



**November 30, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Newell Regional Tourism Association
- 12.01 Review of Irrigation Application Criteria and Weighting

**2021-11-309 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**2.01 October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-11-310 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.02 November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2021-11-311 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### 4.01 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt attended a recent Newell Regional Tourism Association meeting. One of the topics discussed was the pathway to Lake Newell Reservoir, and the District's intentions of support were queried. T. Hemsing updated the Board as to the unofficial information conveyed to the ERT Pathway Committee on behalf of the EID, and also advised that a community brochure is soon to go out to gauge support from the local area.

[9:15 a.m. Tyler Mossey, CPA, CA, with MNP entered the meeting.]

### 5.0 Financial Report

#### 5.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2021

It was noted that the financial statements at this point should be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as year-end accounting work is continuing. It is intended that the 2021 year-end financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2022. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$5.22 million and are showing slightly ahead of the YTD budget. Oil and gas and EIDNet show ahead of budget mostly due to year end accounting entries that result in October showing 2 months' worth of revenue.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$870,000 and are showing under YTD which is mostly due to amortization not yet being finalized for the year end audited financials, thus the asset amortization entries to this year have not been rolled forward to this year.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.35 million.

#### 2021-11-312 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2021 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Mossey personally thanked the Board for the District's significant and encompassing positive impact to not only the local farmers, but all area residents and businesses.

[9:33 a.m. T. Mossey exited the meeting.]

### 6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following Legal & Corporate Services Report.

#### 6.01 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #954

A redrafted Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was presented which reflected Board direction to remove financing arrangements for capital assets and capital construction charges; commencing December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter, automatically increase the capital asset charges at an annual rate of 2%; reduce the amount paid by the District for purchasing back irrigation acres to mirror the charge for new parcel irrigation acres; and clarify the penalty and process arising from a general assessment audit. Additional revisions to the capital construction charge lien provisions were also made to update and align with the *Irrigation Districts Act*. Information about the general assessment audit penalty will also be included in the upcoming November newsletter.



- 2021-11-313** Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #954 (2021) be introduced and read the first time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-314** Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #954 (2021) be read the second time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-315** Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #954 (2021) this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-316** Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #954 (2021), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #954 is available for viewing on the District website.

## **6.02 AGM & Election**

### **6.02.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates**

An election schedule was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events to accommodate the audit, preparation of annual report, and election requirements. As is the consideration for all current meetings and gatherings, hosting of meetings will adhere to any applicable COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions which may be in place at such time.

- 2021-11-317** Moved by R. Owen that:
- the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 7, 2022;
  - the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022;
  - the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.;
  - if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022; and
  - an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 26, 2022.
- Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **6.02.2 2022 Election Date Bylaw #955**

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in March 2022 for Division 2 (Rosemary/Duchess), Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks), and Division 7 (Rolling Hills). An Election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

- 2021-11-318** Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #955 (2021), be introduced and read the first time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-319** Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #955 (2021) the second time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2021-11-320** Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #955 (2021) this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**2021-11-321 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #955 (2021), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2022, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2022 Election Date Bylaw #955 is available for viewing on the District website.

**7.0 EIDNet**

**7.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 41 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 60 for Rosemary. The conduit for the fibre path has now been installed to all towers in the Phase 1 project, with fibre currently being blown in.

[10:48 a.m. – 10:52 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering**

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

**8.01 Project Status**

The southern pipeline crew started the Scott Pipeline project on November 8<sup>th</sup> and are installing pipe at an expedited pace while the weather is cooperating. The earthworks crews are currently on the 02 Bow Slope project. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, under construction
02 Bow Slope	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, under construction
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
Scott Pipeline	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, 20% complete
08-B Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, starting in 2022
12 Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, starting in 2022
13-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, starting in 2022

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Bow Slope Canal	- surveyed, approved

**8.02 IRP Annual Rolling – 3-Year Plan for 2022/23 to 2024/25**

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government’s Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. There were no completed projects to report as none had been scheduled for 2020/2021 in order to apply for 2 years of funding on larger projects. Continuing projects are the Bow Slope Canal, 15 North Branch check structure, and F Tilley check structure. A number of questions were responded to be admin and staff. New projects were reviewed and outlined as follows:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2022/23	West Bantry Canal – Phase 3	\$750,000
Proposed Year 2 2023/24	Check Structure – One Tree Drain, NE 29-20-13 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – One Tree Drain, SE 02-20-14 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – 09-B Springhill, NW 03-21-16 W4M	\$200,000
	Check Structure – 03 Antelope Creek, NE 30-17-16 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – 03 Antelope Creek, NW 27-17-17 W4M	\$225,000
Proposed Year 3 2024/25	21 Springhill	\$1,100,000

**2021-11-322 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.03 Infrastructure Cost-Share – Neil Campbell – W ½ 26-17-14 W4M**

R. Summach advised that Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow currently run water through a 290 m ditch from their delivery to the pump site for their pivots, in W ½ 26-17-14 W4M. As with all such systems, there is spill past the pump and in this case the excess water goes into a slough. The landowners are applying for a cost-share to install a pipeline to replace the open ditch. Through discussion it was approved to cost-share the project under the Farm Improvement Policy which grants a 50/50 cost-share, up to \$12,000 District contribution.

**2021-11-323 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement infrastructure cost-share for Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow in W ½ 26-17-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$27,500; of which the EID would pay \$12,000 and the landowners would pay \$15,500 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.04 Request from Brooks & District Fish & Game Association**

A letter was received from the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association requesting a delivery pipeline to service a proposed tree planting project on HMQ land south of the aqueduct site and



Main Bantry Canal. BFGA is planning to plant approximately 12,000 trees and shrubs in the NE corner of NE 15-18-14 W4M. 20 terminable acres remain on the assessment on this parcel. Two pipeline options and additional information were presented for consideration; discussion followed.

**2021-11-324 Moved by R. Owen that the District donate \$10,000 to the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association for the installation of a delivery pipeline off the Summit Pipeline in the NW corner of NE 15-18-14 W4M for the proposed tree planting project. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:41 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered.]

**9.0 Equipment**

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Quotes.

**9.01 Quotes on the Purchase of 1/2 Ton, 3/4 Ton, & 2 Ton Trucks**

It was advised that truck costs have risen substantially, and that supply is an issue. Some dealerships either could not supply the requested trucks or did not submit quotes upon request. Quotes were requested for the purchase of:

- six 1/2 ton regular cab long box, or six 1/2 ton super cab short box trucks;
  - three 3/4 ton regular cab long box, or three 3/4 ton super cab long box trucks, and
  - one 2 ton regular cab truck;
- and presented as follows.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF 1/2, 3/4, and 2 TON TRUCKS						
Make & Dealership	6 1/2 Ton Regular Cab Long Box	6 1/2 Ton Super Cab Short Box	3 3/4 Ton Regular Cab Long Box	3 3/4 Ton Super Cab Long Box	3 3/4 Ton Crew Cab Long Box	1 2 Ton Regular Cab
<b>Harwood Ford</b>	\$46,030	\$48,575	\$55,880	\$54,614	-	\$76,139
Brooks	\$46,585	\$48,735	\$51,134			\$73,389
<b>Martin Chrysler</b>	\$47,954	\$49,260	\$55,389	-	\$59,525	\$67,614
Brooks						

**2021-11-325 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District purchase:**

- six 1/2 ton super cab short box trucks for \$48,575;
- three 3/4 ton super cab short box trucks at \$54,614 per unit; and
- one 2 ton regular cab long box truck for \$73,389;

**from Harwood Ford. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Delivery on the approved trucks is expected to be 1 year from now.

**9.02 Quotes on the Purchase of a Gravel Truck**

The following quotes were received for a gravel truck and pup:

GRAVEL TRUCK & PUP					
Mack Truck	Supplier	Bibeau Box	Bibeau Pup	Cascade Box	Cascade Pup
\$168,450.00	<b>Nortrux</b> Red Deer				
	<b>Commercial Truck Equipment</b> Calgary	\$40,785.00	\$63,939.00		
\$5,804.05	<b>Groeneveld</b> [auto greaser]		\$4,534.00		
Truck & Pup work ready - \$283,512.05					
\$168,450.00	<b>Nortrux</b> Red Deer				
	<b>Horizon Truck &amp; Body Ltd</b> Lethbridge			\$45,250.00	\$57,500.00
\$5,804.05	<b>Groeneveld</b> [auto greaser]				\$4,534.00
Truck & Pup work ready - \$281,538.05					

Approval was granted on the preferred models.

**2021-11-326 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District purchase:**

- a Mack truck from Nortrux for \$168,450.00;
  - a Bibeau truck box for \$40,785.00 and pup for \$63,939.00; and
  - a Groeneveld truck auto greaser for \$5,804.05 and pup greaser for \$4,534.00;
- for a total of \$283,512.05. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.0 Request for Funding**

**10.01 SK PCAP’s Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop**

A request was received from the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) for sponsorship of their Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop, to be held online from February 8 – 10, 2022. This year’s theme is “Restoration, Reclamation, Resilience – Improving Soil, Water and Habitat”. A \$1,000 sponsorship will provide District PR and allow up to 3 complimentary registrations.

**2021-11-327 Moved by B. Schmidt that the District give sponsorship of \$1,000 to the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan for their 9<sup>th</sup> Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop to be held online February 8 – 10, 2022. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.0 Lands**

**11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

**11.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – Gordon & Wendy Frank – Pt NE & Pt SE 26-17-14 W4M**

A letter was received from Gordon & Wendy Frank requesting to purchase 2 parcels located in E ½ 26-17-14 W4M, both of which form annual PGL #7069. Parcel A, consisting of approximately 4.9 acres and located in the NE, is a severed parcel between the current Scott Canal and the County road. Although the Franks have been allowed to access their yard via a driveway across Parcel A, the County is requiring them to obtain legal access. Now that the Scott Canal is being rehabbed to a pipeline and the alignment has been finalized, this parcel of land may be sold to the Franks to facilitate legal access to their property.

The second portion of land, Parcel B, consists of approximately 66.2 acres in the SE, immediately south of Parcel A. The Franks would like to purchase this parcel to develop the lands and expand their irrigated acres, and have previously submitted a proposal to purchase, as well have the current lessees of the PGL. The Scott Canal severs this quarter in half, with the PGL (Parcel B) to the west and private irrigation to the east. If this land were to be developed for irrigation it would require additional soils testing. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

**2021-11-328 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the sale of Parcel A, approximately 4.9 acres of land pending legal survey, in NE 26-17-14 W4M to Gordon & Wendy Frank to allow for legal access to the property:**

- **4.9 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$9,800 + GST;**
- **with the land being consolidated into NE 26 and all costs associated with the land purchase and consolidation being the responsibility of the purchaser;**

**but to deny the request to purchase Parcel B, 66.2 acres directly south in SE 26-17-14 W4M. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Parcel B, which forms PGL #7069, is included in the upcoming overall review of private grazing leases next year.

**11.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – Pedro Giesbrecht – NW & Pt E ½ 04-14-13 W4M**

A letter was received from Pedro Giesbrecht requesting to purchase NW & Pt E ½ 04-14-13 W4M, all of which form a portion of annual PGL #7195. Mr. Giesbrecht proposes to develop the lands where possible to expand his irrigated acres and use the remaining lands to supplement his grazing. Soils have been completed on all the parcels; most of the acres outside the river breaks are suitable for irrigation. The request to purchase land was denied. The 284.4 acre parcel making up a portion of PGL #7195 is included in the upcoming overall review of private grazing leases next year.

**11.02 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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

**11.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications****11.02.1.1 Budget Report**





<b>FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT</b>	
<b>2022 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$ 8,932 >
To be Completed	< \$ 41,068 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 16,700 >
November ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 14,960 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 918,340</b>

\*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$25,632.

**Farm Improvement Grants**

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

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

**11.02.1.2 Panel & Corner Arm – Daniel & Margaret Loewen – NW 28-20-15 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$9,240 (motion 2013-04-088)
- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (2 acres removed for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Converting: 11 acres flood to corner arm; 9 additional acres required
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot

**2021-11-329 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Margaret Loewen for the panel and corner arm upgrade in NW 28-20-15 W4M purchased for \$84,187. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,240 (previous grant) = \$3,960 plus \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$11,660. The capital assets charge is \$8,550 (9 infill acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-330 Moved by R. Owen that the deduction of \$300/acre applied in April 2013 to 11 acres in NW 28-20-15 W4M be returned to Daniel & Margaret Loewen for new efficiencies 11 acres x \$300/acre = \$3,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Increase in Irrigation Acres**

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



**11.02.1.3 Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen – N ½ 26-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 263 acres
- Current Assessment: 273 acres (10 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 11 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 284 acres, all under pivot
- Note: project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-331 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen for 11 infill acres in N ½ 26-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$10,450 (11 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-332 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:**

- NW 26-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by Alfred & Nancy Klassen, and
- NE 26-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by Greg & Rosemary Klassen.

**Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.4 Greg & Rosemary Klassen – Pt NE 26 & Pt SE 35-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 223 acres
- Current Assessment: 226 acres (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 13 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 239 acres, all under pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-333 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Greg & Rosemary Klassen for 13 infill acres in NE 26 & Pt SE 35-22-17 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$12,350 (13 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-334 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 26-22-17 W4M and Pt SE 35-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Greg & Rosemary Klassen. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.5 Steven & Janet Lepp – N ½ 10-23-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 121 acres
- Current Assessment: 139 acres (18 acres added for irrigation development and general assessment)
- Proposal: add pivot; 21 additional acres required (14 efficiency, 7 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot, 36 acres x 1.4 = 14 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 160 acres, all under pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; pivot must be kept to a maximum of 157 acres if not testing soils; project must be complete by November 30, 2022



**2021-11-335 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Steven & Janet Lepp for 14 efficiency and 7 infill acres in N ½ 10-23-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$19,950 (21 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-336 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & NE 10-23-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Steven & Janet Lepp. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.6 Robert & Judy McKnight – N ½ 07-21-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 65 acres
- Current Assessment: 74 acres (9 acres added for irrigation development)
- Proposal: extend pivot coverage; 24 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 98 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Note: project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-337 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Robert & Judy McKnight for 24 infill acres in NE & Pt NW 07-21-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,800 (24 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-338 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt NW 07-21-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert & Judy McKnight. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.7 Robert (Lynden) & Tonia Smith – S ½ 02-20-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 73 acres (15 terminable and 58 irrigation)
- Current Assessment: 73 irrigation acres (15 acres terminable converted to irrigation)
- Proposal: extend wheel field; 25 additional acres required (7 efficiency, 18 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Undeveloped flood to wheels, 21 acres x 1.35 = 7 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 98 acres, all under wheels
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; wheels field must be kept to a maximum of 94 acres if not testing soils; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-339 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Robert (Lynden) & Tonia Smith for 7 efficiency and 18 infill acres in S ½ 02-20-14 W4M subject meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$23,750 (25 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.8 Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc (Dirk Drost, Raoul Drost, Lydie Drost) – SE 31-14-12 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 18 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (18 terminable acres converted to irrigation and 117 acres added for irrigation development in 2011)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot

- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; pivot cannot cross into EID owned lands; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-340 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc for 16 infill acres in SE 31-14-12 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements and the pivot not crossing into EID owned lands. The capital assets charge is \$15,200 (16 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.9 Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc (Dirk Drost, Raoul Drost, Lydie Drost) – SW 35-14-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 110 acres
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (27 acres added in 1982)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 8 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: identified low area will remain with no assessment; project must be complete by November 30, 2022

**2021-11-341 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc for 8 infill acres in SW 35-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,600 (8 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.0 Irrigation Applications for 2022**

**12.01 Review of Irrigation Application Criteria & Weighting**

Upon Director request, the criteria and weighting of irrigation applications was given a short discussion. S. Connauton gave further detail to each rating criteria. This portion of Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 is as follows and can be found on the website:

**Article 9: Ranking of Applications**

9.01 Any applications for Irrigation Acres shall be evaluated having regard to the following rating system:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<i>Ability to Deliver Water</i>	<i>0 – 25</i>
<i>Land Classification</i>	<i>0 – 15</i>
<i>Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field</i>	<i>0 – 15</i>
<i>Intensification</i>	<i>0 – 50</i>
<i>Efficiency of Overall Delivery</i>	<i>0 – 30</i>

From additional discussion later in the meeting it was requested that the criteria and weighting be reviewed at the upcoming Corporate Planning session, particularly the "Efficiency of Overall Delivery" category.

### **Irrigation Applications for 2022**

S. Connauton presented the 39 applications received for irrigation beginning in 2022. 31 applications were received for off-river acres and 8 for under reservoir support. Once initially approved, projects that are not completed by September 30, 2022, will not gain final approval and the corresponding acres will be applied as an increase to the next irrigation season's maximum allotment (i.e. "Carry Forward Acres" as defined in Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021).

The standard requirements for all proposals being approved are:

- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2022
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled land or right-of-way land
- if infrastructure is crossing an undeveloped County R/A, proof of permission must be provided
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise
- the project area must meet soil classification requirements
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization
- capital asset payment is due upon the installation of the infrastructure

The Capital Assets Charges as per Bylaw #954 (2021) are:

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

### **12.02 River Supported Acres**

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 800 off-river, New Parcel irrigation acres for 2022 as per Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021).

#### **12.02.1 GWK Farms Ltd (Gail Kelly) – Sec 33-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 231 acres pivot
- Proposal: move and install larger pivot; 99 additional acres needed (50 infill, 49 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

#### **12.02.2 Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 27-17-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 202 acres pivot
- Proposal: move and install larger pivot; 243 add. acres needed (22 infill, 221 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit exists

#### **12.02.3 Douglass Farms Ltd (Stewart & Kim Douglass) – Sec 21-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 432 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**2021-11-342 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the following "Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RIVER Support" irrigation applications for 2022:**

- **GWK Farms Ltd (Gail Kelly) – Sec 33-21-18 W4M**
- **Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 27-17-17 W4M**
- **Douglass Farms Ltd (Stewart & Kim Douglass) – Sec 21-21-18 W4M**

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

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

- the available 800 acre limit for New Parcel irrigation acres not located downstream of either Lake Newell Reservoir or Crawling Valley Reservoir had been allocated to higher rated applications for 2022 (Bylaw #951 2021)
- the application did not meet "land classification" requirements
- the application did not meet "ability to deliver" water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Keith & Mindy Evans – SW 36-20-19 W4M
- Jose & Carla Rabadan – NE 06-21-18 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – Sec 06-21-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – NW 22-19-17 W4M
- Snake Lake Land & Cattle (Greg Johnson and Rod Johnson) – N ½ 02-20-17 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – Sec 12-18-15 W4M
- John Ketchmark – SW 29-17-16 W4M
- McNiven Cattle Co (Colin & Barbara McNiven) – Sec 04-21-13 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – Sec 04-21-16 W4M
- Isaak Wall – NE 15-16-16 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Rowland Brewin) – N ½ 32-17-16 W4M & S ½ 05-18-16 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – NW 06 & SW 07-21-16
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – SW 27-19-17 W4M
- Endersby Cattle Co Ltd (Beekman, Endersby, Lyren, & Morishita) – E ½ 32 & W ½ 33-20-17
- 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson) and 1717868 AB Inc (Greg Johnson) – SW 29-20-17 W4M
- Keith & Mindy Evans – NW 36-20-19 W4M
- Carl & Lorraine Fortin – SW 01-19-15 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – NE 13-18-15 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – SW 22-17-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 32-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – E ½ 31 & W ½ 32-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 35-17-17 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – NE 17-17-16 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Rowland Brewin) – NW 05 & N ½ 06-18-16 W4M
- Takeda Feeding Co Ltd (Takeda) – NW 30 & SW 31-14-15 and NE 25 & SE 36-14-16 W4M
- Takeda Feeding Co Ltd (Takeda) – SE 07 & N ½ 07-15-15 W4M
- Ward Takeda – SE 06-15-15 W4M
- WTT Livestock Inc (Ward Takeda) – NW 05-15-15 W4M

### 12.03 Reservoir Supported Acres

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 1,200 New Parcel irrigation acres for 2022 as per Irrigation Acres Bylaw #951 (2021).

#### 12.03.1 Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) – SW 36-24-16 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 57 acres needed (44 infill, 13 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.2 Daniel Christman and Colin Christman – NW 33-17-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 133 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements

**12.03.3 Dick Dick – Sec 04-18-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 2 wiper pivots; 193 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.4 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– Sec 02-18-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 235 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.5 Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – NE 30 & SE 31-23-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 113 acres needed (18 infill, 95 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required

**12.03.6 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– NE 36-17-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install pivot; 116 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.7 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – W ½ 25-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 119 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**12.03.8 Dick Dick – SW 36-17-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 83 acres needed (all new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

**2021-11-343 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under RESERVOIR Support” irrigation applications for 2022:**

- **Douglass Ranches Ltd (Adam Douglass) – SW 36-24-16 W4M**
- **Daniel Christman and Colin Christman – NW 33-17-14 W4M**
- **Dick Dick – Sec 04-18-14 W4M**
- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– Sec 02-18-13 W4M**
- **Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – NE 30 & SE 31-23-16 W4M**
- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, Suntana Murray, George Murray V)  
– NE 36-17-13 W4M**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – W ½ 25-15-15**



- **Dick Dick – SW 36-17-14 W4M**  
**Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There were no applications denied.

