



June 22, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd 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 23rd 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 2nd 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	Bibeau Truck Box	Bibeau Pup	Cascade Truck Box	Cascade Pup
Nortrux Red Deer	\$163,950.00				
Commercial Truck Equipment Co Red Deer		\$38,044.00	\$58,575.00		\$59,500.00
Horizon Truck & Body Ltd Lethbridge				\$47,831.00	\$58,625.00
Groeneveld auto greaser	\$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	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 47,450 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through May (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 463,755 >
June (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 163,900 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)	\$ 163,895

*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 & Engeliem 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 & Engeliem 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. Hensing 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. Hensing 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. Hensing 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)
149 acres pivot (51 wiper, 98 wiper)
- 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. Hensing 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:

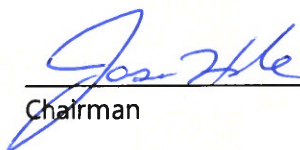
- a prime campsite to be designated for HALO fundraising,
- temporary HALO signage to be installed at the site, and
- all revenue from the campsite to be forwarded to HALO.

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


14.0 Upcoming Events

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

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



 Chairman



 General Manager