



January 27, 2022 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of January 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]	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]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Meeting with Molson Breweries Representative
- 4.02 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee
- 4.03 Rosemary Drainage Project
- 11.0 Questions Regarding Directors’ Pecuniary Interests

2022-01-001 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 December 21, 2021 Regular Directors Meeting

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

2022-01-002 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the December 21, 2021, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Meeting with Molson Brewery Representative

On January 12th J. Hale met with a Molson Brewery representative regarding malt barley production in the area. General District information, the passed plebiscite, and irrigation expansion were explained. A follow up meeting with a second representative is anticipated.



4.02 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee

T. Hemsing attended an ERT Pathway Committee meeting January 14th. Project planning, fundraising, and design continues. A request for proposals was posted and evaluations of proposals received will occur in February, with the selected plan to be awarded in early March. Key fundraising and project participants were mentioned; a firm commitment from the EID in the form of a memorandum of understanding or draft agreement is not required until the pathway project plans are complete.

4.03 Rosemary Drainage Project

D. Peltzer and R. Gagley toured the drainage project in the Rosemary area earlier in the month, and in particular parcels affected by the County’s requirement for landowners to sign off on a 5m ROW. As follow up from the Joint City/County/EID Meeting held in December, I. Friesen will speak with the County.

[9:19 a.m. Ed Chapman and J. Latrace entered the meeting.]

9:19 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2020/2021 Year End Statements

Mr. Hale welcomed Ed Chapman, CPA, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants to the meeting. Mr. Chapman extended sincere appreciation to the staff for their cooperation, clarification, and assistance with the audit, especially since due to restrictions the audit team again worked offsite more than usual. A broad explanation of the audit process was given to Directors, noting that even though staffing was assigned differently, internal controls and practices were continuous. Mr. Chapman summarized the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations & Changes in Fund Balances, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements. It was reported that the District’s financial records were found to be in order, with all inspected records to have been presented fairly, with no concerns regarding internal controls or practices. A Director requested to include annual amounts in the report for District land sales and land purchases. Information in this regard is tracked and will be included in future Annual Report Books either as an additional line item, note, or comment in the report.

2022-01-003 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Independent Auditor’s Report be accepted and that the District’s audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2021, be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In support of the Audit Report, the Audit Findings, Management Responsibility, and Client Representation letters were presented and reviewed.

2022-01-004 Moved by B. Schroeder that the audit findings letter dated January 27, 2022, be accepted, executed and returned to the auditor. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Chapman was thanked for the thorough work done on the audit. Mr. Chapman offered the availability to meet with the Board during the audit process, or at any other time.

[10:07 a.m. E. Chapman exited the meeting.]



5.0 Financial Report

J. Latrace presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2021

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2021 was \$2,675,136 or 2.4% less than the book value at September 30, 2021. The decrease in cash is due mainly to capital purchases and timing of oil and gas receipts.

1 st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$2,160,000
Bassano Dam / Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-

2022-01-005 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2021, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2021

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

2022-01-006 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2021, as presented. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 Financial Statements to December 31, 2021

The financial statements to December 31, 2021, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$11.35 million and are showing over YTD budget. Oil & Gas, EIDNet, and Powerlines are ahead of the budget while remaining revenues are below the budget, as expected.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.25 million and are well below YTD budget, which is expected at this time of year.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.1 million.

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

2022-01-007 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2021, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:31 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Short break; J. Latrace exited the meeting.]

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

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

6.01 2022 Remuneration Bylaw #956

The Remuneration Bylaw was presented for annual review, with the mileage rate being proposed to increase from \$.59 to \$.62. Directors opted to not increase per diems nor meal allowances and



confirmed that they are to continue tracking the time meeting with water users, attending meetings and events, touring projects with staff, etc., and claim accordingly.

