



February 17, 2022 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 17th day of February 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 & Corp. Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3] <i>[online]</i>	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4] <i>[online]</i>		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6] <i>[online]</i>		
Mr. Tracy Helsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 13.0 Economic Development

2022-02-063 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 27, 2022 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the January 27, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2022-02-064 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the January 27, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Economic Development for Elected Officials

D. Peltzer, T. Helsing, and I. Friesen attended an Economic Development for Elected Officials course on February 3rd at the JBS Canada Centre. This session, presented to local municipalities and organizations, was a high-level outline of the process and fundamentals of economic development. In referencing some key points and local comparisons or situations, the attendees confirmed that it was a beneficial course.

[9:11 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]



5.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet report.

5.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. In response to Directors’ questions, it was confirmed that the fibre mesh test beds in the villages of Duchess and Rosemary have been running steady with very positive results. The mesh will consist of small radios placed on light standards in strategic locations, with a central hybrid fibre/radio backbone of very high gigabit speeds served from the local tower. Customers within each village will share this service, negating the requirement for each customer’s radio to be served directly off the main tower, and providing up to a gigabit speed per customer. Discussions with another ISP deploying the same service in northern Alberta have confirmed their satisfaction with the technology as well. The fibre path for Phase 2 is currently being worked on. As was done in Phase 1, the District will plow in the fibre conduit, however expertise is being explored for the District to also blow in and splice the fibre.

[9:25 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Operations

6.01 Snowpack Report

All 6 sites being monitored for the Bow River continue to track well above the upper quartile.

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering report.

7.01 Project Status

The warmer weather has contributed to a quicker pace for both pipeline crews and the District is on track for completion of all pipeline projects by the beginning of April. Dust mitigation measures have been working well.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- 95% complete
02 Bow Slope	- interim work complete
PIPELINE	
Scott Pipeline	- 55% complete
08-B Springhill	- 20% complete
12 Springhill	- 100% complete
13-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will begin in 2022

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Bow Slope Canal	- 5% complete

7.02 Preliminary Discussion – 03 East Branch

R. Gagley presented the 03 East Branch pipeline synopsis for discussion. A gravity pipeline tying into an existing pressurized line is being proposed to replace 2 current lift pumps and 1 full pressure pump, serving a total of 816 acres. The project would reduce ongoing operating and maintenance costs for the 2 lift stations which are covered 100% by the District, and likely reduce power costs for landowners currently on the pressurized system, were they to switch over to individual pumping units. It is being proposed to install a 4 km pipeline from the south off the East Branch Canal in NE 09-18-16 W4M, running NE parallel to the canal. A number of questions were answered by Staff and Admin. This project will be brought back to the Board next month with additional information and a follow up discussion to obtain confirmation of direction.

7.03 U-04 Tilley Canal

B. Schroeder stated he may have a pecuniary interest in a portion of the U-04 Tilley Canal matter and offered to disconnect from the meeting for discussions and voting. It was acknowledged that direction on this matter would likely not involve Mr. Schroeder's land and he was permitted to stay in the meeting. J. Kabut presented the U-04 Tilley Canal synopsis, located approximately 7 km south of Tilley. The canal had not been used for some time and was inadvertently pushed in by a landowner several years ago. Affected landowners to the west, who have irrigation assessment, are now asking that their acres be served. 3 options were investigated: 1) re-establish the 800 m canal at an estimated cost of \$58,000; 2) install an 800 m closed gravity pipeline of 30" pipe at an estimated cost of \$453,000; or 3) install a 3 km closed gravity pipeline which would pick up acres off 3 systems, supplying 586 acres, at an estimated cost of \$1,033,000. It was recommended to not pipeline these systems until 2 quarters have converted from flood to pivot as pipelining through a land levelled field is difficult to reclaim. A discussion was held, and a number of questions were answered by Staff and Admin.