[1:11 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

## **11.0 Lands cont'd**

### **11.03 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

#### **11.03.1 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2022 Grazing Season**

Carryover grass permitted the cattle to stay out until mid-October this year for a normal 5 month grazing season. As some reserve grass was utilized, most pastures are in average shape heading into 2022. A total AUM of 85,000 was recommended for the 2022 grazing season; this translates to 17,000 head (cow/calf pair) over 5 months and will be reassessed after a review of fall listings and spring conditions. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

- 2021-11-344 Moved by D. Peltzer that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2022 grazing season. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.03.2 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2022 Grazing Season**

The District sets the AUM grazing rate to cover the costs associated with the administration and operation of the community grazing leases at a minimum break-even basis. This rate is also used to establish the annual fees charged for the private grazing leases. After all expenses and revenues are finalized, the 2021 grazing season should result in a moderate surplus of approximately \$20,000; the rate for 2021 was \$16.00/AUM. The total expenses in the 2022 budget result in an approximate 3.5% increase from actual costs in 2021, and with potential for some costs to increase next year in an inflationary economy, it was recommended to set the AUM rate for 2022 at \$18.00/AUM. Although several variables such as precipitation, waterline maintenance and length of grazing season affect the expenses and revenues, the budget amount is based on a standard 5.0 month grazing period.

- 2021-11-345 Moved by R. Owen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2022 season be set at \$18.00/AUM. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.03.3 Request for Loan – Gem Grazing**

The Gem Grazing Association is requesting a \$25,000 loan amortized over 10 years to purchase steel panel corrals and replace windows in the lease camp house. In 2006, the District approved to set interest at 0% and amortization at a maximum of 10 years, for loans approved for building corrals. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. It was requested that setting an interest rate for Community Grazing Association loans is to be discussed at Corporate Planning.

- 2021-11-346 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Gem Grazing Association request for a \$25,000 loan at 0% interest, for a 10 year term, to install metal panel corrals in SW 26-24-16 W4M**



**and SE 01-24-17 W4M, and to replace windows in the lease camp house in SE 01-24-17 W4M. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-11-347 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.4 JBS Update**

[2:04 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Short break; M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**13.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up**

**13.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

[2:16 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

**15.0 Draft Newsletter**

**2021-11-348 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**11.03.4 JBS Update cont'd**

Original direction concerning a JBS matter was confirmed.

**13.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up cont'd**

**13.01 Seasonal Water Averaging / Transferring System**

The Maximum Water Bylaw and Fees Bylaw will be brought back to the Board in January to include an option of purchasing up to an additional 4"/acre of irrigation deliveries above the 24" limit, for the same surcharges as were referenced in temporary Bylaw #953 (2021). It was requested that the water on/offers be graphed on some examples of high use parcels presented and brought back to the Board.

**14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update cont'd**

An update was given on the status of the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir Project.

**15.0 Draft Newsletter cont'd**

The draft newsletter will be completed, mailed out and posted in the beginning week of December.



**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

**16.0 Classroom Agriculture Program**

Information was provided to Directors from Ag for Life advising that their organization is assuming the administration of the Classroom Agriculture Program. Since 1985, CAP has engaged over 600,000 grade 4 students in learning about agriculture and where their food comes from. Ag for Life has been a longstanding funding partner of the program; other partners include Alberta Barley Commission, Alberta Beef Producers, Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Alberta Chicken Producers, Alberta Irrigation Districts Association, Alberta Milk, Alberta Pulse Growers Commission, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Alberta Wheat Commission, Eastern Irrigation District, and Egg Farmers of Alberta.

**17.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| 17.01 | AIDA Annual General Meeting   | - Thursday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , [online]            |
| 17.02 | Special Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.   |
| 17.03 | City/County/EID Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.           |
| 17.05 | Corporate Planning            | - Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.            |
| 17.06 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Thursday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, 9:00 a.m.     |

**B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:51 p.m.**




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Chairman




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General Manager