



October 26, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of October 2021. Those in attendance were:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9:08 a.m. Derek King, Brownlee LLP
- 4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting
- 4.03 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting
- 7.01 02 Bow Slope
- 7.02 Scott Pipeline
- 7.03 Joint Drainage Program

2021-10-275 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2021-10-276 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-10-277 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:08 a.m. Derek King, Brownlee LLP

2021-10-278 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:02 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; J. Latrace, MNP entered the meeting.]



2.02 October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2021-10-279 Moved by T. Hensing that the Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 2021/2022 Budget – Further Review / Approval

A few changes which were made to the budget were itemized for Directors. The budget was approved through the following motion. Rehabilitation projects, waterline projects, large purchases, and special items will be brought back to the Board for individual review and approval.

2021-10-280 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board of Directors approve the 2021/2022 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Financial Report

6.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2021

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

- YTD revenues total about \$41.9 million and are showing slightly under YTD budget. Community pastures and water conveyance are under budget, while most other significant revenue sources are showing above budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$31.05 million and are finishing under YTD budget due to Operations being over budget and all other departmental expenses showing under budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$10.85 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Administration and Mr. Latrace.

2021-10-281 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2021

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2021 was \$13,481,231 or 13.7% more than the book value at September 30, 2020. The increase in cash is due mainly to significant funds received from the AIM program as grant revenue and loan proceeds for the modernization capital works projects.

4th QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$17,000,000	-
IRP – Short Term	\$4,000,000	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development	\$25,000	-

2021-10-282 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2021

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

2021-10-283 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2021 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:50 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting.]

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Board Meeting

T. Hemsing, J. Hale, and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board Meeting online, September 30th. Klaas Slomp from Lethbridge has been appointed as a member on Irrigation Council. A government report summarizing AIS data indicated 7,194 watercraft inspections, with 19 being mussel fouled. Of the 19 watercrafts, 13 were discovered at the Dunmore border check stop; 3 indicated their final destination to be Alberta, and 16 indicated British Columbia. Increased inspections and stronger penalties were discussed at the AIDA meeting. The *"Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta"* report has been completed and will be released soon. The AIDA budget was approved; considerable discussion was held on PR/outreach.

4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

J. Hale attended a recent CVRS meeting, advising that camping rates will be increased to be similar to the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, the new boat launch is completed, work has begun on the new campground office building, and the Society is not interested in managing the Little Dam area. Admin/staff will follow up with the EID Board regarding the Little Dam camping site at a future meeting.

4.03 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting

B. Schroeder attended a recent JSSC meeting, where he advised of EID matters applicable to the represented organizations. The Committee enquired about the drainage program in the Rosemary area; an update was given during the following Engineering report.

[11:04 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

7.01 02 Bow Slope

In follow up from the August and September Board Meetings, Mr. Gagley responded to questions concerning the operational test and redesign of 02 Bow Slope. A full operational test was

conducted with all but 3 water users on. It was found that 1 delivery was negatively affected, only because the system drain out was open. Demand during the test was 52 cfs and the canal held steady water levels throughout the canal, which was not the case earlier in the season. Once the permanent rehab is complete the ditch will accommodate future expansion. Other water user concerns such as canal levels, drain outs, and canal checks were addressed. Information on total acres that could be irrigated from the widened canal will be brought back to the Board.

7.02 Scott Pipeline

B. Schmidt conveyed a landowner's concerns regarding compensation and reseeding of an alfalfa field for the pipeline permanent right-of-way proposed to go through his property. As per the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy, Engineering staff confirmed that the District will reseed the right-of-way where permanent crops exist (i.e. alfalfa and pasture); however, if the landowner wishes to do the seeding he may do so and be paid by the District the same rate as the District is paying its subcontractors for seeding. Also as per policy, the approved rate for permanent easement or right-of-way (pipeline) on irrigated land is \$4,700/acre. B. Schmidt and R. Gagley will contact the landowner to settle any further compensation, reseeding, or alignment concerns.

7.03 Joint Drainage Program

In response to B. Schroeder's enquiry, R. Gagley advised that some landowners in Phase 1 of the Rosemary area drainage project are hesitant to sign construction agreements, due to a variety of reasons. Work will be done where possible, with the overall plan reassessed to address issues and replan project phases; and the matter discussed with the County once a joint meeting can be arranged with the new County Council.

7.04 FI Pivot Crossings – Harvey Krause – NW 10-14-13 W4M

R. Gagley advised that Harvey Krause is applying for a cost-share grant for the installation of pivot crossings in NW 10-14-13 W4M, under 11.0 of the Farm Improvement Policy. Previously through the same program, 12 crossings were installed on this parcel. The landowner is now intending to replace the current 6 tower pivot with a new 7 tower pivot; 2 additional crossings will need to be purchased and the moving of 12 existing crossings is required.

2021-10-284 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement cost-share for Harvey Krause for the installation of 2 new pivot crossings in NW 10-14-13 W4M; and offer to move the existing crossings at the Landowner's expense. Seconded by B. Schmidt IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Helsing, D. Jacobson, B. Schroeder OPPOSED – R. Owen

R. Owen requested that this portion of the Farm Improvement Policy be discussed at Corporate Planning.

7.05 FI Drain Relocation – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd (Sandy Bartman) – SE 09-20-14 W4M

R. Gagley advised that Cinsan Enterprises Ltd is requesting a drain straightening/relocation in SE 09-20-14 W4M under the Farm Improvement Policy, which allows a 50/50 cost-share up to \$50,000. Previously through the same program, a drain relocation cost-share was approved for a larger portion of the 3 drains that intersect the quarter, at a District contribution of \$14,512.50. It is now being requested that 4 short stretches in different areas be relocated to enable the pivot to run full circle. The landowner is offering fill material to be used where necessary; the hauling of material is at the landowner's expense.

2021-10-285 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd in SE 09-20-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis. The total project cost is \$34,425; of which the landowner would pay \$17,212.50 + GST, plus any hauling of fill material. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:57 a.m. – 12 :24 p.m. Lunch break.]

7.06 2021/2022 Structure Program

J. Kabut presented the 2021/2022 Structure Program. Operations has requested that:

- 2 check/drop structures be replaced,
- 2 nose pieces be replaced,
- 5 rock(gabion) walls be added to existing settling ponds,
- 1 structure have a culvert replaced and a new gate added, and
- 1 structure have a gate replaced.

2021-10-286 Moved by B. Schmidt that the 2021/2022 Structure Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$950,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.07 Contribution to Irrigation Works – Chinook Cattle Co (Kelsey Campbell) – SW 36-21-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Chinook Cattle Co. is requesting a contribution to irrigation works cost-share, under the Capital Assets Bylaw, for a lateral off the new 08-B Springhill extension to extend to a new wiper pivot. As per the bylaw, the District will contribute 75%, up to a maximum of 25% of the capital assets charge.

- Project Capital Assets Charge: \$35,700.00 (25% = \$8,925.00)
- Cost of New Infrastructure: \$14,556.50 (75% = \$10,917.38)
- EID Contribution: \$ 8,925.00
- Landowner Contribution: \$ 5,631.50 + GST

2021-10-287 Moved by T. Helsing that the District approve the Contribution to Irrigation Works cost-share for Chinook Cattle Co in SW 36-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis, up to 25% of the capital assets charge. The total project cost is \$14,556.50; of which the Landowner would pay \$5,631.50 + GST. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.08 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Fernando & Faye Dyck – NE 20-20-15 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Fernando & Faye Dyck will be converting from wheels to a 65 acre wiper pivot in the S ½ of NE 20-20-15 W4M at the time of the 12 Springhill pipeline project. Upon pivot installation this conversion qualifies for a grant under 1.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2021-10-288 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Fernando & Faye Dyck for converting from wheels to wiper pivot in the S ½ of NE 20-20-15 W4M at the time of the 12 Springhill pipeline project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.09 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Lawrence Wiebe (purchaser Leo Wiebe) – SW 21-21-16

J. Kabut advised that Lawrence Wiebe (purchaser Leo Wiebe) will be converting from flood to a 134 acre pivot in SW 21-21-16 W4M at the time of the 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project. Upon

pivot installation, this conversion qualifies for a grant under 1.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. Upon approval, the project cost for the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension will need to be amended from \$924,000 to \$944,000.

2021-10-289 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Leo Wiebe for converting from flood to pivot in SW 21-21-16 W4M at the time of the 08-B Springhill pipeline project; subject to confirmation of parcel ownership. The grant payable to the purchasing landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-10-290 Moved by R. Owen that the estimated project cost of the 08-A and 08-B Springhill pipeline extension project be increased from \$924,000 to \$944,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.10 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Campbell & Beblow – NW 26-17-14 W4M

R. Summach advised that Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow will be converting from wheels to an 82 acre wiper pivot in the NW 26-17-14 W4M at the time of the Scott pipeline project. Upon pivot installation this conversion qualifies for a grant under 1.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2021-10-291 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Neil Campbell & Kari Beblow for converting from wheels to wiper pivot in NW 26-17-14 W4M at the time of the Scott pipeline project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.11 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Dick NE 04 / Veenstra SE 09-18-14 W4M

R. Summach advised that Dick Dick and Jake & Jo Ann Veenstra have requested a 100 m pipeline extension from NW 04 to NE 04-18-14 W4M, at the time of the Scott pipeline project. This extension will allow SW 09 & SW 10-18-14 W4M to be split from an irrigable unit that includes SE 09, as well as avoid a future irrigable unit for NW & NE 04-18-14 W4M. This request qualifies for a grant under 3.0 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy whereby the EID may cost-share 50/50 of the additional construction cost, up to \$20,000 per quarter. The project is estimated to cost \$13,000; of which the EID will pay \$6,500 and landowners of each parcel will pay \$3,250 + GST.

2021-10-292 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Dick Dick – NE 04-18-14 W4M and Jake & Jo Ann Veenstra – SE 09-18-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$20,000 per quarter section. The total project cost is \$13,000; of which the EID would pay \$6,500 and Landowners of each parcel would pay \$3,250 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:39 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and R. Summach exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report; and most of the automation sites have now been disabled for the winter. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary

remains; 37 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 58 for Rosemary. Fibre conduit installation for Phase 1 of the fibre path has reached the Rosemary tower.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to September 30, 2021	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	45
Residential Accounts	1,734
Business Accounts	28
EID Automation	5
Total	1,812

[12:42 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, B. Doerksen, and R. Volek entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

9.01.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021)

The Oil & Gas Year-End Summary was presented as follows:

OIL & GAS ACTIVITY REPORT – Year End Summary						
Year	New Wells	Twin Wells	Pipeline	Seismic	Abandonment Notifications	Reclaimed Certificates
2021	16	26	46.42 ac (7.78 miles)	0 permits	374	39
2020	8	3	20.92 ac (3.51 miles)	2 permits (304.75 miles)	140	28
2019	47	34	201 ac (1,208 miles)	0	39	37
2018	49	26	253 ac (1,518 miles)	2 permits (199 miles)	91	16
2017	50	66	238 ac (1,425 miles)	2 permits (151 miles)	184	32
2016	26	21	58 ac (10 miles)	0	27	29

Of the 140 well abandonment notifications received by the District, 1 was from Harvest, 2 from Blackspur, 5 from Cor 4, 10 from Cardinal, and 356 from Torxen. The 39 reclamation certificates were identified as 1 belonging to Bonavista, 2 with Cardinal, 2 with Cor 4, 3 with Barrel Oil, 14 with CNRL, and 17 with Torxen. A database of well sites with abandonment notifications and reclamation certificates is being developed.

9.02 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

9.02.1 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – 2021 Statistics

As movement of aquatic invasive species into new areas mainly occurs by travelling watercraft, the EID initiated the AIS Prevention Program in 2018. All boaters wishing to access EID reservoirs must follow approved prevention procedures and each year complete a watercraft information form. The District’s major reservoirs and downstream canal systems continue to be monitored; no signs of mussels within District infrastructure have been found to date. Additional AIS information and reservoir access rules may be found on the District’s website.