2022-01-008 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #956 (2022), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-009 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #956 (2022) the second time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-010 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #956 (2022) this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-011 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #956 (2022), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.02 2022 Rates Bylaw #957

The 2022 Rate Bylaw was presented for review. Except for new supplemental water delivery surcharges, the rates remain unchanged from last year. This year’s bylaw includes new supplemental water delivery surcharges for deliveries of water up to an additional 4” in excess of the current 24” maximum in order for an irrigator to complete irrigating his/her crop for the irrigation season and as referenced in the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw. The new water delivery surcharges are as follows:

- \$20/inch/acre for initial 1 inch of water
- \$30/inch/acre for the 2nd inch of water
- \$40/inch/acre for the 3rd inch of water
- \$80/inch/acre for the 4th inch of water.

2022-01-012 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #957 (2022), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following changes to the proposed bylaw were approved to allow the bylaw to stand without having to make corresponding future administrative bylaw revisions in the event there are simply changes made to the 24” annual water delivery maximum expressly referenced within the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw.

2022-01-013 Moved by D. Peltzer that section 10.0 of Bylaw #957 (2022) be revised by replacing “24 inches of water” with:

- **“the District’s maximum amount of water per irrigation season per acre that may be delivered by the District as set out in the District’s bylaw governing the maximum amount of water that may be delivered by the District,”**

and replacing “24 inches” with:

- **“the District’s maximum”.**

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-014 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board read and approve revised Bylaw #957 (2022) the second time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2022-01-015 Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to revised Bylaw #957 (2022) this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-016 Moved by T. Hemsing that revised Bylaw #957 (2022), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Annual Agreement Rates, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount, and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2022 Rates Bylaw can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

6.03 2022 Fees Bylaw #958

The 2022 Fees Bylaw was presented for review. The Bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water. Depending on the type of water conveyance or agreement, the fees are either based on a percentage of this cost or will have a flat fee assigned and may include charges for additional water over a typical set amount. For 2022, the fees are generally increasing approximately 2.5% over last year. The changes in the fees reflect the cost increases associated with operating and maintaining the water delivery system.

2022-01-017 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #958 (2022), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-018 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board read and approve Bylaw #958 (2022) the second time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-019 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #958 (2022) this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-020 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #958 (2022), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements, and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2022 Fees Bylaw can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website.

6.04 Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959

The Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw was presented for review. The Bylaw allows the District to govern the amounts of water which may be delivered for irrigation purposes and for any other purpose. The proposed new bylaw includes an additional clause and a note in the drought plan guidelines to accommodate supplemental water deliveries of up to 4" of water in excess of the annual maximum delivery in order to help an irrigator complete irrigating his/her crop for the irrigation season. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

2022-01-021 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #959 (2022), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2022-01-022 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #959 (2022) the second time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-023 Moved by B. Schroeder that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #959 (2022) this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-024 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #959 (2022), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Govern the Maximum Amount of Water that may be Delivered for Irrigation Purposes and for any Other Purpose, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw can be viewed in its entirety on the District’s website.

[11:07 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

7.0 EIDNet

7.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Splicing and testing of the fibre for the Phase 1 project has been completed and the fibre is live. The moratorium for upgrades and new installs in the Rosemary and Duchess areas has been lifted and customers are being contacted. Testing for the fibre mesh pilots continues in the villages of Rosemary and Duchess, with very positive results.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to December 31, 2021	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	44
Residential Accounts	1,699
Business Accounts	48
EID Automation	5
Total	1,796

[11:15 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach, and B. Kroschel entered.]

8.0 Operations

8.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Friesen identified the status of the various snowpack pillows that are monitored and feed the Bow River (Skoki, Sunshine, Three Isle Lake, Little Elbow, Mount Odlum, and Lost). All sites are currently tracking well above the upper quartile.

9.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering report.

9.01 Project Status

Originally the northern crew was to start the installation of the 12 Springhill project on January 4th; unfortunately, because of the extreme cold neither of the crews were able to work. Work recommenced January 7th and has been progressing well.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- 50% complete
02 Bow Slope	- interim work complete
PIPELINE	
Scott Pipeline	- 35% complete
08-B Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will begin in 2022
12 Springhill	- 40% complete
13-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will begin in 2022
IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Bow Slope Canal	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed

9.02 Preliminary Project Discussion – 16 Springhill Pipeline

J. Kabut presented a high-level synopsis of the 16 Springhill Pipeline rehab project. The project is located at the NW end of Rock Lake Reservoir, and it is being proposed to install a 13.7 km gravity pipeline to come off the Springhill Canal, pick up existing deliveries, and tie into the existing 14, 15, and 16 Springhill systems. The main section of the pipeline would consist of twin 60” pipes for the first half of the pipeline, then merging into a single 60” line, serving 7,206 acres. The purpose of the rehabilitation is to retain spill in the reservoir, eliminate a check structure, and discontinue the practice of dragging and chemically treating the canal. Increased costs for pipe and materials now have the project estimated at \$18,000,000. A number of questions were answered by Staff and Admin. This project will be brought back to the Board within the next month or two for a follow up discussion to get confirmation of direction.

9.03 Preliminary Project Discussion – Secondary C North Branch Pipeline

J. Kabut presented a high-level synopsis of the Secondary C North Branch Pipeline project, located at the south end of Crawling Valley Reservoir. A proposed 6.3 km pipeline would pick up existing deliveries off the North Branch Canal and tie into the Secondary C North Branch pipeline. Twin 60” pipe would be installed for the first half of the project, merging into a single 60” line, supplying 7,539 acres. The purpose of the rehabilitation is to retain spill in the reservoir, eliminate 2 check structures, and eliminate a rock weir. Increased costs for pipe and materials now have the project estimated at \$12,000,000. A number of questions were answered by Staff and Admin. This project will be brought back to the Board within the next month or two for a follow up discussion to get confirmation of direction.

9.04 Preliminary Project Discussion – One Tree Pipeline

R. Summach presented a high-level synopsis of the One Tree Pipeline project, beginning at the north end of the One Tree Reservoir and ending south of Millicent. It is being proposed to install a 10.2 km pipeline, tying into numerous existing laterals. Twin 54" pipe will begin the project, with the line west of the road running approximately 2/3 of the project, and the line east of the road running the full length of the project. The purpose of the rehabilitation is to eliminate spill, 7 structures, 7 screen cleaners, and the necessity to chemically treat the canal. Increased costs for pipe and materials now have the project estimated at \$19,000,000. A number of questions were answered by Staff and Admin. This project will be brought back to the Board within the next month or two for a follow up discussion to get confirmation of direction.

[12:02 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break; J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

9.05 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #960

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was presented for review with added clarity and a proposal to decrease the irrigation works cost-share percentage to be similar to other District cost-share grants available to water users. Capital asset charges remain unchanged from the previous bylaw. The proposed revisions were discussed by Directors.

2022-01-025 Moved by D. Peltzer that for proposed Bylaw #960 (2022), the values for clause 5.0(b) be completed to read:

- **"...50% of the cost of eligible irrigation works to a maximum value equal to 10% of the applicable capital assets charge...";**

and that Bylaw #960 (2022), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-026 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board read and approve Bylaw #960 (2022) the second time this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-027 Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #960 (2022) this 27th day of January 2022. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-028 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #960 (2022), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw can be viewed in its entirety on the District's website. The decreased cost-share will apply to irrigation development applications that have yet to be approved; applications already approved will continue under the past bylaw.

9.06 Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy

The Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy aids in the evaluation of converting terminable acres to irrigation acres and allows for a cost-share with the District for the required infrastructure. A revised Policy was presented for review that decreases the infrastructure cost-share percentage to be similar to other District cost-share grants.



2022-01-029 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.07 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy applies to landowners affected by District rehab projects and allows for grants to those that improve their method of irrigation to pivot, or to those that change the location of their delivery, and it saves the District money or improves the landowner’s farm operations. Clarity was added to the policy that a grant request must be submitted while the rehab project is still in the design stage.

2022-01-030 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy can be viewed in its entirety on the District’s website.

9.08 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

The Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy is a comprehensive policy which establishes guidelines for design and construction. Revisions to this policy were to increase the costs for additional farm turnouts, add clarity that additional Rural Water Use or Household turnouts are at the full cost to the landowner, and increase some amounts payable to landowners for construction and permanent easements.

2022-01-031 Moved by R. Owen that the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:01 p.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

9.09 Farm Improvement Policy

The Farm Improvement Policy addresses on-farm developments that improve the irrigation farm operation and improves the District’s infrastructure or saves a significant amount of water. Wording clarity was proposed and discussed concerning acres ineligible for grants and providing and hauling backfill material for pivot crossings. In addition, the maximum District contribution cost-share amount in section 10.0 for on-farm work to accommodate more efficient irrigation was increased to \$15,000.

2022-01-032 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Farm Improvement Policy can be viewed in its entirety on the District’s website.

[1:17 p.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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



10.01.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2021

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to December 31, 2021					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
October 1, 2021	306,119	3,553	0	117	309,789
December 31, 2021	306,152	3,553	0	117	309,822
Net increase	33	< 0 >	< 0 >	0	33
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)					33
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to December 31, 2021		
	1st Quarter [Oct-Nov-Dec]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$28,100	\$2,831,650
Terminable Acre Conversions	0	0
Annual Agreements	0	0
5R Soil Agreements	0	51,500
Totals	\$28,100	\$2,883,150

10.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.01.2.1 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	< 8,932 >
To be Completed	< 41,068 >
Require Approval	< 19,555 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through December (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< 80,037 >
January (<i>require approval</i>)	93,621
Total Budget Remaining	\$ 756,787

*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$88,969.

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.*)

10.01.2.2 Dugout Infill – Dennis & Ella Endersby – NW 16-19-13 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to infill a dugout to accommodate a corner arm pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$10,150 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel.

2022-01-033 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis & Ella Endersby for the infill of a dugout to accommodate a corner arm pivot in NW 16-19-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$10,150; of which the Landowner’s share is \$5,075. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.3 Dugout & Drain Infill – Gregory & Kathelynn Drake – SE 15-20-14 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to infill a drain and 2 dugouts to accommodate a wiper pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$17,516 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel.

2022-01-034 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gregory & Kathelynn Drake for the infill of a drain and 2 dugouts to accommodate a wiper pivot in SE 15-20-14 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$17,516; of which the Landowner’s share is \$8,758. Seconded by T. Hensing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

10.01.2.4 Flood to Pivot – Charles & Wynona Hansen – S ½ 07-19-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$3,346 (motion 2005-12-246)
- Current Assessment: 183 acres (171 wiper pivot, 12 flood)
- Converting: 12 acres flood to wiper pivot (15 acre pivot with 3 acre overlap)
- Assessment remains the same at 183 acres, all under pivot

2022-01-035 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles & Wynona Hansen for the conversion of 12 acres flood to wiper pivot in S ½ 07-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$18,300 (183 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,346 (previous grant); with the payable amount being \$1,200 (12 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-036 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$200/acre applied in December 2005 to 9 acres in S ½ 07-19-13 W4M be returned to Charles & Wynona Hansen for 9 new efficiencies; 9 acres x \$200/acre = \$1,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.5 Flood to Corner Arm – Charles & Wynona Hansen – NE 19-19-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 141 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 148 acres flood (7 acres added for general assessment)

- Converting: 16 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 10 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (122 pivot, 16 corner arm, 10 outside)

2022-01-037 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles & Wynona Hansen for the conversion of 16 acres flood to corner arm in NE 19-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,100 (141 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,200. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

10.01.2.6 Panel – Blue Rock Ranching Ltd (Sharon Pickett) – NE 36-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Previous Grant: \$2,049 (motion 217-12-2002)
- Current Assessment: 132 acres (2 acres added through General Assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-01-038 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Blue Rock Ranching Ltd for the panel upgrade in NE 36-22-17 W4M purchased for \$12,744. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,049 (previous grant) = \$10,951. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-039 Moved by B. Schroeder that the deduction of \$200/acre applied in December 2002 to 8 acres in NE 36-22-17 W4M be returned to Blue Rock Ranching for 8 new efficiencies; 8 acres x \$200/acre = \$1,600. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.7 Transfer – Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) – NW 24 & NW 25-14-14 to SW 29 & SE 31-14-13 W4M

The landowner has requested to transfer 8 irrigation acres to 2 quarter sections to accommodate replacement pivots with corner arm additions. Operations has confirmed that there are no issues with the requested transfer.

2022-01-040 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of:

- 1 irrigation acre from NW 24-14-14 W4M, and
- 7 irrigation acres from NW 25-14-14 W4M;

to:

- SE 31-14-13 W4M (3 acres), and
- SW 29-14-13 W4M (5 acres);

all lands being owned by Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

10.01.2.8 Pivot Replacement with Corner Arm – Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) – NW 24-14-14

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres
- Current Assessment: 141 acres (1 acre transferred to SE 31-14-13 W4M, 2022-01-039)
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres, all under pivot (126 pivot, 15 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-01-041 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd for the pivot replacement with corner arm in NW 24-14-14 W4M purchased for \$176,583. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre) + \$10,500 (15 acres x \$700/acre) = \$23,100. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.9 Pivot Replacement with Corner Arm – Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker) – SE 31-14-13

- Previous Assessment: 148 acres
- Current Assessment: 151 acres (3 acres transferred in, motion 2022-01-039)
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 151 acres, all under pivot (138 pivot, 13 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-01-042 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd for the pivot replacement with corner arm in SE 31-14-13 W4M purchased for \$153,610. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,100 (15 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,900. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- Previous Assessment: 150 acres
- Current Assessment: 153 acres (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel & nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 153 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-01-043 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ed J Lundquist Farms Ltd for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NE 10-15-13 W4M purchased for \$19,100. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$15,000 (150 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.11 Panel – Ronald Sereda – NE 33-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres
- Current Assessment: 150 acres (19 acres added through irrigation development)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 150 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2022-01-044 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ronald Sereda for the panel upgrade in NE 33-14-13 W4M purchased for \$10,870. The Farm Improvement



Grant available to the landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$10,870. 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.

10.01.2.12 Increase – Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen – N ½ 26-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 263 acres
- Current Assessment: 273 acres (10 acres added through general assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 9 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 282 acres; all under pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by January 31, 2023

2022-01-045 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen for 9 infill acres in N ½ 26-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,550 (9 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.13 Increase – Cliff Sewall – NE 22-18-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 81 acres
- Proposal: flood to wiper pivot; 10 acres to be converted from terminable to irrigation, and 22 additional acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 81 x 1.4 = 32 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 113 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by January 31, 2023

2022-01-046 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cliff Sewall for 22 efficiency acres in NE 22-18-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$20,900 (22 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-047 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the conversion of 10 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 22-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by Cliff Sewall. The capital assets charge to convert 10 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$3,500 (10 x \$350/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-048 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on both parcels within NE 22-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by Cliff Sewall. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.14 Increase – Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – S ½ 01-18-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 173 acres (129 irrigation, 44 terminable)
- Proposal: shift, infill & add C/A to pivot, and add new wiper pivot; 44 acres to be converted from terminable to irrigable and 33 additional acres required (32 efficiency, 1 infill)

- Efficiency Acres Gained: Undeveloped, rough flood to pivot; $58 \times 1.5 = 29$ efficiency acres
Wheels to pivot; $20 \times 1.15 = 3$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 206 acres; all under pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by January 31, 2023

2022-01-049 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert for 32 efficiency acres and 1 infill acre in S ½ 01-18-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$31,350 (33 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-050 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the conversion of 44 terminable acres to irrigation acres in S ½ 01-18-13 W4M, lands being owned by Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert. The capital assets charge to convert 44 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$15,400 (44 x \$350/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.15 Increase – Rosecroft Farms Ltd (Rick & Annette Baerg), Mary Anne Baerg, and Robert & Joyce Baerg – SE 15-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 146 acres wheels
- Proposal: wheels to corner arm pivot; 8 additional acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Wheels to pivot; $146 \times 1.15 = 22$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 154 acres; all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: project must be complete by January 31, 2023

2022-01-051 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Rosecroft Farms Ltd, Mary Anne Baerg, and Robert & Joyce Baerg for 22 efficiency acres in SE 15-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,600 (8 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cost-Shares (turnouts, crossings, drain relocations, tree removal, machine leveling, gated pipe, etc.)

10.01.2.16 Cost-Share – Rosecroft Farms Ltd (Rick & Annette Baerg), Mary Anne Baerg, and Robert & Joyce Baerg – SE 15-21-16 W4M

The landowners have applied for a 50/50 cost-share for a dugout infill and tree removal in SE 15-21-16 W4M to accommodate a corner arm pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$11,444.

2022-01-052 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rosecroft Farms Ltd, Mary Anne Baerg, and Robert & Joyce Baerg for the infill of a dugout and removal of trees to accommodate a corner arm pivot in SE 15-21-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$11,444; of which the Landowner's share is \$5,722. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.17 Transfer – Harvey & Marlene Hofmann – NW 16 to SE 21-15-15 W4M

The landowners have requested to transfer 6 irrigation acres from NW 16-15-15 W4M to SE 21-15-15 W4M to accommodate a future proposed corner arm. Operations has confirmed that there are no issues with the requested transfer.



2022-01-053 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the transfer of 6 irrigation acres from NW 16-15-15 W4M to SE 21-15-15 W4M; all lands being owned by Harvey & Marlene Hofmann. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.3 Application for Parcel to be Added to the District – Duncan McQuilkan and Jose & Carla Rabadan – NE 36-20-19 W4M

An application has been received from Duncan McQuilkan and Jose & Carla Rabadan for NE 36-20-19 W4M to be added to the District. The application is for a Rural Water Use – Country Residential agreement. Operations has confirmed water capacity for the request and has set out conditions. Advertising has been completed, with no written complaints received.

2022-01-054 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board accept the addition of NE 36-20-19 W4M to the Eastern Irrigation District; parcel to be served through a Rural Water Use Agreement (Country Residential and/or Livestock Watering) off the Main Canal. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paperwork will be forwarded to Irrigation Secretariat for certification, followed by Land Titles for notation to the parcel’s certificate of title, after which the parcel will be added to the EID.

[1:38 p.m. – 1:42 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

10.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.02.1 Direction for Expired Private Grazing Leases

Discussion for direction on 9 expired grazing leases was held at the Corporate Planning session on January 25, 2022. Potential irrigation development and current irrigation infrastructure status were reviewed for these parcels. Board preference was to strategize development of EID owned lands as to not affect the demand for new irrigation acres from the water users.

10.02.1.1 7 Short Term Grazing Leases

To allow time to determine demand for new irrigation acres, it was directed to offer a one-year renewal to the previous leaseholders. Each lease was tendered out in 2019 or 2020 with no 640 acre limitation and no community grazing deduction. If an agreement is declined, the PGL will be publicly tendered for a 1 year term, with no 640 acre limitation, no Community Grazing Lease deduction, and no minimum bid.

2022-01-055 Moved by R. Owen that the previous leaseholders of Private Grazing Leases #7048, 7078, 7102, 7123, 7167, 7214, and 7287 be offered:

- **a one-year renewal agreement for the 2022 grazing season,**
 - **with rental rates at the same rates when last tendered in 2019 or 2020,**
 - **with no 640 acre limitation, nor Community Grazing Lease deduction;**
- and if the offer is not accepted, the leases will be publicly tendered out as above with no minimum bid. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.02.1.2 1 Medium Term Grazing Lease

Expired Private Grazing Lease #7066 was a 5 year lease, administered on an annual basis. It was directed to offer to the previous leaseholder an annual lease agreement that automatically renews,

at the same rate as tendered in 2017. If an agreement is declined, the PGL will be publicly tendered as an annual lease, automatically renewing, with the standard 640 acre limitation and Community Grazing Lease deduction.

- 2022-01-056 Moved by D. Peltzer that the previous leaseholder of Private Grazing Lease #7066 be offered:**
- **an annual lease that automatically renews,**
 - **at the same rental rate when last tendered in 2017,**
 - **with standard restrictions and eligibility requirements of a PGL deduction in a Community Grazing Lease, and a 640 acre PGL limitation;**
- and if not accepted, that PGL #7066 be publicly tendered as above, with no minimum bid. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.02.1.3 1 Long Term Grazing Lease

Long term Private Grazing Lease #7083 has been turned back to the District as the lessee no longer meets residency eligibility requirements. This 302 acre PGL is located in the Gem area in W ½ 06-24-15 W4M, is rated for 53 AUM, but has no water supply as the previous leaseholder watered cattle in deeded land to the east. Soil tests indicate that there is some potential for irrigation development in the NW. Through discussion it was directed to tender the lease for 1 year to allow retesting of soils in both the NW and SW, and to determine infrastructure capacity for water supply.

- 2022-01-057 Moved by R. Owen that Private Grazing Lease #7083 be tendered for a:**
- **one-year agreement for the 2022 grazing season,**
 - **with no minimum bid,**
 - **no 640 acre limitation, nor Community Grazing Lease deduction, and**
 - **clear notification that no water supply exists.**
- Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.02.1.4 Annual Grazing Leases

The Annual Private Grazing Leases identified for potential irrigation development will continue as annual leases as the Board strategizes the development of District land for irrigation.

[2:14 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.03.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2022 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review was provided of last year's approved rates for the campground and marina at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. With the uncertainties caused by the pandemic in 2020, it was decided that the entire campground would be daily camping only. This decision was generally well received, however there was still some demand for seasonal sites. In 2021, seasonal camping was reinstated offering 35 sites, with 18 reserved for water users; this format will continue for 2022.

- 2022-01-058 Moved by R. Owen that the 2022 rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for:**
- **Camping be set at:**
 - **\$40/night, including GST, on all daily sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$5 per day for 50 amp sites,**
 - **\$3,200/season, plus GST, for all seasonal sites,**



- 35 seasonal sites available, distributed throughout the campground,
 - 18 of the seasonal sites being reserved for Water Users,
 - \$500 for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable towards the full seasonal fee); and
 - Boat Slips be set at:
 - \$10/day, including GST,
 - \$60/week, including GST,
 - \$475/season, plus GST; and
 - \$475, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee).

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-01-059 Moved by T. Hemsing that the 2022 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Thursday, May 12th and close at noon Friday, September 30th. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

In general, the District does not market any of its land for sale. However, in the event that a sale of land is being considered, the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy provides guidelines for the request, evaluation, and approval process. The guidelines also outline responsibilities for costs and the annual review of the policy. The revised policy presented included additional language indicating the owner of an adjacent ¼ section would have an initial opportunity to consider acquiring fragmented parcels no longer required by the District. Discussion was given to the revisions being proposed.

2022-01-060 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Owen, J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, B. Schroeder OPPOSED – D. Jacobson

2022-01-061 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Questions Regarding Directors’ Pecuniary Interests

10.0 Lands cont’d

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont’d

10.03.3 Proposed Bit Coin Mining Project on Existing Oil & Gas Lease

[3:05 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

12.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

[3:11 p.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

13.0 Scott Canal Update

14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update



2022-01-062 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

11.0 Questions Regarding Directors’ Pecuniary Interests

A director posed a question concerning a possible pecuniary interest. M. Koochin will explore the question and report back to the Director and the Board.

10.0 Lands cont’d

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont’d

10.03.3 Proposed Bit Coin Mining Project on Existing Oil & Gas Lease

The oil and gas lease agreement in question will be further examined concerning the additional proposed use, along with next steps required for a third party to proceed with its project.

12.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

The proposed agenda for the Annual General meeting was confirmed by Directors. The annual report book was made available for Board review and a timeline given on receiving any comments or suggested revisions.

13.0 Scott Canal Update

Confirmation of direction was given to Admin and a letter will be forwarded to the landowner.

14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

The District has entered into a sale agreement with the landowners for the land for the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project and is continuing with the project next steps. Board direction was given regarding grazing on the lands.

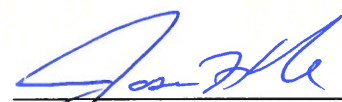
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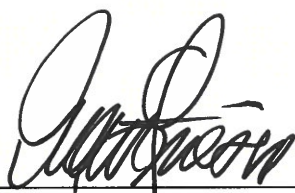
15.0 Upcoming Events

- 15.01 Economic Dev for Elected Officials - Thursday, February 3rd, 9:00 a.m., JBS Canada Centre
- 15.02 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, February 17th, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.03 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 7th, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.04 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 8th, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn or online
- 15.05 Nominations Close - Wednesday, March 9th, 5:00 p.m.

[3:49 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:49 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager