



April 26, 2022, Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and a regular meeting on the 26th day of April 2022. 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1.0 Elections

1.01 Election of Chairman

I. Friesen congratulated the newly acclaimed Directors, stepped in as chair and called for nominations for Board Chair.

2022-04-112 Moved by T. Hemsing that J. Hale be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Hale accepted the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time.

2022-04-113 Moved by D. Peltzer that nominations cease.

J. Hale was elected Chair.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman

J. Hale assumed the chair, likewise, congratulated returning Directors and called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

2022-04-114 Moved by D. Jacobson that T. Hemsing be nominated for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Hemsing accepted the nomination. Mr. Hale called for nominations a second and third time.

2022-04-115 Moved by D. Peltzer that nominations cease.

T. Hemsing was elected Vice-Chair.

2.0 Appointments

2.01 Committee of the Whole

All Directors are included on the Committee of the Whole.



2.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive

T. Hemsing will continue as AIDA Representative; B. Schmidt will act as Alternate.

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

D. Peltzer will continue as PCF Representative.

2.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

J. Hale will continue as CVRS Representative.

2.05 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schroeder will continue as JSSC Representative.

2.06 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee

D. Jacobson will continue as MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee Representative.

2.07 Scholarship Selection Committee

J. Hale, D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, T. Hemsing, and I. Friesen are included on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

2.08 Watershed & Storage Committee

All Directors and I. Friesen are included on the Watershed & Storage Committee.

2.09 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt will continue as NRTA Representative.

2.10 Soil Erosion Advisory Committee

T. Hemsing will continue as SEDAC Representative.

2.11 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee

T. Hemsing will continue as ERTPC Representative.

2022-04-116 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

2022-04-117 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 7, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the March 7, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2022-04-118 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Minutes of the March 7, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 March 21, 2022, Special Directors Meeting

It was requested to note the post-meeting Directors' tour in the March 21 minutes.

2022-04-119 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the March 21, 2022, Special Directors Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Kinbrook Connection Pathway

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen met with the Kinbrook Connection Pathway committee. Some unique considerations of the District were discussed, including a bridge that is required to span the Main Bantry Canal and pathway access onto part of the main dam. County commissioned geotechnical studies and surveying have begun to determine the preferred pathway and foundation in certain areas, in preparation for the final stage of design and cost estimating. Once alignment and cost of the pathway has been confirmed, formal approval of the alignment will be addressed by the EID Board, as well as what the District may be doing in-kind. A Director requested that a calculation be done on the number of grazing acres that would be lost due to the fenced off pathway. The pathway is planned to be 2.5 m wide and be situated where possible a minimum of 30 m from the reservoir's shoreline.

4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

J. Hale attended a CVRS meeting on April 4th, advising that the second boat launch has been completed and that the new office building is almost complete. The Society is very satisfied with the work the EID has done. Additionally, CVRS will be installing a lock box for the gate, similar to what is in place at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, for after hour EMS, fire, and police emergency access. For the seasonal site draw, 96 applications were received for the 73 designated sites, of which 18 are reserved for irrigators and/or local residents. Including a 10 site group camping area, there are 155 camping sites in total. As was done in 2021, it was confirmed with Directors that the District will pay for an additional summer student, up to a set salary amount, to aid primarily in the boat registration process for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program.

2022-04-120 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District fund the equivalent of one wage for an additional summer student at the Crawling Valley Campground, to aid in the AIS boat registration process and for supplemental duties. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:19 a.m. J. Latrace, MNP entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

J. Latrace presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2022

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2022 was \$10,221,376 or 9.1% less than the book value at September 30, 2021. The decrease in cash is mainly due to the land purchase for the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. The interest rate did not support purchasing or redeeming any GICs in the past quarter; however, there may be opportunity for the 3rd quarter, which will be investigated.

2022-04-121 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2022

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

2022-04-122 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 Financial Statements to March 31, 2022

The financial statements to March 31, 2022, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$22.4 million and are showing over YTD budget. EIDNet and Oil & Gas revenues are ahead of budget, while the rest of the revenues will be under budget until summer.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$14.3 million and are sitting well below the prorated YTD budget as most of the budgeted expenses are not realized until spring/summer.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$8.1 million.

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

2022-04-123 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:42 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack sites continue to track well above the upper quartile, with no indication of dropping off. Depending on weather conditions, an earlier melt may not occur as the lower snowpack appears to have already been diminished.

6.02 Revised Water Delivery Date

In response to the dry and windy weather conditions, an anticipated demand from irrigators in some areas, and the ability of the District to charge parts of the system earlier than first planned, a

text vote of the Board was held to approve moving the water delivery date from May 5th to the week of April 25th. The following motion reflects the vote of the Board held April 18th and is preferred to ratify the decision. B. Kroschel advised that District systems will be 95% operational by the end of this month. Normally filled later in the season, some Ducks Unlimited projects will be filled now to ensure adequate water supply for cattle, along with dugouts in need. A number of further questions were responded to by Admin and Staff.

2022-04-124 Moved by T. Hensing that the earliest date for Water Delivery to farmers be moved up from May 5th to the week of April 25th. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagle presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date

The 2021/2022 Capital Construction Program is complete and ready for the irrigation season. Construction crews are working on final cleanup while communicating with landowners about their individual fencing and seeding needs. Variances in project estimates versus actuals involved a change in project direction, the amount of frost, condition of material which required extra hauling, or the ability to reuse existing armour.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- complete, cleanup remains	\$650,000	\$446,000
02 Bow Slope	- interim work complete	\$300,000	\$307,000
PIPELINE			
Scott Pipeline	- complete, cleanup remains	\$16,324,000	\$16,027,000
08-B Springhill	- complete, cleanup remains	\$944,000	\$806,000
12 Springhill	- complete, cleanup remains	\$4,674,000	\$3,613,000
13-H West Bantry	- complete, cleanup remains	\$372,000	\$346,100

IRP PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
Bow Slope Canal	- complete, cleanup remains	\$1,010,000	\$1,208,000

7.02 Drain Relo – Matthew Janzen – SE 21-21-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Matthew & Marianne Janzen are requesting a relocation of a portion of the drain in SE 21-21-16 W4M for the installation of a new pivot. Bridges will be used to cross the drain; however, a relocation is being requested to better accommodate the crossing of the second pivot tower. By Policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; this project is estimated to cost \$11,250.

2022-04-125 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Matthew & Marianne Janzen in SE 21-21-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$11,250; of which the landowner will pay \$5,625 + GST, plus any hauling of fill material. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – Sec 01-17-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that South Slope Feeders Ltd has requested a 120 m pipeline extension from the existing pump site in NE 36-16-16 W4M, across the road and to the property in Sec 01-17-16 W4M. It is \$29,700 more to meet this point in Sec 01 than the existing delivery point. By Policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$20,000 per quarter section on an approved relocation of a water delivery that has been requested by a landowner during the design stage of a rehabilitation project. This project is estimated to cost \$29,700. Staff responded to a number of questions.

2022-04-126 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for South Slope Feeders Ltd in Sec 01-17-16 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$20,000 per quarter section. The total project cost is \$29,700; of which the landowner will pay \$14,850 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:11 a.m. R. McLean entered the meeting.]

8.0 Equipment

R. McLean presented the following Equipment Report.

8.01 Purchase of D6 Dozer

A quote for the purchase of a D6-20 (D6T) dozer to replace the 2013 CAT D6 LGP was presented. Although originally budgeted to purchase a slightly smaller machine, it was recommended to purchase the D6-20 to have a larger machine, additional horsepower, and 6-way blade that would suit better for GPS and larger projects. A CAT model is the preferred machine; a number of questions were responded to by Mr. McLean.

2022-04-127 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a CAT D6-20 (D6T) dozer for \$713,579 from Finning (Canada) in Lethbridge. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On a separate issue, R. Gagley will provide information to J. Hale / Bassano Rodeo Committee for their consideration of amending/replacing the sand layer of the Bassano rodeo ring.

[10:25 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, B. Kroschel, and R. McLean exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

9.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The number of customers has held fairly steady, and the District's automation sites will soon be activated.



EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to March 31, 2022	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	42
Residential Accounts	1,661
Business Accounts	94
EID Automation	5
Total	1,802

For Phase 1 of the Fibre Project, \$3.1 M was budgeted. The District was able to use its own labour, which realized a savings, bringing the project total down to \$2.6 M. Planning has begun on Phase 2 of the fibre project to Cassils and Bantry towers. The alignment has been finalized and easements with landowners secured; an estimated budget will be brought to the Board at the next meeting. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[10:31 a.m. – 10:38 a.m. Short break; R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.01.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Report

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
2022	12	23	100.32 (16.77 miles)	1 permit (175.44 miles)	182	30
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 182 well abandonment notifications received by the District, 2 were from CNRL, 4 from Cardinal, and 176 from Torxen. The 30 reclamation certificates were identified as 1 belonging to Cardinal, 1 with Imperial, 8 with Torxen, and 20 with CNRL.

In response to questions, Mr. Fontaine advised that all surface leases within the proposed Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project footprint are shallow gas wells and owned by Torxen. An initial meeting has been held with a Torxen representative, and another meeting is set for May 3rd. One pipeline owned by another company is located under the edge of a corner of the dam and may need to be moved or lowered slightly.

10.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – 2113543 AB Ltd (George Murray IV, George Murray V, Suntana Murray)– Pt SE 30-14-12 W4M

2113543 Alberta Ltd is requesting to purchase Pt SE 30-14-12 W4M, consisting of 20 acres along the eastern boundary of the quarter. The originating purpose and last use of this District parcel is unknown. Transferring the parcel to the owners of the remaining portion of the quarter falls within the guidelines of the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy. An extra condition of sale in this instance is that a standard EID right-of-way (7 meters from the insider shoulder of the canal) along the 27 Rolling Hills Canal on the full length of S ½ 30-14-12 W4M be granted to the EID, at no cost to the EID. The District will survey the ROW at no cost to the purchaser.

2022-04-128 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the sale of a 20 acre parcel in SE 30-14-12 W4M to 2113543 Alberta Ltd:

- 10 acres x \$8,000/acre = \$80,000 (including capital assets) + GST; plus
- 160 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$20,000 + GST;

subject to the land being consolidated into the parcel, all costs associated with the land purchase and consolidation being the responsibility of the purchaser, and that a District right-of-way is placed along the 27 Rolling Hills Canal on the S ½ 30-14-12 W4M at no cost to the EID. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:46 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

[10:50 a.m. Barry Fleming, Tyler Fleming, and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

2022-04-129 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:50 a.m. Barry Fleming and Tyler Fleming – Discussion of 02 Bow Slope

[11:49 a.m. B. Fleming and T. Fleming exited the meeting.]

[11:50 a.m. – 12:19 p.m. Lunch break.]

2022-04-130 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

10:50 a.m. Barry Fleming and Tyler Fleming – Discussion of 02 Bow Slope

A letter from the Board will be forwarded to Mr. Fleming. Engineering was requested to bring estimates back to the Board as directed.



[12:46 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.02.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2022

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to March 31, 2022					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2022	306,152	3,553	0	117	309,822
March 31, 2022	306,880	3,388	0	122	310,390
Net increase	728	< 165 >	< 0 >	5	568
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 0 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					728
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					165
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to March 31, 2022		
	2nd Quarter [Jan-Feb-Mar]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$862,150	\$3,693,800
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$57,750	\$57,750
Annual Agreements	0	0
5R Soil Agreements	\$1,500	\$53,000
Totals	\$921,400	\$3,804,550

10.02.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.02.2.1 Budget Report

Directors confirmed that applications for Farm Improvements under category 8.0 (upgrades) and category 9.0 (corner arms, subsurface corners) ending September 30, 2022, must have:

- the project complete and installed, or
- a proof of purchase submitted, on or before September 30, 2022, to be eligible for a grant.



FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2022 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2021	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< 28,932 >
To be Completed	< 40,623 >
Require Approval	< 3,175 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through March (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< 235,406 >
April (<i>require approval</i>)	179,282
Total Budget Remaining	\$ 512,582

*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$291,130.

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.*)

10.02.2.2 Drain Infill – Jacob Ketchmark – Pt NE 16-17-16 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for a drain infill in Pt NE 16-17-16 W4M to accommodate resituating the pivot to cover a larger area. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$6,350.

2022-04-131 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jacob Ketchmark for the infill of a drain to accommodate a resituated pivot in Pt NE 16-17-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$6,350; of which the Landowner’s share is \$3,175 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As the pivot parcel consists of 2 titles, the registration of an irrigable unit is required.

2022-04-132 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on the 2 titled parcels under the wiper pivot within Pt NE 16-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by Jacob Ketchmark. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

10.02.2.3 Flood to Pivot w C/A – Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc (Robert Chrumka) – SE 13-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 flood acres
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (1 acre added for General Assessment)
- Converting: 137 acres flood to corner arm pivot; 4 acres needed
- New Assessment: 142 acres (114 acres pivot, 28 acres corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-133 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc for the conversion of 114 acres flood to pivot and 23 acres flood to corner arm in SE 13-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,400 (114 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,100 (23 acres x \$700/acre) = \$27,500. The capital assets charge is \$3,800 (4 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.4 Flood to Pivot – Robert & Judy McKnight – NE 13-21-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 52 flood acres (33 approved for irrigation development, motion 2021-04-107)
- Converting: 52 acres flood to wiper pivot
- New Assessment: 85 acres (all under wiper pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-134 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Robert & Judy McKnight for the conversion of 52 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 13-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$5,200 (52 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$31,350 (33 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.5 Flood to Pivot – Ralph Muschiol – S ½ 33-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 209 flood acres
- Current Assessment: 213 flood acres (4 acres added for 1988 General Assessment)
- Converting: 188 acres flood to 2 wiper pivots; keeping 25 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 213 acres (68 acre small wiper pivot, 120 acre large wiper pivot, 25 acres outside)
- Pivot areas have reached their maximum grant funding

2022-04-135 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ralph Muschiol for the conversion of 188 acres flood to wiper pivots in S ½ 33-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$20,900; with the payable amount being \$18,800 (188 acres x \$100/acre) less \$12,500 (25 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,300. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

10.02.2.6 Panel & Nozzles – Christianson Agro Ltd (Ronn & Joan Christianson) – Sec 26-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 219 acres
- Current Assessment: 253 acres (34 acres added in 2010 for irrigation development)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 253 acres (all under corner arm pivot)

2022-04-136 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Christianson Agro Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in Sec 26-23-16 W4M purchased for \$18,361. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$21,900 (219 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$18,361. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.7 Panel & Nozzles – Douglass Agro Ltd (Russell & Pamela Douglass) – SE 35, SW 36, NE 26 & NW 25-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 230 acres
- Current Assessment: 286 acres (56 acres added for irrigation development and General Assessment)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 286 acres (all under pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-137 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Douglass Agro Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in SE 35, SW 36, NE 26 & NW 25-23-16 W4M purchased for \$26,649. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$23,000 (230 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.8 Panel, Nozzles, C/A – Mark & Sharon Jakobsen – NW 29-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 143 acres (129 pivot, 14 outside)
- Installing/converting: panel, nozzles & corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (129 pivot, 14 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-138 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark & Sharon Jakobson for the panel and nozzles upgrade and addition of corner arm in NW 29-16-13 W4M, purchased for \$91,153. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$12,900 (129 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,800 (14 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,700. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.9 Pivot Replacement – Harvey Krause – Pt NW 03 & SW 10-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 123 acres
- Current Assessment: 170 acres (47 acres added as part of a land sale in 2002)
- Installing: pivot replacement
- Assessment remains the same at 170 acres (all under corner arm pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-139 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Harvey Krause for the pivot replacement upgrade in Pt NW 03 & SW 10-14-13 W4M purchased for \$188,968. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.10 Pivot Replacement w/Corner Arm – Andrew Lester – NW 34 & Pt NE 33-14-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: pivot replacement and addition of corner arm; 6 acres needed
- New Assessment: 158 acres (135 pivot, 23 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: permission to utilize County road allowance is required

2022-04-140 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Andrew Lester for the pivot replacement with corner arm addition in NW 34 & Pt NE 33-14-14 W4M purchased for \$186,632; subject to obtaining permission to utilize the County road allowance. The Farm

Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,900 (17 acres x \$700/acre) = \$25,400. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.02.2.11 Panel & Nozzles – Rommens Farms Ltd (Lloyd Rommens, Wendell Rommens)
– NE 03-19-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 126 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (5 acres added for General Assessment)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 131 acres (all under pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-141 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NE 03-19-15 W4M purchased for \$12,721. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.12 Panel – Rommens Farms Ltd (Lloyd Rommens and Wendell Rommens) – N ½ 16-18-16

- Previous Assessment: 166 acres
- Current Assessment: 175 acres (9 acres added for General Assessment); (139 pivot, 36 separate field)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 175 acres (139 pivot, 36 separate field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-142 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in N ½ 16-18-16 W4M purchased for \$12,721. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,721. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.13 Panel – Wendell & Janet Rommens – SE 21-18-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 102 acres
- Current Assessment: 104 acres (2 acres added for General Assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 104 acres (all under wiper pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-04-143 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wendell & Janet Rommens for the panel upgrade in SE 21-18-16 W4M purchased for \$10,250. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$10,200 (102 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:13 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

10.02.2.14 Nozzles – Isaak & Eileen Schroeder and Brent Schroeder – SW 01-17-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$10,500 (motion 2021-10-295)
- Current Assessment: 142 acres (135 pivot, 6 acres outside pivot area)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (135 pivot, 6 outside pivot area)



- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: deduction for the 6 acres has been applied under motion 2021-10-295

2022-04-144 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Isaak & Eileen Schroeder and Brent Schroeder for the nozzles upgrade in SW 01-17-13 W4M purchased for \$5,125. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$10,500 (previous grant) = \$3,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:00 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.

10.02.2.15 Increase – EID Kitsim Project – Sec 17 & N ½ 08-17-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 416 acres under 2 pivots (416 terminable acres converted in 2021)
- Proposal: add booster pump; 34 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 450 acres under 2 pivots
- Notes: soils completed and meet requirements; project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-145 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for the Eastern Irrigation District for 34 infill acres in Sec 17 & N ½ 08-17-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$32,300 (34 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.16 Increase – Peter & Susan Giesbrecht – SW 13-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres (84 irrigation acres plus 50 terminable acres converted in 2005)
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (3 acres added for General Assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 153 acres (137 pivot, 16 corner arm)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-146 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Peter & Susan Giesbrecht for 16 infill acres in SW 13-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,200 (16 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:03 p.m. D. Jacobson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]



10.02.2.17 Increase – Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd (Donald Jacobson and Wallace Jacobson) – SE 16-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 11 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres (134 pivot, 11 corner arm)
- Notes: project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-147 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd for 11 infill acres in SE 16-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$10,450 (11 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:04 p.m. D. Jacobson rejoined the meeting.]

10.02.2.18 Increase – Nancy Takeda – N ½ 11-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 35 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 170 acres (135 pivot, 35 corner arm)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete

2022-04-148 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Nancy Takeda for 35 infill acres in N ½ 11-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$33,250 (35 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.19 Increase – Nancy Takeda – S ½ 11-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 141 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 28 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 169 acres (141 pivot, 28 corner arm)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-149 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Nancy Takeda for 28 infill acres in S ½ 11-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,600 (28 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.20 Increase – Takeda Feeding Co Ltd (Nancy Takeda) – SE 25-18-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 123 acres
- Current Assessment: 98 acres pivot (25 acres transferred out for General Assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 28 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 126 acres (98 pivot, 28 corner arm)
- Notes: project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-150 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Takeda Feeding Co Ltd for 28 infill acres in SE 25-18-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,600 (28 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.21 Increase – Harley Tateson – NE 31 & Pt NW 32-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 155 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres wiper pivot (143 terminable acres converted and 12 terminable acres removed)
- Proposal: install additional tower; 49 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 192 acres (all under wiper pivot)
- Notes: project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-151 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Harley Tateson for 49 infill acres in NE 31 & Pt NW 32-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$46,550 (49 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.22 Increase – Aaron Wiebe and 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe) – NW 35-20-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot (4 acres added for General Assessment)
- Proposal: install corner pivot; 5 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 140 acres (135 acres large pivot, 5 acres small corner pivot)
- Notes: project must be complete by April 30, 2023

2022-04-152 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Aaron Wiebe and 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe) for 5 infill acres in NW 35-20-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,750 (5 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.3 Alternate Parcel Transfers & Acre Transfers**10.02.3.1 Alternate Parcel Transfer – County of Newell to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe**

For the 2022 season, the County of Newell is requesting to transfer 35 irrigation acres from Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe: 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M to infill a wiper pivot and 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M to increase a wiper pivot coverage area. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2022-04-153 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer of 35 irrigation acres from the County of Newell in Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe:

- 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M, and
- 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.3.2 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Burton & Wanda Johnson to Rod & Kimberley Johnson

For the 2022 season, Burton & Wanda Johnson are requesting to transfer 18 irrigation acres from NE 15-19-14 W4M to Rod & Kimberley Johnson in NW 27-19-14 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer; however, it is subject to meeting soils requirements.

2022-04-154 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer of 18 irrigation acres from the Burton & Wanda Johnson in NE 15-19-14 4M to Rod & Kimberley Johnson in NW 27-19-14 W4M; subject to the receiving parcel meeting soils requirements. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.3.3 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Terry Edge, 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson), 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson), & Hutterian Brethren of Lathom to Hutterian Brethren of Lathom

For the 2022 season, Terry Edge, 1717875 Alberta Inc, 1717866 Alberta Inc, and the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom are requesting to transfer a total of 135 irrigation acres to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom for a pivot project in NW 22-19-17 W4M. The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom applied for irrigation development for this parcel; however, the application did not rate in the top 800 acres approved for irrigation. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2022-04-155 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer of:

- **19 irrigation acres from NW 04-20-17 W4M and S ½ 09-20-17 W4M, lands owned by Terry Edge;**
- **20 irrigation acres from SE 15 & NE 22-19-14 W4M, lands owned by 1717875 Alberta Inc;**
- **35 irrigation acres from NW 10-19-14 W4M, lands owned by 1717866 Alberta Inc; and**
- **61 irrigation acres from Sec 13, Sec 22 & Sec 23-20-17 W4M, lands owned by Hutterian Brethren of Lathom;**

to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom in NW 22-19-17 W4M. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.3.4 Alternate Parcel Transfer – 1184989 AB Ltd (Barry Fleming), George Ketchmark and Albert Ketchmark, and John & Teena Ketchmark to John Ketchmark

For the 2022 season, 1184989 Alberta Ltd, George Ketchmark and Albert Ketchmark, and John & Teena Ketchmark are requesting to transfer a total of 44 irrigation acres to John Ketchmark to complete a pivot project without end gun in SW 29-17-16 W4M. Mr. Ketchmark applied for irrigation development for this parcel; however, the application did not rate in the top 800 acres approved for irrigation. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer. The landowner has already secured 80 irrigation acres through annual transfer for the 2022 season (motion 2022-02-086).

2022-04-156 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer of:

- **18 irrigation acres from NW 06-17-15 W4M, lands owned by 1184989 Alberta Ltd;**
- **12 irrigation acres from SW 20-17-16 W4M, lands owned by George Ketchmark and Albert Ketchmark; and**
- **14 irrigation acres from SE 21-17-16 W4M, lands owned by John & Teena Ketchmark;**

to John Ketchmark in SW 29-17-16 W4M. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.3.5 Transfer – 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe) and Martin & Shawna Wiebe to 714296 Alberta Ltd and Martin & Shawna Wiebe

The landowners have requested to transfer 14 irrigation acres between parcels to complete the General Assessment review. Operations has confirmed that there are no issues with the requested transfers.

- 2022-04-157 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the transfer of:**
- **9 irrigation acres from NE 31-21-16 W4M;**
 - **3 irrigation acres from SW 31-21-16 W4M; and**
 - **2 irrigation acres from SW 02-21-16 W4M**
- to:**
- **NW 31-21-16 W4M (8 acres);**
 - **SE 02-21-16 W4M (1 acre); and**
 - **NE 35-20-16 W4M (5 acres);**
- all lands being owned by 714296 Alberta Ltd and Martin & Shawna Wiebe.**
Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:16 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

10.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.03.1 Report on GAC Meeting

The spring Grazing Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 11th. Regular spring topics were addressed such as spring moisture conditions, carryover grass, turn-out dates, maximum listings, and regrass and waterline projects. Regarding maximum listings, the following motion was approved by GAC representatives:

- GAC 22-04 *Moved by Leonard Retzlaff that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to:*
- *reduce the maximum cattle listing for the 2022 grazing season from 75 to 70 head, and*
 - *not penalize Associations or members who choose to delay entrance into the leases.*
- Seconded by Grant Ellefson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

In response to questions, Mr. Volek maintained that the recommended reduction was sufficient and that, if necessary, an earlier round-up date may be implemented. Directors confirmed that for the 2022 grazing season, the District will not invoice a full season of grazing if an association chooses to delay entry into a community lease, clarifying that this is only an option for associations, not one available to individual members.

- 2022-04-158 Moved by T. Hemsing that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2022 grazing season be decreased to 70 for full members, 47 for 2nd year members, and 23 for 1st year members. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In follow up to a motion from the April 2021 GAC Meeting, Associations were advised that the Board of Directors is receptive to funding the capital portion of potential irrigated pasture projects, but not the operating expenses. When asked if the Associations wished to pursue this arrangement, a thorough discussion was held with the following motion being carried:

- GAC 22-05 *Moved by Ty Hemsing that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to proceed with investigating potential parcels for irrigated pasture. Seconded by Daniel Doerksen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Suggestions were heard from GAC representatives to try and locate irrigated pasture pivots on regrass parcels and to consider negotiating grazing crops on the JBS pivots west of Hwy #36. If

ultimately moving forward in this direction, irrigated pasture pivots would likely be developed over an extended period of time.

Mr. Volek responded to a number of questions concerning livestock water and the regrass project.

2022-04-159 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2 JBS Update

[2:39 p.m. – 2:48 p.m. Short break. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

11.0 Rural Water Use Agreements

[3:06 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.02 AIDA Board of Directors Meeting

2022-04-160 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

10.03.2 JBS Update

Direction was given to Admin for a response letter to JBS.

11.0 Rural Water Use Agreements

A pamphlet will be developed for Rural Water Use agreement holders (acreage owners) to differentiate these agreements from irrigation acres, and to inform of what is and what is not permissible under these agreements. It is intended to mail this pamphlet to all agreement holders and to include it with the agreement for each new holder. A draft pamphlet will be brought to the May 25th meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.02 AIDA Board of Directors Meeting

T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson, and I. Friesen attended the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Board Meeting on April 14th in Lethbridge. Pipe supply is expected to become an issue for districts involved in the AIM modernization program. Districts will coordinate over a 5 year period to ensure all projects have timely delivery of the required pipe from the manufacturer. A tour of the St Mary Irrigation District has been scheduled for June 2nd and 3rd.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

12.0 Annual General Meeting



12.01 Review of the March 8, 2022, AGM Draft Minutes

Directors were given the opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 8, 2022, Annual General Meeting. Board consensus was obtained to post the draft AGM minutes to the website as presented.

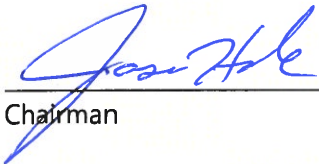
13.0 Newsletter – Draft

A draft spring newsletter was provided to Directors. Final edits will be made to the newsletter, then mailed and posted to the website within a week’s time.

14.0 Upcoming Events

- 14.01 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 25th, 9:00 a.m.
- 14.02 AIDA Tour of St Mary River Irrigation District - June 2nd & 3rd
- 14.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 28th, 9:00 a.m.

B. Schmidt moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:35 p.m.



 Chairman



 General Manager