AIS PREVENTION PROGRAM – Registered Watercraft							
Registration Location	Year	Low Risk	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total	High Risk	Disallowed Entry
Crawling Valley Reservoir	2021	1,245	23	2	1,270	13	4
	2020	1,353	28	1	1,382	16	8
	2019	903	28	1	932	20	0
Lake Newell Resort Marina	2021	304	4	0	308	3	0
	2020	388	10	0	398	4	0
	2019	122	2	1	125	2	0
Lake Newell Reservoir	2021	1,538	70	2	1,610	28	4
	2020	1,626	80	0	1,706	31	7
	2019	721	43	9	773	34	4
Rolling Hills Reservoir	2021	928	29	1	958	17	4
	2020	821	19	0	840	13	0
	2019	507	20	9	536	21	0
EID Office	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	36	1	0	37	0	0
	2019	170	7	0	177	5	0
Other	2021	20	0	0	20	0	0
	2020	5	0	0	5	0	0
	2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 Totals		4,035	126	5	4,166	61	12
2020 Totals		4,229	138	1	4,368	64	15
2019 Totals		2,423	100	20	2,543	82	4

In 2021 the EID registered 4,166 watercraft (sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and other non-motorized watercraft). Out of province watercraft came from British Columbian, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Montana.

9.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.03.1 2021 Grazing Season Summary

Normal moisture conditions in 2020 and a good supply of reserve grass supported an increase in the maximum listing from 70 head to 75 for 2021. Rain in late spring resulted in normal grass growth; and although extremely hot and dry weather conditions followed, reserve grass allowed cattle to remain on pasture until October 16th. Total cattle placed on community pastures was

16,848 head; an increase of 1,295 head from 2020. Total AUM was 84,212; up from 79,888 in 2020. Membership increased to 263.

Most dugouts initially were at good levels; however, spring runoff was very low and as the hot dry summer progressed dugouts went dry or were filled where feasible. Waterline maintenance costs have increased due to aging infrastructure, higher repair costs, and higher volumes of water pumped. 24 km of new waterline was installed in north Patricia; and throughout the District improvements were new/cleaned/expanded dugouts, new/replaced water tanks, buried services, inlet and pump upgrades, and the installation of 35 km of new barbed wire fence. Dams replaced by dugouts in 2020 appear to be working well; 1 further dugout is planned.

4 small fires and 3 larger ones amounted to approximately 5,870 acres of grassland, fences, and waterline lost. The large fires were caused by a vehicle fire on Hwy #1, oil/gas lease mowing, and oil/gas lease reclamation work. Mowing and reclamation work was suspended until conditions could safely realow. A claim for all damages has been submitted to insurance.

JBS will be submitting a comprehensive plan to Alberta Environment & Parks for cropping and water management strategies to remediate the soil issues that are currently preventing the application of treated industrial wastewater (TIW) on some EID contracted pivots. From direction of the District, the plan will also be reviewed by an independent consultant. No pastureland was used for emergency application of TIW. JBS production and post-harvest forage for District cattle fared well on the remaining contracted land.

Irrigated pasture production on the Kitsim pivots was very good in 2021. 1,150 acres in Newell Grazing which were reseeded this spring have had fair to poor results in germination and survival due to the harsh weather conditions, however control measures and natural predators have markedly reduced the gopher population.

9.03.2 App for Parcel to be Added – C over Diamond Inc (Cindy Wolfer) – NW 18-17-10 W4M

C over Diamond Inc (Cindy Wolfer) is the lessee of government pastureland that borders the eastern boundary of the EID. An application has been received from the company to change the area of the Eastern Irrigation District by including NW 18-17-10 W4M, and has followed through with advertising, with no written complaints received. If ultimately approved, this application would enable C over Diamond Inc to apply for a Livestock Watering Agreement with the District; water access would be via a pressurized system in Tilley Grazing. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2021-10-293 Moved by R. Owen that the Board accept the addition of NW 18-17-10 W4M (Lessee C over Diamond Inc – Cindy Wolfer) to the Eastern Irrigation District; parcel to be served through a Rural Water Use Purposes agreement – Livestock Watering, off the Tilley Grazing waterline. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As per the IDA process, final confirmation from Irrigation Council and Land Titles will be obtained prior to adjusting the District's boundaries.

[1:16 p.m. N. Fontaine, B. Doerksen, and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]



9.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.04.1 Assessment Report to September 30th

EID WATER ROLL to September 30, 2021					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
July 1, 2021	304,592	3,553	0	73	308,218
September 30, 2021	306,119	3,553	0	117	309,789
Net increase	1,527	< 0 >	< 0 >	44	1,571
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					<153 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					1,680
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to September 30, 2021		
	4th Quarter [Jul-Aug-Sep]	Cumulative [Mar 8 to Sep 30]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$2,109,650	\$2,803,550
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$ 0	\$ 0
Annual Agreements	\$ 0	\$ 0
5R Soil Agreements	\$ 17,750	\$ 51,500
Totals	\$2,127,400	\$2,855,050

9.04.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.04.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2022 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2021	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 0 >
To be Completed	< \$ 50,000 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October (require approval)	< \$ 16,700 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$ 933,300

*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$0.

**Total purchase of acres from landowners within the 2022 fiscal year is 0 acres or \$0.

Farm Improvement Grants

For payment of irrigation acres purchased from the District, reimbursement for irrigation acres sold to the District, Farm Improvement grant categories, grant eligibility requirements, and other grant

constraints, landowners may reference the current Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and Farm Improvement Policy, which are posted on the District's website.

Corner Irrigation (*corner arm, subsurface*)

9.04.2.2 Corner Arm – Braden Douglass – NE 22-23-16 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$7,500 (motion 175-10-2002)
- Previous Deduction: \$200/acre on acres outside pivot area
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (116 pivot, 21 flood)
- Converting: 16 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 5 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (116 pivot, 16 corner arm, 5 outside)

2021-10-294 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Braden Douglass for the conversion of 16 acres flood to corner arm. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:18 p.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps*)

9.04.2.3 Panel – Ike & Eileen Schroeder and Brent Schroeder – SW 01-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 142 acres (135 pivot, 7 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel; keeping 7 acres outside the pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (135 pivot, 7 outside)

2021-10-295 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ike & Eileen Schroeder and Brent Schroeder for the panel upgrade in SW 01-17-13 W4M purchased for \$10,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$10,500 less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:20 p.m. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

Increase in Irrigation Acres

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

9.04.2.4 Les & Tonja Douglass and Leslie Douglass – S ½ 25-24-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (11 acres added through irrigation development & FI)
- Proposal: shift pivot and add corner arm; 38 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 171 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by October 31, 2022

2021-10-296 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Leslie & Tonja Douglass for 38 infill acres in S ½ 25-24-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$36,100 (38 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-10-297 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:

- **SE 25-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by Leslie Douglass, and**
- **Pt SW 25-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by Les & Tonja Douglass. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.04.2.5 Finnegan Farming Co Ltd (Leslie Douglass) – S ½ 20-24-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 67 acres wiper pivot (east of drain)
- Proposal: infill pivot wedge; 10 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 77 acres, all under pivot
- Note: project must be complete by October 31, 2022

2021-10-298 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Finnegan Farming Co Ltd for 10 infill acres in S ½ 20-24-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,500 (10 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was confirmed that a second proposal does not meet policy requirements. The landowners will be informed that if they are able to consolidate all of S ½ 20 (lands west and east of the drain), the proposal for a separate 31 acre pivot west of the drain would not be rejected due to size of irrigated parcel.

9.04.2.6 John & Katherine Irwin – Sec 32-20-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 77 acres flood
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 28 additional acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 77 acres x 1.4 = 31 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 105 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by October 31, 2022

2021-10-299 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Katherine Irwin for 28 efficiency acres in Sec 32-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,600 (28 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-10-300 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 32-20-12 W4M, all lands being owned by John & Katherine Irwin. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04.2.7 North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – Pt SE 22-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 76 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: replacement pivot with corner arm; 38 additional acres required (3 efficiency, 35 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 7 acres x 1.4 = 3 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 114 acres; all under corner arm wiper pivot



- Note: subject to meeting soils requirements; subject to subdivision and sale of a portion of NE 22; project must be complete by October 31, 2022

2021-10-301 Moved by R. Owen that, subject to the landowner purchasing a portion of Pt NE 22-19-14 W4M, the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for North Creek Ranches Ltd for 3 efficiency acres and 35 infill acres in E ½ 22-19-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$36,100 (38 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-10-302 Moved by R. Owen that, subject to the landowner purchasing a portion of NE 22-19-14 W4M, the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SE & Pt NE 22-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

9.04.2.8 Curtis & Lyn Lester, Stephen Lester – E ½ 03-15-14 W4M

In April 2021, Curtis & Lyn Lester and Stephen Lester were approved for 10 infill acres for a proposed small wiper pivot to irrigate a portion of a dry wedge in E ½ 03-15-14 W4M. The landowners are requesting if it would be possible to amend the application to a proposed travelling end gun and an additional 20 acres, to irrigate the entire dry wedge. For discussion, S. Connauton invited direction from the Board and responded to a number of questions concerning approval of the original application, additional acres required, efficiency and monitoring of travelling end guns, possible modification of existing infrastructure, and the option of transferring irrigation acres. Consensus was to not consider a revised application. T. Hemsing and S. Connauton will speak with the landowners regarding their options and the Board’s conclusions.

[1:54 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2021-10-303 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations

11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

12.0 Legal & Corporate Services

12.01 Audio Recording Policy

12.02 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

[3:23 p.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

13.0 Corporate Planning

13.01 Preliminary Item – Seasonal Water Averaging System

[4:07 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

13.02 Topics for Discussion

14.0 Draft Newsletter

2021-10-304 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

10.0 Irrigation Districts Act – Regulations

In follow up to the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association board meeting which requested final review from irrigation districts, a letter showing agreement with the proposed amendments to the IDA will be forwarded to AIDA. As well, due to the proven advancements in irrigation methods and soil reclamation, it was confirmed to request a change in the provincial soil classification booklet regarding “threshold of acres classified as non-irrigable”, to be increased from 15% to 25%.

11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

Direction confirmed for Admin.

12.0 Legal & Corporate Services

12.01 Audio Recording Policy

It was directed that final revisions be made to the Audio Recording Policy and brought back to the next meeting.

12.02 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

The draft Capital Assets Charges Bylaw is to be revised and brought back to the Board, factoring in inflationary increases to capital assets charges and adjusting the District buyback value for irrigation acres to equal the charge to water users for new acres.

13.0 Corporate Planning

13.01 Preliminary Item – Seasonal Water Averaging/Transferring System

The Seasonal Water Averaging/Transferring System will be brought to Day 1 of Corporate Planning. Potential examples of landowners averaging water use or transferring portions of water allotments over a number of parcels will be examined. Capabilities of IRMA tracking averaged and/or transferred water are to be further investigated. Once consensus is obtained, any changes to the current system and drought plan as outlined within the Maximum Water Bylaw will be proposed for final amendment.

13.02 Topics for Discussion

Corporate Planning items to be discussed in the New Year will be confirmed in November/early winter.



14.0 Draft Newsletter

Directors endorsed the proposed content of the fall newsletter. A final formatted draft will be brought back to the regular November meeting, with the intent of mailing and posting shortly after.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Thursday, Nov. 11 th [<i>D. Jacobson laying wreath</i>] |
| 15.02 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, November 16 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.03 | Corporate Planning – Day 1 | - Tuesday, November 16 th [<i>following Schol. Comm. Mtg</i>] |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 30 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 21 st , 9:00 a.m. |

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager