



March 8, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 8th 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. Hemsing 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 18th and 21st, and February 10th and 11th 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 26th 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.

EID EXPANSION LIMIT PLEBISCITE – STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF VOTING		
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.	Number of VALID Ballots marked for each response	% of Votes in the Affirmative or Negative
YES, I am in favour of changing the expansion limit to 345,000 acres.	485	75%
NO, 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
TOTAL	1,342	661	49%	13	485	163

4.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – 3rd 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. 1st reading of the bylaw was passed November 24, 2020, and 2nd reading January 26, 2021. M. Koochin advised of a required wording correction.

2021-03-055 Moved by T. Helsing 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 – 2nd and 3rd 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 1st reading in November but was defeated; it was again presented at the February 10th 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; 2nd and 3rd readings were gained at this meeting.

2021-03-056 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #944 (2021) be read the second time this 8th 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 25th, after the provincial government's budget announcement. Devin Dreeshen, 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 3rd 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 6th 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 8th – 12th, 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
EARTHWORKS			
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed	\$650,000	-
PIPELINE			
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	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 2,000 >
Require Approval	< \$ 4,500 >



Farm Improvement Grants	
October through February (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 284,951 >
March (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 60,000 >
Total Budget Remaining (<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 Hensing 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 – Bears paw 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 Bears paw 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 30th:

- 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 26th.
 - 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 20th 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 30th 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 30th
 - projects are to be completed by September 30th 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 3rd 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.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

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 – 3rd 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. 1st reading was gained November 24, 2020 and information within the bylaw was presented at the January and February Public Meetings. An amended 2nd reading was passed January 26th. 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 3rd 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 4th term he or she may seek a 5th term not as Chair but to sit as a regular Board Member and be a mentor to the upcoming Chairman.

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. Peltzer

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

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

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

Chairman

General Manager