the book value at September 30, 2020. The increase in cash is due mainly to significant funds received from the AIM program as grant revenue and loan proceeds for the modernization capital works projects.

4 <sup>th</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$17,000,000	-
IRP – Short Term	\$4,000,000	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development	\$25,000	-

**2021-10-282 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.03 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2021**

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

**2021-10-283 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:50 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting.]

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

**4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Board Meeting**

T. Hemsing, J. Hale, and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board Meeting online, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Klaas Slomp from Lethbridge has been appointed as a member on Irrigation Council. A government report summarizing AIS data indicated 7,194 watercraft inspections, with 19 being mussel fouled. Of the 19 watercrafts, 13 were discovered at the Dunmore border check stop; 3 indicated their final destination to be Alberta, and 16 indicated British Columbia. Increased inspections and stronger penalties were discussed at the AIDA meeting. The *"Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta"* report has been completed and will be released soon. The AIDA budget was approved; considerable discussion was held on PR/outreach.

**4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting**

J. Hale attended a recent CVRS meeting, advising that camping rates will be increased to be similar to the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, the new boat launch is completed, work has begun on the new campground office building, and the Society is not interested in managing the Little Dam area. Admin/staff will follow up with the EID Board regarding the Little Dam camping site at a future meeting.

**4.03 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting**

B. Schroeder attended a recent JSSC meeting, where he advised of EID matters applicable to the represented organizations. The Committee enquired about the drainage program in the Rosemary area; an update was given during the following Engineering report.

[11:04 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering**

**7.01 02 Bow Slope**

In follow up from the August and September Board Meetings, Mr. Gagley responded to questions concerning the operational test and redesign of 02 Bow Slope. A full operational test was



conducted with all but 3 water users on. It was found that 1 delivery was negatively affected, only because the system drain out was open. Demand during the test was 52 cfs and the canal held steady water levels throughout the canal, which was not the case earlier in the season. Once the permanent rehab is complete the ditch will accommodate future expansion. Other water user concerns such as canal levels, drain outs, and canal checks were addressed. Information on total acres that could be irrigated from the widened canal will be brought back to the Board.

#### **7.02 Scott Pipeline**

B. Schmidt conveyed a landowner's concerns regarding compensation and reseeding of an alfalfa field for the pipeline permanent right-of-way proposed to go through his property. As per the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy, Engineering staff confirmed that the District will reseed the right-of-way where permanent crops exist (i.e. alfalfa and pasture); however, if the landowner wishes to do the seeding he may do so and be paid by the District the same rate as the District is paying its subcontractors for seeding. Also as per policy, the approved rate for permanent easement or right-of-way (pipeline) on irrigated land is \$4,700/acre. B. Schmidt and R. Gagley will contact the landowner to settle any further compensation, reseeding, or alignment concerns.

#### **7.03 Joint Drainage Program**

In response to B. Schroeder's enquiry, R. Gagley advised that some landowners in Phase 1 of the Rosemary area drainage project are hesitant to sign construction agreements, due to a variety of reasons. Work will be done where possible, with the overall plan reassessed to address issues and replan project phases; and the matter discussed with the County once a joint meeting can be arranged with the new County Council.

#### **7.04 FI Pivot Crossings – Harvey Krause – NW 10-14-13 W4M**

R. Gagley advised that Harvey Krause is applying for a cost-share grant for the installation of pivot crossings in NW 10-14-13 W4M, under 11.0 of the Farm Improvement Policy. Previously through the same program, 12 crossings were installed on this parcel. The landowner is now intending to replace the current 6 tower pivot with a new 7 tower pivot; 2 additional crossings will need to be purchased and the moving of 12 existing crossings is required.

**2021-10-284 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement cost-share for Harvey Krause for the installation of 2 new pivot crossings in NW 10-14-13 W4M; and offer to move the existing crossings at the Landowner's expense. Seconded by B. Schmidt  
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson, B. Schroeder  
OPPOSED – R. Owen**

R. Owen requested that this portion of the Farm Improvement Policy be discussed at Corporate Planning.

#### **7.05 FI Drain Relocation – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd (Sandy Bartman) – SE 09-20-14 W4M**

R. Gagley advised that Cinsan Enterprises Ltd is requesting a drain straightening/relocation in SE 09-20-14 W4M under the Farm Improvement Policy, which allows a 50/50 cost-share up to \$50,000. Previously through the same program, a drain relocation cost-share was approved for a larger portion of the 3 drains that intersect the quarter, at a District contribution of \$14,512.50. It is now being requested that 4 short stretches in different areas be relocated to enable the pivot to run full circle. The landowner is offering fill material to be used where necessary; the hauling of material is at the landowner's expense.

**2021-10-285 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd in SE 09-20-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis. The total project cost is \$34,425; of which the landowner would pay \$17,212.50 + GST, plus any hauling of fill material. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:57 a.m. – 12 :24 p.m. Lunch break.]

**7.06 2021/2022 Structure Program**

J. Kabut presented the 2021/2022 Structure Program. Operations has requested that:

- 2 check/drop structures be replaced,
- 2 nose pieces be replaced,
- 5 rock(gabion) walls be added to existing settling ponds,
- 1 structure have a culvert replaced and a new gate added, and
- 1 structure have a gate replaced.

**2021-10-286 Moved by B. Schmidt that the 2021/2022 Structure Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$950,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.07 Contribution to Irrigation Works – Chinook Cattle Co (Kelsey Campbell) – SW 36-21-16 W4M**

J. Kabut advised that Chinook Cattle Co. is requesting a contribution to irrigation works cost-share, under the Capital Assets Bylaw, for a lateral off the new 08-B Springhill extension to extend to a new wiper pivot. As per the bylaw, the District will contribute 75%, up to a maximum of 25% of the capital assets charge.

- Project Capital Assets Charge: \$35,700.00 (25% = \$8,925.00)
- Cost of New Infrastructure: \$14,556.50 (75% = \$10,917.38)
- EID Contribution: \$ 8,925.00
- Landowner Contribution: \$ 5,631.50 + GST

**2021-10-287 Moved by T. Hemsing that the District approve the Contribution to Irrigation Works cost-share for Chinook Cattle Co in SW 36-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis, up to 25% of the capital assets charge. The total project cost is \$14,556.50; of which the Landowner would pay \$5,631.50 + GST. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.08 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Fernando & Faye Dyck – NE 20-20-15 W4M**

J. Kabut advised that Fernando & Faye Dyck will be converting from wheels to a 65 acre wiper pivot in the S ½ of NE 20-20-15 W4M at the time of the 12 Springhill pipeline project. Upon pivot installation this conversion qualifies for a grant under 1.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

**2021-10-288 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Fernando & Faye Dyck for converting from wheels to wiper pivot in the S ½ of NE 20-20-15 W4M at the time of the 12 Springhill pipeline project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.09 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Lawrence Wiebe (purchaser Leo Wiebe) – SW 21-21-16**

J. Kabut advised that Lawrence Wiebe (purchaser Leo Wiebe) will be converting from flood to a 134 acre pivot in SW 21-21-16 W4M at the time of the 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project. Upon

pivot installation, this conversion qualifies for a grant under 1.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. Upon approval, the project cost for the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension will need to be amended from \$924,000 to \$944,000.

**2021-10-289 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Leo Wiebe for converting from flood to pivot in SW 21-21-16 W4M at the time of the 08-B Springhill pipeline project; subject to confirmation of parcel ownership. The grant payable to the purchasing landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-10-290 Moved by R. Owen that the estimated project cost of the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project be increased from \$924,000 to \$944,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.10 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Campbell & Beblow – NW 26-17-14 W4M**

R. Summach advised that Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow will be converting from wheels to an 82 acre wiper pivot in the NW 26-17-14 W4M at the time of the Scott pipeline project. Upon pivot installation this conversion qualifies for a grant under 1.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

**2021-10-291 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow for converting from wheels to wiper pivot in NW 26-17-14 W4M at the time of the Scott pipeline project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.11 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Dick NE 04 / Veenstra SE 09-18-14 W4M**

R. Summach advised that Dick Dick and Jake & Jo Ann Veenstra have requested a 100 m pipeline extension from NW 04 to NE 04-18-14 W4M, at the time of the Scott pipeline project. This extension will allow SW 09 & SW 10-18-14 W4M to be split from an irrigable unit that includes SE 09, as well as avoid a future irrigable unit for NW & NE 04-18-14 W4M. This request qualifies for a grant under 3.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy whereby the EID may cost-share 50/50 of the additional construction cost, up to \$20,000 per quarter. The project is estimated to cost \$13,000; of which the EID will pay \$6,500 and landowners of each parcel will pay \$3,250 + GST.

**2021-10-292 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Dick Dick – NE 04-18-14 W4M and Jake & Jo Ann Veenstra – SE 09-18-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$20,000 per quarter section. The total project cost is \$13,000; of which the EID would pay \$6,500 and Landowners of each parcel would pay \$3,250 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:39 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and R. Summach exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

**8.0 EIDNet**

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

**8.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report; and most of the automation sites have now been disabled for the winter. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary

remains; 37 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 58 for Rosemary. Fibre conduit installation for Phase 1 of the fibre path has reached the Rosemary tower.

<b>EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to September 30, 2021</b>	
<b>EIDNet Accounts</b>	<b>Current Customers</b>
Legacy Residential Accounts	45
Residential Accounts	1,734
Business Accounts	28
EID Automation	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,812</b>

[12:42 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, B. Doerksen, and R. Volek entered.]

## 9.0 Lands

### 9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

#### 9.01.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021)

The Oil & Gas Year-End Summary was presented as follows:

<b>OIL &amp; GAS ACTIVITY REPORT – Year End Summary</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>New Wells</b>	<b>Twin Wells</b>	<b>Pipeline</b>	<b>Seismic</b>	<b>Abandonment Notifications</b>	<b>Reclaimed Certificates</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>46.42 ac (7.78 miles)</b>	<b>0 permits</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>39</b>
2020	8	3	20.92 ac (3.51 miles)	2 permits (304.75 miles)	140	28
2019	47	34	201 ac (1,208 miles)	0	39	37
2018	49	26	253 ac (1,518 miles)	2 permits (199 miles)	91	16
2017	50	66	238 ac (1,425 miles)	2 permits (151 miles)	184	32
2016	26	21	58 ac (10 miles)	0	27	29

Of the 374 well abandonment notifications received by the District, 1 was from Harvest, 2 from Blackspur, 5 from Cor 4, 10 from Cardinal, and 356 from Torxen. The 39 reclamation certificates were identified as 1 belonging to Bonavista, 2 with Cardinal, 2 with Cor 4, 3 with Barrel Oil, 14 with CNRL, and 17 with Torxen. A database of well sites with abandonment notifications and reclamation certificates is being developed.

### 9.02 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

### 9.02.1 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – 2021 Statistics

As movement of aquatic invasive species into new areas mainly occurs by travelling watercraft, the EID initiated the AIS Prevention Program in 2018. All boaters wishing to access EID reservoirs must follow approved prevention procedures and each year complete a watercraft information form. The District's major reservoirs and downstream canal systems continue to be monitored; no signs of mussels within District infrastructure have been found to date. Additional AIS information and reservoir access rules may be found on the District's website.

AIS PREVENTION PROGRAM – Registered Watercraft							
Registration Location	Year	Low Risk	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total	High Risk	Disallowed Entry
Crawling Valley Reservoir	2021	1,245	23	2	1,270	13	4
	2020	1,353	28	1	1,382	16	8
	2019	903	28	1	932	20	0
Lake Newell Resort Marina	2021	304	4	0	308	3	0
	2020	388	10	0	398	4	0
	2019	122	2	1	125	2	0
Lake Newell Reservoir	2021	1,538	70	2	1,610	28	4
	2020	1,626	80	0	1,706	31	7
	2019	721	43	9	773	34	4
Rolling Hills Reservoir	2021	928	29	1	958	17	4
	2020	821	19	0	840	13	0
	2019	507	20	9	536	21	0
EID Office	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	36	1	0	37	0	0
	2019	170	7	0	177	5	0
Other	2021	20	0	0	20	0	0
	2020	5	0	0	5	0	0
	2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 Totals		4,035	126	5	4,166	61	12
2020 Totals		4,229	138	1	4,368	64	15
2019 Totals		2,423	100	20	2,543	82	4

In 2021 the EID registered 4,166 watercraft (sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and other non-motorized watercraft). Out of province watercraft came from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Montana.

### 9.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

#### 9.03.1 2021 Grazing Season Summary

Normal moisture conditions in 2020 and a good supply of reserve grass supported an increase in the maximum listing from 70 head to 75 for 2021. Rain in late spring resulted in normal grass growth; and although extremely hot and dry weather conditions followed, reserve grass allowed cattle to remain on pasture until October 16<sup>th</sup>. Total cattle placed on community pastures was

16,848 head; an increase of 1,295 head from 2020. Total AUM was 84,212; up from 79,888 in 2020. Membership increased to 263.

Most dugouts initially were at good levels; however, spring runoff was very low and as the hot dry summer progressed dugouts went dry or were filled where feasible. Waterline maintenance costs have increased due to aging infrastructure, higher repair costs, and higher volumes of water pumped. 24 km of new waterline was installed in north Patricia; and throughout the District improvements were new/cleaned/expanded dugouts, new/replaced water tanks, buried services, inlet and pump upgrades, and the installation of 35 km of new barbed wire fence. Dams replaced by dugouts in 2020 appear to be working well; 1 further dugout is planned.

4 small fires and 3 larger ones amounted to approximately 5,870 acres of grassland, fences, and waterline lost. The large fires were caused by a vehicle fire on Hwy #1, oil/gas lease mowing, and oil/gas lease reclamation work. Mowing and reclamation work was suspended until conditions could safely realow. A claim for all damages has been submitted to insurance.

JBS will be submitting a comprehensive plan to Alberta Environment & Parks for cropping and water management strategies to remediate the soil issues that are currently preventing the application of treated industrial wastewater (TIW) on some EID contracted pivots. From direction of the District, the plan will also be reviewed by an independent consultant. No pastureland was used for emergency application of TIW. JBS production and post-harvest forage for District cattle fared well on the remaining contracted land.

Irrigated pasture production on the Kitsim pivots was very good in 2021. 1,150 acres in Newell Grazing which were reseeded this spring have had fair to poor results in germination and survival due to the harsh weather conditions, however control measures and natural predators have markedly reduced the gopher population.

#### **9.03.2 App for Parcel to be Added – C over Diamond Inc (Cindy Wolfer) – NW 18-17-10 W4M**

C over Diamond Inc (Cindy Wolfer) is the lessee of government pastureland that borders the eastern boundary of the EID. An application has been received from the company to change the area of the Eastern Irrigation District by including NW 18-17-10 W4M, and has followed through with advertising, with no written complaints received. If ultimately approved, this application would enable C over Diamond Inc to apply for a Livestock Watering Agreement with the District; water access would be via a pressurized system in Tilley Grazing. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

**2021-10-293 Moved by R. Owen that the Board accept the addition of NW 18-17-10 W4M (Lessee C over Diamond Inc – Cindy Wolfer) to the Eastern Irrigation District; parcel to be served through a Rural Water Use Purposes agreement – Livestock Watering, off the Tilley Grazing waterline. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

As per the IDA process, final confirmation from Irrigation Council and Land Titles will be obtained prior to adjusting the District's boundaries.

[1:16 p.m. N. Fontaine, B. Doerksen, and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

#### 9.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

##### 9.04.1 Assessment Report to September 30<sup>th</sup>

EID WATER ROLL to September 30, 2021					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
July 1, 2021	304,592	3,553	0	73	308,218
September 30, 2021	306,119	3,553	0	117	309,789
Net increase	1,527	< 0 >	< 0 >	44	1,571
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					<153 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					1,680
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to September 30, 2021		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter [Jul-Aug-Sep]	Cumulative [Mar 8 to Sep 30]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$2,109,650	\$2,803,550
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$ 0	\$ 0
Annual Agreements	\$ 0	\$ 0
5R Soil Agreements	\$ 17,750	\$ 51,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,127,400</b>	<b>\$2,855,050</b>

##### 9.04.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

###### 9.04.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2022 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 0 >
To be Completed	< \$ 50,000 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October (require approval)	< \$ 16,700 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 933,300</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$0.

\*\*Total purchase of acres from landowners within the 2022 fiscal year is 0 acres or \$0.

#### 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.

**Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*)

**9.04.2.2 Corner Arm – Braden Douglass – NE 22-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$7,500 (motion 175-10-2002)
- Previous Deduction: \$200/acre on acres outside pivot area
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (116 pivot, 21 flood)
- Converting: 16 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 5 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (116 pivot, 16 corner arm, 5 outside)

**2021-10-294 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Braden Douglass for the conversion of 16 acres flood to corner arm. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:18 p.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

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

**9.04.2.3 Panel – Ike & Eileen Schroeder and Brent Schroeder – SW 01-17-13 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 142 acres (135 pivot, 7 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel; keeping 7 acres outside the pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (135 pivot, 7 outside)

**2021-10-295 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ike & Eileen Schroeder and Brent Schroeder for the panel upgrade in SW 01-17-13 W4M purchased for \$10,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$10,500 less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:20 p.m. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

**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.

**9.04.2.4 Les & Tonja Douglass and Leslie Douglass – S ½ 25-24-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (11 acres added through irrigation development & FI)
- Proposal: shift pivot and add corner arm; 38 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 171 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by October 31, 2022

**2021-10-296 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Leslie & Tonja Douglass for 38 infill acres in S ½ 25-24-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$36,100 (38 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-10-297 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:**

- **SE 25-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by Leslie Douglass, and**
- **Pt SW 25-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by Les & Tonja Douglass. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.04.2.5 Finnegan Farming Co Ltd (Leslie Douglass) – S ½ 20-24-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 67 acres wiper pivot (east of drain)
- Proposal: infill pivot wedge; 10 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 77 acres, all under pivot
- Note: project must be complete by October 31, 2022

**2021-10-298 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Finnegan Farming Co Ltd for 10 infill acres in S ½ 20-24-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,500 (10 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was confirmed that a second proposal does not meet policy requirements. The landowners will be informed that if they are able to consolidate all of S ½ 20 (lands west and east of the drain), the proposal for a separate 31 acre pivot west of the drain would not be rejected due to size of irrigated parcel.

**9.04.2.6 John & Katherine Irwin – Sec 32-20-12 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 77 acres flood
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 28 additional acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 77 acres x 1.4 = 31 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 105 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by October 31, 2022

**2021-10-299 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Katherine Irwin for 28 efficiency acres in Sec 32-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,600 (28 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-10-300 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 32-20-12 W4M, all lands being owned by John & Katherine Irwin. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- Current Assessment: 76 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: replacement pivot with corner arm; 38 additional acres required (3 efficiency, 35 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 7 acres x 1.4 = 3 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 114 acres; all under corner arm wiper pivot

- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; subject to subdivision and sale of a portion of NE 22; project must be complete by October 31, 2022

**2021-10-301 Moved by R. Owen that, subject to the landowner purchasing a portion of Pt NE 22-19-14 W4M, the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for North Creek Ranches Ltd for 3 efficiency acres and 35 infill acres in E ½ 22-19-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$36,100 (38 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-10-302 Moved by R. Owen that, subject to the landowner purchasing a portion of NE 22-19-14 W4M, the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SE & Pt NE 22-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Other

#### **9.04.2.8 Curtis & Lyn Lester, Stephen Lester – E ½ 03-15-14 W4M**

In April 2021, Curtis & Lyn Lester and Stephen Lester were approved for 10 infill acres for a proposed small wiper pivot to irrigate a portion of a dry wedge in E ½ 03-15-14 W4M. The landowners are requesting if it would be possible to amend the application to a proposed travelling end gun and an additional 20 acres, to irrigate the entire dry wedge. For discussion, S. Connauton invited direction from the Board and responded to a number of questions concerning approval of the original application, additional acres required, efficiency and monitoring of travelling end guns, possible modification of existing infrastructure, and the option of transferring irrigation acres. Consensus was to not consider a revised application. T. Hemsing and S. Connauton will speak with the landowners regarding their options and the Board's conclusions.

[1:54 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**2021-10-303 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations**

**11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

**12.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

**12.01 Audio Recording Policy**

**12.02 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw**

[3:23 p.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**13.0 Corporate Planning**

**13.01 Preliminary Item – Seasonal Water Averaging System**

[4:07 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

### **13.02 Topics for Discussion**

### **14.0 Draft Newsletter**

**2021-10-304 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

### **10.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations**

In follow up to the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association board meeting which requested final review from irrigation districts, a letter showing agreement with the proposed amendments to the IDA will be forwarded to AIDA. As well, due to the proven advancements in irrigation methods and soil reclamation, it was confirmed to request a change in the provincial soil classification booklet regarding “threshold of acres classified as non-irrigable”, to be increased from 15% to 25%.

### **11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

Direction confirmed for Admin.

### **12.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

#### **12.01 Audio Recording Policy**

It was directed that final revisions be made to the Audio Recording Policy and brought back to the next meeting.

#### **12.02 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw**

The draft Capital Assets Charges Bylaw is to be revised and brought back to the Board, factoring in inflationary increases to capital assets charges and adjusting the District buyback value for irrigation acres to equal the charge to water users for new acres.

### **13.0 Corporate Planning**

#### **13.01 Preliminary Item – Seasonal Water Averaging/Transferring System**

The Seasonal Water Averaging/Transferring System will be brought to Day 1 of Corporate Planning. Potential examples of landowners averaging water use or transferring portions of water allotments over a number of parcels will be examined. Capabilities of IRMA tracking averaged and/or transferred water are to be further investigated. Once consensus is obtained, any changes to the current system and drought plan as outlined within the Maximum Water Bylaw will be proposed for final amendment.

#### **13.02 Topics for Discussion**

Corporate Planning items to be discussed in the New Year will be confirmed in November/early winter.

**14.0 Draft Newsletter**

Directors endorsed the proposed content of the fall newsletter. A final formatted draft will be brought back to the regular November meeting, with the intent of mailing and posting shortly after.

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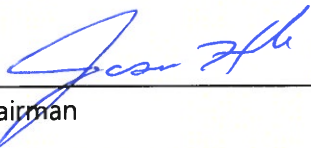
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**15.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 15.01 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies    | - Thursday, Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> [ <i>D. Jacobson laying wreath</i> ]     |
| 15.02 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                           |
| 15.03 | Corporate Planning – Day 1    | - Tuesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup> [ <i>following Schol. Comm. Mtg</i> ] |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                           |
| 15.05 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                           |

**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:15 p.m.**



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Chairman



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General Manager

**November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. 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. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

[9:30 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 6.0 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee

**2021-11-305 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-306 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Corporate Planning****2.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

[10:37 a.m. – 10:44 a.m. Short break; M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**3.0 Legal & Corporate Services****3.01 Capital Assets Bylaw**

[11:20 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

**3.02 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy**

[11:38 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

**3.03 Audio Recording Policy**

[11:56 a.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break.]

**4.0 02 Bow Slope****4.01 Canal Rehab****4.02 Requested Water Users' Meeting****4.03 Water User Information/Correspondence**

[1:50 p.m. – 1:56 p.m. Short break.]

**5.0 Pathway****6.0 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee**

**2021-11-307 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*****2.0 Corporate Planning****2.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

To aid discussion in considering a seasonal water averaging or transferring system, information was provided to Directors on a sampling of high water use parcels and the availability of unused water in associated farm link parcels. For further discussion, a breakdown of irrigation methods and crops on these parcels will be brought back to the Board. Direction was given to amend the Maximum Water Bylaw to provide irrigators with an additional option of purchasing up to 4" of additional deliveries of water (in 1" increments) in excess of the 24" maximum. The amended bylaw is to be passed with the 2022 Rate Bylaw in January. It was noted in general that although some parcels may irrigate up to 24", the sustained overall maximum average for the District is 18"/acre; directors requested that water users be reminded of this point.

**3.0 Legal & Corporate Services****3.01 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw**

As the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw is to be presented for review of the Board at least once per year, a draft was presented which reflected recent Board direction. Confirmation was obtained to remove financing arrangements for capital assets and capital construction charges, incorporate an automatic annual 2% increase, and clarify the general assessment audit penalty. A revised bylaw will be presented for readings and potential approval at the November 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**3.02 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy**

The Sale of District Owned Lands policy is also to be presented for review of the Board in November of each year. The present policy was discussed, along with examples of recent land sales throughout the District. Current land sale values were confirmed to remain the same. Direction was given to add wording to the policy to reinforce the District's consideration of facilitating the consolidation of previously severed parcels, when rehabbing and circumstances permit.



**3.03 Audio Recording Policy**

In response to a motion from the floor at the 2020 AGM, a Board of Directors motion, 2020-04-100, was carried to audio record meetings and post recordings to the District's website. Development of an Audio Recording Policy, presenter's consent form, and website disclaimer have since been in progress with the Board, and final drafts were presented for review at this meeting. Various aspects were discussed and a motion to approve the policy was made at the end of the meeting.

**4.0 02 Bow Slope****4.01 Canal Rehab**

A motion for the rehabilitation of the top end of 02 Bow Slope was approved at the September meeting. Supplementary investigation of the entire system has been completed and options were discussed for future rehab of downstream areas. Project approval for rehabbing the mid and lower end of the system will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

**4.02 Requested Water Users' Meeting**

Engineering will arrange a meeting with affected landowners to inform of short term canal rehabilitation plans, considerations for long term rehabilitation, and to answer questions concerning water supply.

**4.03 Water User Information/Correspondence**

Previous correspondence received from two 02 Bow Slope irrigators was discussed. The matter will be further discussed at the November 30<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**5.0 Pathway**

Additional pathway project information and details are to be brought back to the Board prior to an unconditional commitment being made.

**6.0 Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee**

Developed by the Soil Erosion/Degradation Advisory Committee, a draft Soil Conservation Policy was presented for review of the EID Board. The draft will be taken to County Council for discussion and potential approval.

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**3.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****3.03 Audio Recording Policy cont'd**

The November and December regular Board Meetings will be used as trial runs for Directors, Admin, and Staff to adapt to the audio recording format, with the policy coming into effect January 2022.

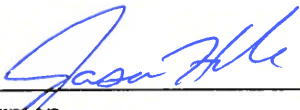
**2021-11-308 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Audio Recording Policy as presented, to become effective January 2022. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|--------------------------|--|
| 7.01 | Regular Board Meeting    | - Tuesday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 7.02 | EID/County Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>             |
| 7.03 | Regular Board Meeting    | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 7.04 | Corporate Planning       | - January, 2022 [TBD]                            |

**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:47 p.m.**



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Chairman



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General Manager

**November 30, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Newell Regional Tourism Association
- 12.01 Review of Irrigation Application Criteria and Weighting

**2021-11-309 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-11-310 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.02 November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-11-311 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### **4.01 Newell Regional Tourism Association**

B. Schmidt attended a recent Newell Regional Tourism Association meeting. One of the topics discussed was the pathway to Lake Newell Reservoir, and the District's intentions of support were queried. T. Hemsing updated the Board as to the unofficial information conveyed to the ERT Pathway Committee on behalf of the EID, and also advised that a community brochure is soon to go out to gauge support from the local area.

[9:15 a.m. Tyler Mossey, CPA, CA, with MNP entered the meeting.]

### **5.0 Financial Report**

#### **5.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2021**

It was noted that the financial statements at this point should be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as year-end accounting work is continuing. It is intended that the 2021 year-end financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2022. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$5.22 million and are showing slightly ahead of the YTD budget. Oil and gas and EIDNet show ahead of budget mostly due to year end accounting entries that result in October showing 2 months' worth of revenue.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$870,000 and are showing under YTD which is mostly due to amortization not yet being finalized for the year end audited financials, thus the asset amortization entries to this year have not been rolled forward to this year.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.35 million.

#### **2021-11-312 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Mossey personally thanked the Board for the District's significant and encompassing positive impact to not only the local farmers, but all area residents and businesses.

[9:33 a.m. T. Mossey exited the meeting.]

### **6.0 Legal & Corporate Services**

M. Koochin presented the following Legal & Corporate Services Report.

#### **6.01 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #954**

A redrafted Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was presented which reflected Board direction to remove financing arrangements for capital assets and capital construction charges; commencing December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter, automatically increase the capital asset charges at an annual rate of 2%; reduce the amount paid by the District for purchasing back irrigation acres to mirror the charge for new parcel irrigation acres; and clarify the penalty and process arising from a general assessment audit. Additional revisions to the capital construction charge lien provisions were also made to update and align with the *Irrigation Districts Act*. Information about the general assessment audit penalty will also be included in the upcoming November newsletter.

- 2021-11-313** Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #954 (2021) be introduced and read the first time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-314** Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #954 (2021) be read the second time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-315** Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #954 (2021) this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-316** Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #954 (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 #954 is available for viewing on the District website.

## **6.02 Annual General Meeting & Election**

### **6.02.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings, & Election Dates**

An election schedule was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events to accommodate the audit, preparation of annual report, and election requirements. 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.

- 2021-11-317** Moved by R. Owen that:
- the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 7, 2022;
  - the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022;
  - the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.;
  - if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022; and
  - an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 26, 2022.
- Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **6.02.2 2022 Election Date Bylaw #955**

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in March 2022 for Division 2 (Rosemary/Duchess), Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks), and Division 7 (Rolling Hills). An Election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

- 2021-11-318** Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #955 (2021), be introduced and read the first time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-319** Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #955 (2021) the second time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-320** Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #955 (2021) this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2021-11-321 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #955 (2021), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2022, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2022 Election Date Bylaw #955 is available for viewing on the District website.

## 7.0 EIDNet

### 7.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 41 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 60 for Rosemary. The conduit for the fibre path has now been installed to all towers in the Phase 1 project, with fibre currently being blown in.

[10:48 a.m. – 10:52 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

## 8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

### 8.01 Project Status

The southern pipeline crew started the Scott Pipeline project on November 8<sup>th</sup> and are installing pipe at an expedited pace while the weather is cooperating. The earthworks crews are currently on the 02 Bow Slope project. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, under construction
02 Bow Slope	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, under construction
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
Scott Pipeline	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, 20% complete
08-B Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, starting in 2022
12 Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, starting in 2022
13-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, starting in 2022

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Bow Slope Canal	- surveyed, approved

### 8.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2022/23 to 2024/25

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. There were no completed projects to report as none had been scheduled for 2020/2021 in order to apply for 2 years of funding on larger projects. Continuing projects are the Bow Slope Canal, 15 North Branch check structure, and F Tilley check structure. A number of questions were responded to by admin and staff. New projects were reviewed and outlined as follows:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2022/23	West Bantry Canal – Phase 3	\$750,000
Proposed Year 2 2023/24	Check Structure – One Tree Drain, NE 29-20-13 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – One Tree Drain, SE 02-20-14 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – 09-B Springhill, NW 03-21-16 W4M	\$200,000
	Check Structure – 03 Antelope Creek, NE 30-17-16 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – 03 Antelope Creek, NW 27-17-17 W4M	\$225,000
Proposed Year 3 2024/25	21 Springhill	\$1,100,000

**2021-11-322 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.03 Infrastructure Cost-Share – Neil Campbell – W ½ 26-17-14 W4M

R. Summach advised that Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow currently run water through a 290 m ditch from their delivery to the pump site for their pivots, in W ½ 26-17-14 W4M. As with all such systems, there is spill past the pump and in this case the excess water goes into a slough. The landowners are applying for a cost-share to install a pipeline to replace the open ditch. Through discussion it was approved to cost-share the project under the Farm Improvement Policy which grants a 50/50 cost-share, up to \$12,000 District contribution.

**2021-11-323 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement infrastructure cost-share for Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow in W ½ 26-17-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$27,500; of which the EID would pay \$12,000 and the landowners would pay \$15,500 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.04 Request from Brooks & District Fish & Game Association

A letter was received from the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association requesting a delivery pipeline to service a proposed tree planting project on HMQ land south of the aqueduct site and



Main Bantry Canal. BFGA is planning to plant approximately 12,000 trees and shrubs in the NE corner of NE 15-18-14 W4M. 20 terminable acres remain on the assessment on this parcel. Two pipeline options and additional information were presented for consideration; discussion followed.

**2021-11-324 Moved by R. Owen that the District donate \$10,000 to the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association for the installation of a delivery pipeline off the Summit Pipeline in the NW corner of NE 15-18-14 W4M for the proposed tree planting project. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:41 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered.]

## 9.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Quotes.

### 9.01 Quotes on the Purchase of ½ Ton, ¾ Ton, & 2 Ton Trucks

It was advised that truck costs have risen substantially, and that supply is an issue. Some dealerships either could not supply the requested trucks or did not submit quotes upon request. Quotes were requested for the purchase of:

- six ½ ton regular cab long box, or six ½ ton super cab short box trucks;
- three ¾ ton regular cab long box, or three ¾ ton super cab long box trucks, and
- one 2 ton regular cab truck;

and presented as follows.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF ½, ¾, and 2 TON TRUCKS						
Make & Dealership	6 ½ Ton Regular Cab Long Box	6 ½ Ton Super Cab Short Box	3 ¾ Ton Regular Cab Long Box	3 ¾ Ton Super Cab Long Box	3 ¾ Ton Crew Cab Long Box	1 2 Ton Regular Cab
Harwood Ford Brooks	\$46,030	\$48,575	\$55,880	\$54,614	-	\$76,139
	\$46,585	\$48,735	\$51,134			\$73,389
Martin Chrysler Brooks	\$47,954	\$49,260	\$55,389	-	\$59,525	\$67,614

**2021-11-325 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District purchase:**

- six ½ ton super cab short box trucks for \$48,575;
- three ¾ ton super cab short box trucks at \$54,614 per unit; and
- one 2 ton regular cab long box truck for \$73,389;

**from Harwood Ford. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Delivery on the approved trucks is expected to be 1 year from now.

### 9.02 Quotes on the Purchase of a Gravel Truck

The following quotes were received for a gravel truck and pup:

GRAVEL TRUCK & PUP					
Mack Truck	Supplier	Bibeau Box	Bibeau Pup	Cascade Box	Cascade Pup
\$168,450.00	Nortrux Red Deer				
	Commercial Truck Equipment Calgary	\$40,785.00	\$63,939.00		
\$5,804.05	Groeneveld [auto greaser]		\$4,534.00		
Truck & Pup work ready - \$283,512.05					
\$168,450.00	Nortrux Red Deer				
	Horizon Truck & Body Ltd Lethbridge			\$45,250.00	\$57,500.00
\$5,804.05	Groeneveld [auto greaser]				\$4,534.00
Truck & Pup work ready - \$281,538.05					

Approval was granted on the preferred models.

**2021-11-326 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District purchase:**

- a Mack truck from Nortrux for \$168,450.00;
  - a Bibeau truck box for \$40,785.00 and pup for \$63,939.00; and
  - a Groeneveld truck auto greaser for \$5,804.05 and pup greaser for \$4,534.00;
- for a total of \$283,512.05. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.0 Request for Funding**

**10.01 SK PCAP's Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop**

A request was received from the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) for sponsorship of their Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop, to be held online from February 8 – 10, 2022. This year's theme is "Restoration, Reclamation, Resilience – Improving Soil, Water and Habitat". A \$1,000 sponsorship will provide District PR and allow up to 3 complimentary registrations.

**2021-11-327 Moved by B. Schmidt that the District give sponsorship of \$1,000 to the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan for their 9<sup>th</sup> Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop to be held online February 8 – 10, 2022. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.0 Lands**

**11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

**11.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – Gordon & Wendy Frank – Pt NE & Pt SE 26-17-14 W4M**

A letter was received from Gordon & Wendy Frank requesting to purchase 2 parcels located in E ½ 26-17-14 W4M, both of which form annual PGL #7069. Parcel A, consisting of approximately 4.9 acres and located in the NE, is a severed parcel between the current Scott Canal and the County road. Although the Franks have been allowed to access their yard via a driveway across Parcel A, the County is requiring them to obtain legal access. Now that the Scott Canal is being rehabbed to a pipeline and the alignment has been finalized, this parcel of land may be sold to the Franks to facilitate legal access to their property.

The second portion of land, Parcel B, consists of approximately 66.2 acres in the SE, immediately south of Parcel A. The Franks would like to purchase this parcel to develop the lands and expand their irrigated acres, and have previously submitted a proposal to purchase, as well have the current lessees of the PGL. The Scott Canal severs this quarter in half, with the PGL (Parcel B) to the west and private irrigation to the east. If this land were to be developed for irrigation it would require additional soils testing. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

**2021-11-328 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the sale of Parcel A, approximately 4.9 acres of land pending legal survey, in NE 26-17-14 W4M to Gordon & Wendy Frank to allow for legal access to the property:**

- **4.9 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$9,800 + GST;**
- **with the land being consolidated into NE 26 and all costs associated with the land purchase and consolidation being the responsibility of the purchaser;**

**but to deny the request to purchase Parcel B, 66.2 acres directly south in SE 26-17-14 W4M. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Parcel B, which forms PGL #7069, is included in the upcoming overall review of private grazing leases next year.

**11.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – Pedro Giesbrecht – NW & Pt E ½ 04-14-13 W4M**

A letter was received from Pedro Giesbrecht requesting to purchase NW & Pt E ½ 04-14-13 W4M, all of which form a portion of annual PGL #7195. Mr. Giesbrecht proposes to develop the lands where possible to expand his irrigated acres and use the remaining lands to supplement his grazing. Soils have been completed on all the parcels; most of the acres outside the river breaks are suitable for irrigation. The request to purchase land was denied. The 284.4 acre parcel making up a portion of PGL #7195 is included in the upcoming overall review of private grazing leases next year.

**11.02 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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

**11.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications****11.02.1.1 Budget Report**

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
<b>2022 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 8,932 >
To be Completed	< \$ 41,068 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 16,700 >
November ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 14,960 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 918,340</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$25,632.

### **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.

**Upgrades** (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*)

#### **11.02.1.2 Panel & Corner Arm – Daniel & Margaret Loewen – NW 28-20-15 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$9,240 (motion 2013-04-088)
- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (2 acres removed for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Converting: 11 acres flood to corner arm; 9 additional acres required
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot

**2021-11-329 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Margaret Loewen for the panel and corner arm upgrade in NW 28-20-15 W4M purchased for \$84,187. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,240 (previous grant) = \$3,960 plus \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$11,660. The capital assets charge is \$8,550 (9 infill acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-330 Moved by R. Owen that the deduction of \$300/acre applied in April 2013 to 11 acres in NW 28-20-15 W4M be returned to Daniel & Margaret Loewen for new efficiencies 11 acres x \$300/acre = \$3,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. 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.

**11.02.1.3 Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen – N ½ 26-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 263 acres
- Current Assessment: 273 acres (10 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 11 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 284 acres, all under pivot
- Note: project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-331 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen for 11 infill acres in N ½ 26-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$10,450 (11 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-332 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:**

- NW 26-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by Alfred & Nancy Klassen, and
- NE 26-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by Greg & Rosemary Klassen.

**Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.4 Greg & Rosemary Klassen – Pt NE 26 & Pt SE 35-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 223 acres
- Current Assessment: 226 acres (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 13 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 239 acres, all under pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-333 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Greg & Rosemary Klassen for 13 infill acres in NE 26 & Pt SE 35-22-17 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$12,350 (13 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-334 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 26-22-17 W4M and Pt SE 35-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Greg & Rosemary Klassen. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.5 Steven & Janet Lepp – N ½ 10-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 121 acres
- Current Assessment: 139 acres (18 acres added for irrigation development and general assessment)
- Proposal: add pivot; 21 additional acres required (14 efficiency, 7 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot, 36 acres x 1.4 = 14 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 160 acres, all under pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; pivot must be kept to a maximum of 157 acres if not testing soils; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-335 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Steven & Janet Lepp for 14 efficiency and 7 infill acres in N ½ 10-23-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$19,950 (21 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-336 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & NE 10-23-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Steven & Janet Lepp. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.6 Robert & Judy McKnight – N ½ 07-21-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 65 acres
- Current Assessment: 74 acres (9 acres added for irrigation development)
- Proposal: extend pivot coverage; 24 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 98 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Note: project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-337 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Robert & Judy McKnight for 24 infill acres in NE & Pt NW 07-21-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,800 (24 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-338 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt NW 07-21-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert & Judy McKnight. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.7 Robert (Lynden) & Tonia Smith – S ½ 02-20-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 73 acres (15 terminable and 58 irrigation)
- Current Assessment: 73 irrigation acres (15 acres terminable converted to irrigation)
- Proposal: extend wheel field; 25 additional acres required (7 efficiency, 18 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Undeveloped flood to wheels, 21 acres x 1.35 = 7 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 98 acres, all under wheels
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; wheels field must be kept to a maximum of 94 acres if not testing soils; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-339 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Robert (Lynden) & Tonia Smith for 7 efficiency and 18 infill acres in S ½ 02-20-14 W4M subject meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$23,750 (25 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.8 Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc (Dirk Drost, Raoul Drost, Lydie Drost) – SE 31-14-12 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 18 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (18 terminable acres converted to irrigation and 117 acres added for irrigation development in 2011)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot

- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; pivot cannot cross into EID owned lands; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-340 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc for 16 infill acres in SE 31-14-12 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements and the pivot not crossing into EID owned lands. The capital assets charge is \$15,200 (16 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.9 Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc (Dirk Drost, Raoul Drost, Lydie Drost) – SW 35-14-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 110 acres
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (27 acres added in 1982)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 8 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: identified low area will remain with no assessment; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-341 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc for 8 infill acres in SW 35-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,600 (8 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.0 Irrigation Applications for 2022**

**12.01 Review of Irrigation Application Criteria & Weighting**

Upon Director request, the criteria and weighting of irrigation applications was given a short discussion. S. Connauton gave further detail to each rating criteria. This portion of Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 is as follows and can be found on the website:

**Article 9: Ranking of Applications**

9.01 Any applications for Irrigation Acres shall be evaluated having regard to the following rating system:

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

From additional discussion later in the meeting it was requested that the criteria and weighting be reviewed at the upcoming Corporate Planning session, particularly the "Efficiency of Overall Delivery" category.



**Irrigation Applications for 2022**

S. Connauton presented the 39 applications received for irrigation beginning in 2022. 31 applications were received for off-river acres and 8 for under reservoir support. Once initially approved, projects that are not completed by September 30, 2022, 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 #951 (2021).

The standard requirements for all proposals being approved are:

- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2022
- 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 #954 (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)

**12.02 River Supported Acres**

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 800 off-river, New Parcel irrigation acres for 2022 as per Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021).

**12.02.1 GWK Farms Ltd (Gail Kelly) – Sec 33-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 231 acres pivot
- Proposal: move and install larger pivot; 99 additional acres needed (50 infill, 49 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.02.2 Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 27-17-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 202 acres pivot
- Proposal: move and install larger pivot; 243 add. acres needed (22 infill, 221 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit exists

**12.02.3 Douglass Farms Ltd (Stewart & Kim Douglass) – Sec 21-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 432 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**2021-11-342 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the following "Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RIVER Support" irrigation applications for 2022:**

- **GWK Farms Ltd (Gail Kelly) – Sec 33-21-18 W4M**
- **Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 27-17-17 W4M**
- **Douglass Farms Ltd (Stewart & Kim Douglass) – Sec 21-21-18 W4M**

**Seconded by R. Owen. 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 2022 (Bylaw #951 2021)
- 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 section 95

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Keith & Mindy Evans – SW 36-20-19 W4M
- Jose & Carla Rabadan – NE 06-21-18 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – Sec 06-21-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – NW 22-19-17 W4M
- Snake Lake Land & Cattle (Greg Johnson and Rod Johnson) – N ½ 02-20-17 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – Sec 12-18-15 W4M
- John Ketchmark – SW 29-17-16 W4M
- McNiven Cattle Co (Colin & Barbara McNiven) – Sec 04-21-13 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – Sec 04-21-16 W4M
- Isaak Wall – NE 15-16-16 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Rowland Brewin) – N ½ 32-17-16 W4M & S ½ 05-18-16 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – NW 06 & SW 07-21-16
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – SW 27-19-17 W4M
- Endersby Cattle Co Ltd (Beekman, Endersby, Lyren, & Morishita) – E ½ 32 & W ½ 33-20-17
- 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson) and 1717868 AB Inc (Greg Johnson) – SW 29-20-17 W4M
- Keith & Mindy Evans – NW 36-20-19 W4M
- Carl & Lorraine Fortin – SW 01-19-15 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – NE 13-18-15 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – SW 22-17-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 32-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – E ½ 31 & W ½ 32-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 35-17-17 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – NE 17-17-16 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Rowland Brewin) – NW 05 & N ½ 06-18-16 W4M
- Takeda Feeding Co Ltd (Takeda) – NW 30 & SW 31-14-15 and NE 25 & SE 36-14-16 W4M
- Takeda Feeding Co Ltd (Takeda) – SE 07 & N ½ 07-15-15 W4M
- Ward Takeda – SE 06-15-15 W4M
- WTT Livestock Inc (Ward Takeda) – NW 05-15-15 W4M

### **12.03 Reservoir Supported Acres**

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 1,200 New Parcel irrigation acres for 2022 as per Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021).

#### **12.03.1 Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) – SW 36-24-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 57 acres needed (44 infill, 13 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.2 Daniel Christman and Colin Christman – NW 33-17-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 133 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements

**12.03.3 Dick Dick – Sec 04-18-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 2 wiper pivots; 193 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.4 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– Sec 02-18-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 235 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.5 Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – NE 30 & SE 31-23-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 113 acres needed (18 infill, 95 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required

**12.03.6 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– NE 36-17-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 116 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.7 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – W ½ 25-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 119 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.8 Dick Dick – SW 36-17-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 83 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**2021-11-343 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RESERVOIR Support” irrigation applications for 2022:**

- **Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) – SW 36-24-16 W4M**
- **Daniel Christman and Colin Christman – NW 33-17-14 W4M**
- **Dick Dick – Sec 04-18-14 W4M**
- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– Sec 02-18-13 W4M**
- **Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – NE 30 & SE 31-23-16 W4M**
- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– NE 36-17-13 W4M**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – W ½ 25-15-15**

- **Dick Dick – SW 36-17-14 W4M**  
**Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There were no applications denied.

[1:11 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

## **11.0 Lands cont'd**

### **11.03 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

#### **11.03.1 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2022 Grazing Season**

Carryover grass permitted the cattle to stay out until mid-October this year for a normal 5 month grazing season. As some reserve grass was utilized, most pastures are in average shape heading into 2022. A total AUM of 85,000 was recommended for the 2022 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. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

- 2021-11-344 Moved by D. Peltzer that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2022 grazing season. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.03.2 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2022 Grazing Season**

The District sets the AUM grazing rate to cover the costs associated with the administration and operation of the community grazing leases at a minimum break-even basis. This rate is also used to establish the annual fees charged for the private grazing leases. After all expenses and revenues are finalized, the 2021 grazing season should result in a moderate surplus of approximately \$20,000; the rate for 2021 was \$16.00/AUM. The total expenses in the 2022 budget result in an approximate 3.5% increase from actual costs in 2021, and with potential for some costs to increase next year in an inflationary economy, it was recommended to set the AUM rate for 2022 at \$18.00/AUM. Although several variables such as precipitation, waterline maintenance and length of grazing season affect the expenses and revenues, the budget amount is based on a standard 5.0 month grazing period.

- 2021-11-345 Moved by R. Owen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2022 season be set at \$18.00/AUM. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.03.3 Request for Loan – Gem Grazing Association**

The Gem Grazing Association is requesting a \$25,000 loan amortized over 10 years to purchase steel panel corrals and replace windows in the lease camp house. In 2006, the District approved to set interest at 0% and amortization at a maximum of 10 years, for loans approved for building corrals. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. It was requested that setting an interest rate for Community Grazing Association loans is to be discussed at Corporate Planning.

- 2021-11-346 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Gem Grazing Association request for a \$25,000 loan at 0% interest, for a 10 year term, to install metal panel corrals in SW 26-24-16 W4M**

**and SE 01-24-17 W4M, and to replace windows in the lease camp house in SE 01-24-17 W4M. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-347 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.4 JBS Update**

[2:04 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Short break; M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**13.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up**

**13.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

[2:16 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

**15.0 Draft Newsletter**

**2021-11-348 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

**11.03.4 JBS Update cont'd**

Original direction concerning a JBS matter was confirmed.

**13.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up cont'd**

**13.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

The Maximum Water Bylaw and Fees Bylaw will be brought back to the Board in January to include an option of purchasing up to an additional 4"/acre of irrigation deliveries above the 24" limit, for the same surcharges as were referenced in temporary Bylaw #953 (2021). It was requested that the water on/off be graphed on some examples of high use parcels presented and brought back to the Board.

**14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update cont'd**

An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project.

**15.0 Draft Newsletter cont'd**

The draft newsletter will be completed, mailed out and posted in the beginning week of December.



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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

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**16.0 Classroom Agriculture Program**

Information was provided to Directors from Ag for Life advising that their organization is assuming the administration of the Classroom Agriculture Program. Since 1985, CAP has engaged over 600,000 grade 4 students in learning about agriculture and where their food comes from. Ag for Life has been a longstanding funding partner of the program; other partners include Alberta Barley Commission, Alberta Beef Producers, Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Alberta Chicken Producers, Alberta Irrigation Districts Association, Alberta Milk, Alberta Pulse Growers Commission, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Alberta Wheat Commission, Eastern Irrigation District, and Egg Farmers of Alberta.

**17.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 17.01 | AIDA Annual General Meeting   | - Thursday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , [online]            |
| 17.02 | Special Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.   |
| 17.03 | City/County/EID Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.           |
| 17.05 | Corporate Planning            | - Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.            |
| 17.06 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Thursday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 9:00 a.m.     |

**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:51 p.m.**



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Chairman

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General Manager



**December 14, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021. 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. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

**2021-12-349 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 1.0 City/County/EID Joint Meeting**
- 2.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**
- 3.0 Commercial Projects Update**
- 4.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw – Requested Clarity**
- 5.0 02 Bow Slope**

**2021-12-350 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

- 1.0 City/County/EID Joint Meeting**  
The City of Brooks has been invited to participate in the annual Joint Meeting. The agenda was reviewed, and a number of topics discussed.
- 2.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**  
An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project, and direction provided for Admin.
- 3.0 Commercial Projects Update**  
An update was given on the status of negotiations relating to a renewable energy related project.
- 4.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw – Requested Clarity**  
Consensus on the intent of clause 5.0(b)(i) was obtained and will be brought back with clarified wording the next time the bylaw is reviewed.



**5.0 02 Bow Slope**

The 02 Bow Slope matter will be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion, along with rehab project information to be presented for approval.

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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**


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**6.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 6.01 | City/County/EID Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m., Heritage Inn                                     |
| 6.02 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 6.03 | Duchess 4H Banquet            | - Saturday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m., Duchess Hall<br>[David Peltzer, Ivan Friesen] |
| 6.04 | Corporate Planning            | - Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 9:00 a.m.  |
| 6.05 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Thursday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 6.06 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |

**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:39 a.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**December 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021. 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. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.02 Construction Dust Control
- 13.0 Corporate Planning Agenda Items
- 14.0 Commercial Updates

**2021-12-351 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 November 30, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The November 30, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented.

**2021-12-352 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the November 30, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.02 December 14, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The December 14, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented.

**2021-12-353 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### 4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) AGM – December 9<sup>th</sup>

J. Hale, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen connected online to the AIDA Annual General Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>. Primary topics addressed included a review of the *"Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta"* which was completed this year, a decision to hire a lobbyist in Ottawa to raise awareness and petition in support of irrigated agriculture, and AIDA's budget deficit. A presentation by Atrium Coal was also given.

### 5.0 EIDNet

#### 5.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 46 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 68 for Rosemary. The fibre for the Phase 1 project has now been blown in, with splicing to begin in the New Year. It is anticipated that splicing and testing should be completed near the end of January.

[9:13 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

### 6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

#### 6.01 Project Status

The southern pipeline crew is still progressing on schedule, with roughly 30% of the Scott system complete. Crews have started to string pipe along the 12 Springhill project in anticipation of a January 4, 2022, start. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- 45% complete
02 Bow Slope	- interim work complete
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
Scott Pipeline	- 30% complete
08-B Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will begin in 2022
12 Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will begin in 2022
13-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will begin in 2022

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Bow Slope Canal	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete

**6.02 Construction Dust Control**

T. Hemsing advised of a landowner along the Scott Pipeline project experiencing significant dust issues when there is wind blowing due to the light soil being worked up adjacent to his yard. As this area of the project is in deep cut, it was intended to leave as much open as possible until spring tests confirm no pipeline leaks. Although water trucks have been used, a number of suggestions were made to help alleviate the problem. In addition to water trucks, other dust control measures will be implemented as soon as possible and used where needed to control blowing dirt, such as pinning and layering straw.

[9:24 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

**7.0 Lands****7.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

**7.01.1 Set Rates for Land Spraying, Seismic, & Dirt**

2022 rates for land spraying, seismic and dirt fill were presented. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

**2021-12-354 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Oil & Gas rates for 2022 be set as:**

- **Land Spraying - \$3,500/well;**
- **Seismic for Source Lines - \$2,250/mile;**
- **Seismic for Receiver Lines - \$1,450/mile;**
- **Seismic for off right-of-way access - \$500/mile;**
- **Fill for Commercial Use - \$7.00/m<sup>3</sup> (fill material to be used on District land must be obtained from an approved source from District land); and**
- **Fill for Water Users - \$3.00/m<sup>3</sup>.**

**Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.02 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

**7.02.1 GAC Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2021**

A GAC Meeting was held in person on December 13<sup>th</sup>, with the draft minutes being made available to Directors. The usual fall topics were addressed such as this year's grazing season and financials; next year's listings, declined applications, AUM rate, and several lease management affairs. In addition, various irrigated pasture matters, the proposed Solar Kraft project, the North Bantry reseeding project, and a declined member's request to split a listing between 2 associations were discussed. D. Peltzer enquired whether the new Duchess GA lease rider, once hired, will be granted the opportunity for a grazing allotment for the 2022 grazing season. Board consensus was obtained to grant this request.

**7.02.2 2022 Cattle Listings and Set Maximum Grazing Number Per Member**

With a tentative 75 head max per full member, total cattle numbers applied for the 2022 season are 836 head above last year. Membership has increased slightly, which has been the trend since 2015.

Historical data was provided for 2015 - 2021 showing total cattle numbers consistently in the lower 17,000's through to 2019, then 15,553 and 16,848 respectively for 2020 and 2021 due to below average moisture conditions.

<b>2022 CATTLE NUMBERS SUMMARY – as of December 15, 2021</b>					
<b>Association</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>2021 Members</b>	<b>2022 Members</b>
Bantry	550	575	25	9	10
Bassano	944	969	25	14	14
Duchess	1,233	1,251	18	20	19
Eyremore	1,894	1,969	75	27	27
Gem	2,531	2,623	92	36	38
Newell	2,250	2,287	37	34	33
Patricia	2,596	2,721	125	42	42
Rolling Hills	1,408	1,545	137	24	26
Rosemary	2,017	2,155	138	32	32
Tilley	1,425	1,589	164	25	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,848</b>	<b>17,684</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>Members</b>	7 new, 4 dropped out				

The GAC reviewed total listings for 2022 at their recent meeting. With average reserve grass available for 2022, no adjustments may need to be made if spring moisture is average or above average. However, if moisture conditions next spring are poor, a reduction in the total number of cattle will be required.

**2021-12-355 Moved by R. Owen that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2022 grazing season be set at 75 for full members, 50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year members, and 25 for 1<sup>st</sup> year members; pending a review of pasture conditions in the spring. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:44 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

### 7.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

#### 7.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

##### 7.03.1.1 Budget Report

<b>FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT</b>	
<b>2022 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 8,932 >
To be Completed	< \$ 41,068 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >

<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October & November ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 31,600 >
December ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 48,377 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b>	\$ 869,963

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$40,592

### **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.

### **Transfer of Irrigation Acres**

#### **7.03.1.2 Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – SW 08 to W ½ 25-16-13**

Bantry Seed Farms Ltd has requested to transfer 5 irrigation acres from SW 08-16-13 W4M to W ½ 25-16-13 W4M to accommodate the addition of a corner arm. Operations has confirmed no conditions or issues with the transfer.

**2021-12-356 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SW 08-16-13 W4M to W ½ 25-16-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*)

#### **7.03.1.3 Flood to Pivot & C/A – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – W ½ 25-16-13 W4M**

- Previous Grants: \$9,996 (2016-10-229) and \$1,904 (2018-10-407)
- Previous Assessment: 161 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 175 acres pivot (12 acres purchased and 2 transferred in)
- Converting: 49 acres flood to wiper pivot with C/A; 5 additional acres required (transferred from SW 08-16-13 W4M, motion 2021-12-356)
- New Assessment: 180 acres wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Notes: south portion of SW 25 has been purchased to allow the pivot to cross into a previously flooded area, and a corner arm has been added

**2021-12-357 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd for the conversion of 28 acres flood to wiper pivot and 21 acres flood to corner arm in W ½ 25-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$2,800 (28 acres x \$100/acre) + \$14,700 (21 acres x \$700/acre) = \$17,500. Seconded by T. Hensing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

[9:52 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**7.03.1.4 Panel – 768976 Alberta Ltd (Brent & Rhian Schroeder) – SE 12-18-13 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$3,173 (motion 08-01-2004)
- Previous Assessment: 55 acres
- Current Assessment: 129 acres pivot (74 acres added for flood to pivot conversion)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 129 acres (128 pivot, 1 drip irrigation)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-12-358 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 768976 Alberta Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 12-18-13 W4M purchased for \$3,850. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$5,500 (55 acres x \$100/acre) - \$3,173 (previous grant) = \$2,327. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.03.1.5 Panel – 768976 Alberta Ltd (Brent & Rhian Schroeder) – SW 12-18-13 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$7,154 (motion 08-01-2004)
- Previous Assessment: 124 acres
- Current Assessment: 128 acres wiper pivot (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 128 acres (127 pivot, 1 drip irrigation)

**2021-12-359 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 768976 Alberta Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 12-18-13 W4M purchased for \$3,850. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$12,400 (124 acres x \$100/acre) - \$7,154 (previous grant) = \$5,246; with the payable amount being \$3,850. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:54 a.m. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

**7.03.1.6 Pivot Replacement – 2023438 Alberta Ltd (Marion Martin & Candace Stein) – NW 08-20-14**

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: replacement pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 133 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2021-12-360 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 2023438 Alberta Ltd for the pivot replacement in NW 08-20-14 W4M purchased for \$121,119. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

NW 08 is currently tied to NE 08-20-14 W4M as an irrigable unit. Each parcel now has its own delivery therefore the irrigable unit can be discharged.



- 2021-12-361 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on:**
- **NW 08-20-14 W4M; lands being owned by 2023438 Alberta Ltd; and**
  - **NE 08-20-14 W4M; lands being owned by Ivy Livestock Ltd.**
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.03.1.7 Pivot Replacement – MWA Farms Ltd (Marilyn Armstrong) – NW 08-22-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 140 acres (136 pivot, 4 outside pivot area)
- Installing: replacement pivot; keeping 4 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (136 pivot, 4 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2021-12-362 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement MWA Farms Ltd for the pivot replacement in NW 08-22-16 W4M purchased for \$112,707.58. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) - \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$11,600. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.03.1.8 Nozzles – Christopher & Marguerite Schmidt – SE 27-16-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 152 acres (134 pivot, 18 outside)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres (134 pivot, 18 outside)
- Deduction is greater than the grant

- 2021-12-363 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Christopher & Marguerite Schmidt for the nozzles upgrade in SE 27-16-16 W4M purchased for \$8,727. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$8,727 - \$9,000 (18 acres x \$500/acre) = \$0. Seconded by D. Peltzer. 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.

**7.03.1.9 Jozef & Bertha Versteegen – SW 17-14-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 136 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 140 acres wiper pivot (4 acres added for conversion from flood to pivot)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 12 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Note: project must be complete by December 30, 2022

- 2021-12-364 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jozef & Bertha Versteegen for 12 infill acres in SW 17-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$11,400 (12 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:58 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**2021-12-365 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book**

**8.01 Draft AGM Agenda**

**8.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input**

**9.0 City/County/EID Joint Meeting Follow Up**

**10.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

[10:32 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

**11.0 02 Bow Slope**

[11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Staffing Update**

**13.0 Corporate Planning Agenda Items**

**14.0 Commercial Update**

**10.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update cont'd.**

**2021-12-366 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING***

**8.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book**

**8.01 Draft AGM Agenda**

A Director suggested that AIDA Executive Director Margo Jarvis Redelback be asked to present the "Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta" report at the AGM.

**8.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input**

Finalized Chairman and General Manager reports are to be submitted by mid-January.

**9.0 City/County/EID Joint Meeting Follow Up**

Further discussion will be given to the Joint Meeting follow up in the January Corporate Planning session.

**10.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project.

**11.0 02 Bow Slope**

Letters in response to 02 Bow Slope correspondence received by the District will be mailed to the respective landowners, as presented and discussed.

**12.0 Staffing Update**

A general staffing update was provided, and Directors were advised that the Operations Manager position has been reinstated and filled.

**13.0 Corporate Planning Agenda Items**

Several policies and bylaws were listed for discussion at the upcoming Corporate Planning session in January, as well as irrigation development, Private Grazing Leases, irrigated pasture, economic development, and long-range planning.

**14.0 Commercial Update**

An update was given on the status of negotiations relating to 2 renewable energy related projects.

**10.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update cont'd.**

A further update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project.

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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

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**11.0 02 Bow Slope cont'd**

An immediate rehab was approved for a portion of 02 Bow Slope at the September 21, 2021 Board Meeting to improve operations in the upstream section of the system. In addition to this, discussions have been held on modifying the remaining portion of the canal which would complete the rehabilitation of the system as a combination of newly widened and trimmed level bank canal and 54" pipeline, connecting to existing pipeline laterals. It is being proposed to install 2.3 km of 54" pipeline in Pt NW 31-16-15 W4M and N ½ 36-16-16 W4M at an estimated \$3,200,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

**2021-12-367 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the additional rehabilitation work on 02 Bow Slope Canal by installing 2.3 km of 54" pipeline from the newly widened portion, a point 300 m east of Rg Rd 160, to tie into the existing downstream pipelines. The project is estimated to cost \$3,200,000 and is to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|-----------------------|---|
| 15.01 | Corporate Planning    | - Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.      |
| 15.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00           |



**D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:33 p.m.**

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'John H. Peltzer', is written over a horizontal line.  
ChairmanA black ink signature, appearing to read 'J. Peltzer', is written over a horizontal line.  
General Manager