



May 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th 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 25th 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	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 36,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 14,950 >
Require Approval	< \$ 32,500 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through April (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 360,151 >
May (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 103,604 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)	\$ 327,795

*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. Helsing 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. Helsing. 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. Helsing. 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 02-21-15 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.

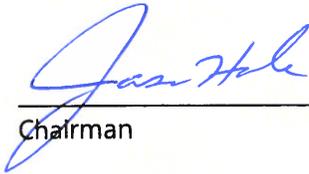
CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.0 Upcoming Events

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



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan Hale', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan Schroeder', written over a horizontal line.

General Manager