2022-02-065 Moved by D. Peltzer that the 800 m U-04 canal be re-established at an estimated cost of \$58,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:12 a.m. – 10:19 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and D. Buell entered.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

8.01.1 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

Subsequent to the January 27th Board Meeting, during which revisions to the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy were reviewed, 2 further revisions were presented for discussion. It was recommended to correct the "\$1.00/acre" to "\$1.00" in clause 2.05; and to remove the last sentence in clause 2.08 referencing the next calendar year, as the policy takes effect upon approval. Neither of these corrections affect the original intent of the policy. It was further explained that titled right-of-way still exists today from the original CPR ownership of the irrigation infrastructure, which is different from temporary construction easements or permanent easements that are typically signed by agreement with landowners.

2022-02-066 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – Dick Dick – Drain ROW, SW 36-17-14 W4M

Dick Dick has been approved for irrigation development in SW 36-17-14 W4M and has submitted a request to purchase 6.2 acres of titled drain ROW. The lands were originally part of the District's drainage system; however, the drain is no longer located within the ROW. Transferring the ROW to Mr. Dick as owner of the quarter section falls within the guidelines of the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy. A number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin.

2022-02-067 Moved by R. Owen that the 6.2 acre ROW in SW 36-17-14 W4M be transferred to Dick Dick for \$1.00, subject to the purchaser being responsible for all costs including but not limited to survey, legal, subdivision, consolidation, soils testing, and capital asset fees. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.3 Request to Purchase Land – Don Wolfer – PGL #7121, Pt SE 34-17-13 W4M

Don Wolfer has submitted a request to purchase Private Grazing Lease #7121, lying to the north of his quarter section, in Pt SE 34-17-13 W4M. This is a 52 acre PGL, set to expire at the end of 2023. It is being recommended to not sell the parcel as this PGL is part of a number of grazing leases currently being reviewed by the Board as to direction upon expiry. A number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin; the request to purchase was denied.

8.01.4 Land Use Permits – Gravel & Sand Stockpile Sites ML #8153 & #8154

Miscellaneous Leases #8153 and #8154 are Land Use Permits held by the County of Newell as gravel and sand stockpile sites; both agreements expire at the end of 2021. #8153 is 2.4 acres, located at the NE intersection of Hwy #1 and Sec Hwy 876; it has been leased to the County since 1985. #8154 is 11 acres, located in NW 11-16-13 W4M, and has been leased to the County since 2007. The County has requested to renew the agreements for an additional 5 year term.

2022-02-068 Moved by D. Jacobson that Miscellaneous Leases #8153 and #8154 each be renewed with the County of Newell for an additional 5-year term, at an annual rent of \$350/year. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

D. Buell presented the following Habitat, Wildlife & Access report.

8.02.1 2021 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2021 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented and discussed with Mr. Buell, outlined as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 569 individuals applied for hunting permission, by phone or email, which is by far the highest number on record, yet only accounts for approximately 1/3 of all hunters utilizing EID lands
 - 15 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands, which is average for the last 5 years
 - lands around Lake Newell Reservoir, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir decreased to normal or minimal levels of random camping and other non-compliance activities

- semi-regular OHV activity continued in the Eyremore Grazing Association
- highest use areas for hunting are Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) GAs, then Newell GA (Scandia Ranch) Patricia GA (Princess)
- County Peace Officers focus their patrolling for the EID:
 - in the summer at EID campgrounds, around reservoirs, & Eyremore gravel pit
 - during the hunting season in Rosemary (south block), Patricia (south of Dinosaur Provincial Park), and Duchess (Sandhills) GAs, and Finnegan Field
 - during the winter, on lands with late elk seasons, and on reservoirs with high ice fishing activity
 - on 2 private grazing leases in the 12 Mile Coulee area experiencing groups of trespassers
- the EID pays for approximately 25 hours/month of CPO's time to patrol EID lands and campgrounds and enforce EID access rules; this is very beneficial to the EID as a marked enforcement presence is more effective at ensuring public compliance with EID access rules
- provincial staffing cuts resulted in Conservation Officers shifting to Cypress Hills Provincial Park and a significant reduction in time spent patrolling EID lands adjacent to Dinosaur Provincial Park and Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, and patrol the entire EID
- central and eastern portions of the EID also see RCMP surveillance
- 31 warnings/non-compliance information tickets were issued, mostly for failure to participate in the EID AIS Prevention Program and/or launching watercraft where prohibited, as well as for driving off trail, random camping, and OHV use
- CPOs provided significant assistance with the AIS Prevention Program providing an official presence, helping educate, issuing warnings, and responding as backup
- CPOs maintained traffic enforcement levels at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, inspected 5 watercraft and found 14 violations, educated the public concerning mandatory written permission for hunting on EID lands, and responded to a collision at RHRC, garbage dumping, mischief to fences, fire ban concerns, etc.
- it is anticipated that the automated Hunting Access Authorization system via the redesigned District website will be operational by this summer
- Research Access:
 - the Calgary Zoo continued to monitor known nests and survey for new nests of Burrowing Owls
 - the University of Manitoba renewed its research project of looking at the effects of shallow gas and oil development on prairie birds, mostly in the Tilley, Bantry and Rolling Hills grazing association areas
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - a total of 23,225 ac ft of water was conveyed for DU projects, $\frac{3}{4}$ of their license, but expected given how dry 2021 was
- Wildlife:
 - the Fisheries & Wildlife Management Information System data has been filtered down to relevant species and locations on EID lands; ground truthing will begin this spring; and the resulting data will ultimately be incorporated as one of the District's GIS mapping layers

8.02.2 2021 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary

The Partners in Habitat Development Program Summary was presented and discussed, outlined as follows:

- 2021 PHD Program:
 - 5,348 trees & shrubs were planted on 4 new sites; 1 site received 1,000 m of fencing materials to prevent livestock access
 - 2,861 replacements were planted on six 2020 sites to replace winter kill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 10 sites
 - seedling survival was about 68%, long term average is 74%; watering issues at the largest planting site affected the overall average
 - a minimum team of 4 summer students were hired
 - stronger than expected weed growth later in summer kept summer students occupied and they were unable to conduct any drive-by inspections of previous sites
 - snowpack in the EID in 2021 was insufficient to complete any winter upland gamebird surveys
 - sharp-tailed grouse lek surveys indicated below the 20-year average but not unexpected given the cyclical nature of their populations, the early season counts, and the identification of previously uncounted leks
 - time and budget constraints prevented the completion of any spring Pheasant crowing count transects or upland gamebird brood survey transects
 - 2021 was a good year for Pheasants and Partridge owing to a lack of spring rains and high grasshopper population
- 2022 PHD Program:
 - 5 new planting sites have been selected for 2022
 - 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides will be hired, with a potential 5th aide conditional on funding from the Canada Summer Jobs grant program
 - prairie drought conditions have increased seedling prices and decreased availability; 10,852 seedlings (bare root/soil plug) were ordered (approximately 9,100 going to new habitat) and approximately 1,750 for 2021 replacements; 120 rolls of mulch and 35 boxes of landscape staples were ordered, and 2.2 km of fencing materials will be provided
- 2022 Budget:
 - \$156,000 is allotted for staffing and supplies, of which the EID provides \$115,000 of core funding; the balance being applied for through various grant applications
- Advertising:
 - the number of water users interested in planting sites has extended planning potential sites through to 2025 or 2026
 - word of mouth, District website, and newsletters are used to advertise
- Long Term Plans:
 - as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options will be investigated for seedlings
 - as time and IS staffing permit, statistics will be collected, and mapping overlays generated to potentially establish PHD sites and Ring-neck Pheasant numbers
 - new displays will be created, and additional fundraising opportunities explored

[10:57 a.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]



8.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

8.03.1.1 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	< 8,932 >
To be Completed	< 60,623 >
Require Approval	< 0 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through January (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< 173,658 >
February (<i>require approval</i>)	47,757
Total Budget Remaining	\$ 709,030

*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$174,094.

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*)

8.03.1.2 Panel & Nozzles – Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd (Patrick Hourigan & Elsie Lundquist) – NW 10-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 104 acres
- Current Assessment: 107 acres (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 107 acres (85 pivot, 22 outside pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-069 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NW 10-15-13 W4M purchased for \$18,984. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$8,500 (85 acres x \$100/acre) – \$11,000 (22 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.3 Panel & Nozzles – Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd (Patrick Hourigan & Elsie Lundquist) – NW 11-15-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 149 acres (141 corner arm pivot, 8 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres (141 corner arm pivot, 8 outside pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding



2022-02-070 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NW 11-15-13 W4M purchased for \$16,525. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$14,100 (141 acres x \$100/acre) – \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$10,100. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.4 Panel & Nozzles – Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd (Patrick Hourigan & Elsie Lundquist) – SE 15-15-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 129 acres (117 corner arm pivot, 12 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 129 acres (117 corner arm pivot, 12 outside pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-071 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in SE 15-15-13 W4M purchased for \$26,540. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$11,700 (117 acres x \$100/acre) – \$6,000 (12 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.5 Panel & Nozzles – Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd (Patrick Hourigan & Elsie Lundquist) – SW 15-15-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 151 acres (134 pivot, 17 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 151 acres (134 pivot, 17 outside pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-072 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in SW 15-15-13 W4M purchased for \$26,540. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) – \$8,500 (17 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,900. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.6 Nozzles – Alfred & Nancy Klassen – NW 26-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres (127 pivot, 7 acres pivot to the SW)
- Previous Grant: \$11,754 (motion 2021-01-032)
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (4 acres added to pivot for general assessment)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (131 pivot, 7 acres pivot to the SW)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-073 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Alfred & Nancy Klassen for the nozzles upgrade in NW 26-22-17 W4M purchased for \$1,740. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) – \$11,754 (previous grant) = \$946. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.03.1.7 Pump – Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Dwayne & Teresa Klassen
– E ½ 27 & Pt W ½ 26-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 211 acres (207 irrigation acres and 4 term acres), then 271 acres (acres added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$16,053 (motion 2018-01-041)
- Current Assessment: 261 acres (10 acres moved for general assessment)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 261 acres, all under corner arm pivot (NW 7, SW 61, SE 144, NE 49)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-074 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Dwayne & Teresa Klassen for the pump upgrade in E ½ 27 & Pt W ½ 26-22-17 W4M purchased for \$6,280. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$20,700 (207 acres x \$100/acre) – \$16,053 (previous grant) = \$4,647. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.8 Nozzles – Alfred & Nancy Klassen – NE 26-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres
- Previous Grant: \$12,604 (motion 2021-01-042)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (2 acres added through farm improvement)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-075 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Alfred & Nancy Klassen for the nozzles upgrade in NE 26-22-17 W4M purchased for \$1,572. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) – \$12,604 (previous grant) = \$696. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.9 Pump & Nozzles – West Gem Ranching Ltd (Dwayne & Teresa Klassen and Greg & Rosemarie Klassen – SW 28-21-17 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$1,732 (motion 2018-02-105)
- Current Assessment: 132 acres pivot
- Installing: pump & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot

2022-02-076 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Greg & Rosemarie Klassen for the pump and nozzles upgrade in SW 28-21-17 W4M purchased for \$11,438. The Farm Improvement Grant available and to the landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) – \$1,732 (previous grant) = \$11,468; with the payable amount being \$11,438. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.10 Nozzles – Greg & Rosemarie Klassen – SE & Pt NE 35-22-17 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$1,150 (motion 2005-12-248) method conversion
\$1,732 (motion 2018-02-104) panel
\$6,215 (motion 2021-01-033) nozzles

- Previous Assessment: 96 acres
- Current Assessment: 97 acres wiper pivot (1 acre added through general assessment)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 97 acres, all under wiper pivot

2022-02-077 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Greg & Rosemarie Klassen for the nozzles upgrade in SE & Pt NE 35-22-17 W4M purchased for \$1,079. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$9,600 (96 acres x \$100/acre) – \$9,097 (previous grants) = \$503. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.11 Pump – William (Bill) Martin – S ½ 04-21-14 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$294 (motion 2016-06-153)
\$12,619 (motion 2018-10-409)
- Previous Assessment: 167 acres
- Current Assessment: 175 acres (8 acres purchased in 2016)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 175 acres (150 corner arm pivot, 25 wiper pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-02-078 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for William (Bill) Martin for the pump upgrade in S ½ 04-21-14 W4M purchased for \$12,648. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$15,000 (150 acres x \$100/acre) – \$12,913 (previous grants) = \$2,087. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.12 Panel – Sereda Farms Ltd (Kent Sereda & Ron Sereda) – SW 03-15-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 122 acres (111 wiper pivot, 11 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 122 acres (111 wiper pivot, 11 outside)

2022-02-079 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Sereda Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 03-15-13 W4M purchased for \$10,870. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$11,100 (111 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$10,870 – \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,370. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.13 Panel – Kent Sereda – SE 04-15-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 143 acres (134 pivot, 9 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (134 pivot, 9 outside)

2022-02-080 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kent Sereda for the panel upgrade in SE 04-15-13 W4M purchased for \$5,870. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$5,870 – \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,370. Seconded by T. Hemsing. 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.

8.03.1.14 Increase – Folkert Farms Ltd (Arthur & Mary Folkerts) – NE 29 & SE 32-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 128 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (3 acres added through general assessment)
- Proposal: install corner arm; 16 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by February 28, 2023

2022-02-081 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Folkert Farms Ltd for 16 infill acres in NE 29 & SE 32-17-13 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$15,200 (16 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.15 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SE 12-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0
- Current Assessment: 120 acres (added through section pivot irrigation development)
- Proposal: switch to quarter section corner arm pivot; 33 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 153 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by February 28, 2023

2022-02-082 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 33 infill acres in SE 12-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$31,350 (33 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.16 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – NE 12-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0
- Current Assessment: 120 acres (added through section pivot irrigation development)
- Proposal: switch to quarter section corner arm pivot; 22 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 142 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by February 28, 2023

2022-02-083 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 33 infill acres in NE 12-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$20,900 (22 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



8.03.1.17 Increase – Donovan Stenger – SW 28-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 51 acres
- Current Assessment: 60 acres wiper pivot (9 efficiency acres added)
- Proposal: add corner wiper pivot; 6 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 66 acres, all under pivot (60 large wiper, 6 small wiper)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be complete by February 28, 2023

2022-02-084 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Donovan Stenger for 6 infill acres in SW 28-15-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$5,700 (6 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.18 Increase – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0
- Current Assessment: 112 acres (added through irrigation development in 2014)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 33 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; subject to signing an agreement and remaining at 2.4 cfs or less; project must be complete by February 28, 2023

2022-02-085 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Justin Tateson for 33 infill acres in NW 04-15-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements and subject to signing an agreement and remaining at 2.4 cfs or less. The capital assets charge is \$31,350 (33 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.2 Alternate Parcel Transfers

8.03.2.1 John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark – SW 29-17-16 W4M

For the 2022 irrigation season, John Miller is requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 29-17-16 W4M for a wiper pivot on a dry parcel. Mr. Ketchmark applied for irrigation development in SW 29 however the application did not rate in the top 800 acres approved for irrigation. Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2022-02-086 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 29-17-16 W4M. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.2.2 Thomas & Tammie Parker – NW 31-21-15 W4M to SE 06-22-15 W4M

For the 2022 irrigation season, Thomas & Tammie Parker are requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 37 acres from 2 small pivots in NW 31-21-15 W4M to a wiper pivot in SE 06-22-15 W4M. The Landowners were approved for irrigation development on SE 06-22-15 W4M but have opted to request the alternate parcel transfer. Operations has no concerns with the transfer; however, the 2 small originating pivots will not be allowed to receive water during the alternate transfer to SE 06.



2022-02-087 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer of 37 irrigation acres from Thomas & Tammie Parker in NW 31-21-15 W4M to Thomas Parker in SE 06-22-15 W4M. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-02-088 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.3 Review of Terminable Acres

[11:37 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

9.0 Pecuniary Interest Update

[12:14 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek and N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands cont'd

8.04 Grazing

8.04.1 Long Term (15 Year) Private Grazing Leases – Renewal Options

[1:43 p.m. R. Volek and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.0 Annual General Meeting

11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

12.0 AIDA

13.0 Economic Development

2022-02-089 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

8.03.3 Review of Terminable Acres

With a general review of the latest flyover in progress, a discussion was introduced concerning the District’s remaining terminable acres. The limitations of terminable acres vs irrigation acres were discussed, as well as various parcel circumstances which would or would not enable a conversion to secured irrigation acres. The conversation on direction from the Board, if any, may be extended at a later date. In the meantime, it was deemed beneficial to remind landowners of the status of terminable acres and their constraints.



9.0 Pecuniary Interest Update

T. Hemsing has declared a pecuniary interest in regard to the upcoming 15 year Private Grazing Lease renewal decision to be made by the Board. He will not be able to vote on the matter but can participate in general Board discussions.

8.0 Lands cont'd

8.04 Grazing

8.04.1 Long Term (15 Year) Private Grazing Leases – Renewal Options

A general history of leasing Private Grazing Leases, renewal options offered in 2008, data spreadsheet, maps, potential development, and proposed options for direction of PGLs expiring December 31, 2023, were first reviewed at the Corporate Planning session in January, and again at this meeting. As additional information for Directors, an explanation and history of the PGL fees calculation (convenience factor plus carrying capacity factor) will be provided at the next Board Meeting. A public meeting in fall is being considered to receive water user feedback on direction for the PGLs expiring. It is anticipated that the Board would then make a decision on direction in the winter months. To allow for the investigation of some future irrigation development, it was authorized to test soils in 25 quarters (short term and 15 year PGLs) to determine irrigation suitability, then review with Engineering for development potential. All parcels to be tested are under reservoir support and it was reconfirmed that the District would strategize development to not affect the demand for new irrigation acres from the water users.

10.0 Annual General Meeting

I. Friesen's General Manager presentation for the AGM will be reviewed again at the March 7th meeting for further input.

11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

Direction was confirmed for Admin.

12.0 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association

T. Hemsing updated the Board regarding a number of AIDA matters.

13.0 Economic Development

In connection with economic development discussions, the District has entered a land lease agreement with a third party for the development of a solar project. Lands are located within the Tilley division. Regulatory approvals have yet to be obtained.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

14.0 Letter from The Kinsmen Club of Brooks

A letter addressed to the County of Newell, City of Brooks, and Eastern Irrigation District was received from The Kinsmen Club of Brooks advising of the mutually agreed transfer of designated rodeo grounds assets and rodeo event responsibilities from the Kinsmen to the Silver Sage Agricultural Society. This letter was received as information. The land encompassing the Silver Sage Agricultural Society Agribition Park has been leased to the SSAS as the umbrella organization

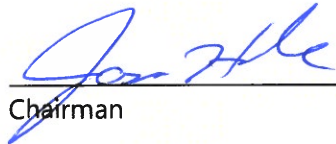


since the Park's inception. The Kinsmen Club of Brooks has grown and managed the rodeo and related events for over the last 60 years.

15.0 Upcoming Events

- 15.01 Provincial Gov't Budget Presentation - Thursday, February 24th, Edmonton [J. Hale]
- 15.02 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 7th, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.03 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 8th, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 15.04 Nominations Close – Div 2, 4, 7 - Wednesday, March 9th, 5:00 p.m.
- 15.05 Election *[if necessary]* - Tuesday, April 12th
- 15.06 Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs - Tuesday, April 26th, 9:00 a.m.

T. Hensing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:51 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager