

March 7, 2022 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 7th day of March 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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.0 AIDA
- 11.0 Rural Water Use Agreements
- 12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

2022-03-090 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 February 17, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the February 17, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2022-03-091 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the February 17, 2022, 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 Provincial Government Budget Presentation

J. Hale attended the Provincial Government Budget Presentation in Edmonton on February 24th, as a guest of Michaela Frey, MLA for Brooks – Strathmore. A balanced and overall positive budget was presented. Irrigation districts received confirmation that IRP funding has been set at \$12 M per year for the next 3 years. Mr. Hale had individual meetings with MLA Frey and Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development following the budget announcement.



[9:08 a.m. J. Latrace, MNP entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

J. Latrace presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2022

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

- YTD revenues total about \$14.9 million and are showing over YTD budget. EIDNet and Oil & Gas revenues are ahead of budget, and it is projected the remaining revenues will be under budget until summer.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9.7 million and are sitting well below the pro-rated YTD budget as most of the budgeted expenses are not realized until spring/summer.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$5.17 million.

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

2022-03-092 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:23 a.m. J. Latrace exited the meeting; R. Gagley entered.]

6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack sites continue to show accumulation and are tracking well above the upper quartile.

6.02 Set Water Delivery Date

A water delivery date of May 5th was recommended, which is within the typical timeframe. Conditions will be evaluated as they unfold, with the delivery date adjusted as needed and as can be accommodated by the system and weather conditions. Operations will start building pool in late March to start diversions April 1st if weather conditions allow. This early diversion is to ensure Lake Newell Reservoir can be filled to operating levels in time for delivery as it was left at a lower than normal winter level this past year to accommodate construction. A short discussion followed.

2022-03-093 Moved by D. Peltzer that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 5, 2022. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

With only 5 weeks left in the construction season, crews are working hard to get all the capital projects complete. The north crew anticipates finishing 08-B Springhill Extension on March 7, and then moving to the Scott Pipeline Project to install 3 km of 42" pipe. From there, the crew will head to the 01-C Springhill pump station to complete the tie-in of the new Rock Lake Reservoir pressure

station. The south crew foresees finishing the last 3 km on the Scott Pipeline and then moving to 13-H West Bantry to complete the 900 m pipeline project. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- 100% complete
02 Bow Slope	- interim work complete
PIPELINE	
Scott Pipeline	- 70% complete
08-B Springhill	- 85% 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	- 33% complete

7.02 03 East Branch Pump Station Replacement Costs

As follow up to the preliminary discussion held last month, pump station replacement costs for the 03 East Branch system were provided and the rehabilitation proposal further reviewed. It was requested that a tour of the project area be arranged, and Mr. Gagley in turn also offered photos and drone video footage.

7.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2022/23 to 2024/25 – Revised

A revised Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government’s Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25, was presented. Previously approved by the Board in November 2021 to submit to Irrigation Council, West Bantry Canal – Phase 3, estimated at \$750,000 has been deemed not eligible for IRP funding, consequently staff have replaced it with 02 Bow Slope, estimated at \$3,325,000. West Bantry Canal – Phase 3 will stay slated for the 2022/2023 construction season but will be funded under the Capital Works Program. All finalized projects submitted for IRP funding are outlined as follows:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2022/23	02 Bow Slope	\$3,325,000
Proposed Year 2 2023/24	Check Structure – One Tree Drain, NE 29-20-13 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – One Tree Drain, SE 02-20-14 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – 09-B Springhill, NW 03-21-16 W4M	\$200,000
	Check Structure – 03 Antelope Creek, NE 30-17-16 W4M	\$225,000
	Check Structure – Antelope Creek, NW 27-17-17 W4M	\$225,000



Proposed Year 3 2024/25	21 Springhill	\$1,100,000
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2022-03-094 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the revised IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2022/23 to 2024/25 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:51 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen, and once a response has been received, the Board will be updated as to whether EIDNet has been included in federal funding initiatives for fibre projects.

[9:56 a.m. – 10:02 a.m. Short break; R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

9.01.1 Rolling Hills Shop / County of Newell Fire Hall

The EID and Rolling Hills Fire Department have been sharing the District owned shop in Rolling Hills for several years. The Fire Department occupied 2 bays while the District used the third. In 2020, the County requested use of the 3rd bay to store a new rapid response unit. Through Board discussion it was decided to transfer land to the County including the existing EID shop, in exchange for the cost of a new storage building for the EID to be built on the remaining EID land. To reduce increased costs for renovation and expansion of the existing building, plans have been modified and proposed to the District, requesting that emergency units be able to enter and exit from the extended north end of the building, rather than modifying the west side. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2022-03-095 Moved by D. Peltzer that an easement be granted to the County of Newell for resituated vehicle access on the north end of the Rolling Hills Fire Hall. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

9.02.1 2021 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report

During 2021, the Partners in Habitat Development program worked exclusively within the EID. The Annual Report was received as information.

[10:14 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]



9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.03.1.1 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 February (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< 221,415 >
March (<i>require approval</i>)	13,991
Total Budget Remaining	\$ 695,039

*Total grants paid to date within the 2022 fiscal year is \$221,851.

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.

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

9.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Dirk & Alida Drost – Pt SW 27-14-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 41 acres (30 acres pivot from SE, 11 outside pivot area)
- Converting: 14 acres flood to wiper pivot (19 acre pivot with 3 acre overlap); (3 acres to be transferred within the irrigable unit and 2 acres purchased)
- New Assessment: 46 acres (30 acres pivot from SE, 16 corner wiper pivot)

2022-03-096 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dirk & Alida Drost for the conversion of 14 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt SW 27-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$1,400 (14 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,900 (2 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-03-097 Moved by T. Helsing that the deduction of \$300/acre applied in June 2009 in S ½ 27-14-14 W4M be returned to Dirk & Alida Drost for 14 new efficiencies; 14 acres x \$300/acre = \$4,200. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

9.03.1.3 Nozzles – 1442559 Alberta Ltd (Lee & Shirley Pickett) – NE 23-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 78 acres
- Previous Grant: \$4,680 (motion 2007-11-291)
- Current Assessment: 104 acres (22 acres purchased for farm improvement and 4 acres added through General Assessment)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 104 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2022-03-098 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1442559 Alberta Ltd for the nozzles upgrade in NE 23-22-17 W4M purchased for \$4,720. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the landowner is \$7,800 (78 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,680 (previous grant) = \$3,120. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.1.4 Nozzles – Travis & Edith Simo – SW 01-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 89 acres
- Previous Grant: \$2,670 (motion 2009-08-142)
- Current Assessment: 94 acres wiper pivot (5 efficiency acres added)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 94 acres, all under wiper pivot

2022-03-099 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Travis & Edith Simo for the nozzles upgrade in SW 01-22-17 W4M purchased for \$5,271. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the landowner is \$8,900 (89 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,670 (previous grant) = \$6,230; with the payable amount being \$5,271. 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.

9.03.1.5 Increase – Nelson & Charla Weaver – NE 06-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 132 acres (63 pivot, 69 wiper pivot)
- Proposal: add corner arm to wiper pivot; 7 additional acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 139 acres (63 pivot, 76 wiper pivot with corner arm)
- Notes: project must be complete by March 31, 2023

2022-03-100 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Nelson & Charla Weaver for 7 infill acres in NE 06-16-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,650 (7 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2 Transfer & Alternate Parcel Transfer – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) and 1717866 Alberta Ltd (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) – various

The landowners have requested to transfer 30 irrigation acres from SE 04-20-17 W4M and 21 irrigation acres from SW 09-20-17 W4M to NW 02-20-17 W4M to complete a proposed wiper pivot project. Operations has confirmed that there are no issues with the requested transfer.

- 2022-03-101 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the transfer of:**
- **30 irrigation acres from SE 04-20-17 W4M; lands being owned by Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc; and**
 - **21 irrigation acres from SW 09-20-17 W4M; lands being owned by 1717866 Alberta Ltd to:**
 - **NW 02-20-17 W4M; lands being owned by Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc.**
- Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

For the 2022 irrigation season, 1717866 Alberta Ltd is requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 7 irrigation acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M and 7 irrigation acres from SE 15-19-14 W4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc in NW 02-20-17 W4M for infill of the wiper pivot. Operations has no concerns with the alternate parcel transfer.

- 2022-03-102 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2022 alternate parcel transfer from 1717866 Alberta Ltd, 7 acres in SW 15-19-14 W4M and 7 acres in SE 15-19-14 W4M, to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc in NW 02-20-17 W4M. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.03.3 County of Newell Water Project – Phase 2

To confirm the continuation of the District's support of the County of Newell Water Project, a motion was carried recognizing Phase 2 of the project with equivalent support as was shown with Phase 1.

- 2022-03-103 Moved by R. Owen that in support of the County of Newell Water Project – Phase 2, the EID continue to contribute funds to the County for reimbursement to water users who have connected to the system, subject to:**
- **the water user owning land with assessed irrigation acres or terminable acres; and**
 - **reimbursement being limited to one grant of \$2,000 per water user.**
- Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:30 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

9.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.04.1 Private Grazing Lease Fee Calculation

To aid continuing dialogue, a history and explanation of the Private Grazing Lease fee calculation was provided to Directors, explaining that this formula was developed to charge similar amounts for using EID pasture, whether through Private Leases or Community Associations. The current 5 year rate is summarized as follows:

$$\text{Convenience Factor} \quad \text{Carrying Capacity Factor}$$
$$(\$4.00/\text{acre for 1}^{\text{st}} 160 \text{ acres}) + (\$5.00 \times \text{remaining AUM over 26}) \quad + \quad (\text{Comm. Grazing Rate})(\text{full AUM})$$

It was noted that this formula, with 5 year rate reviews built into the agreements, has been in use since 2008 when all the long term PGLs were re-signed or tendered out. Every lease has been assessed and rated for AUM capacity. If choosing to run cattle in a Community Grazing Association, the member will be deducted 1 head per every 5 AUM that the PGL is assessed at. 2013 saw a \$1 increase to the Convenience Factor for the first 160 acres and in 2018 a \$1 increase to the



Convenience Factor for AUMs over 26 was approved. The next review will be for 2023 when the 30 year agreements are reviewed for eligibility of mid-way renewals.

9.04.2 Set Turn-Out Dates

Although early pasture conditions heading into the 2022 grazing season are uncertain, setting the turn-out dates now enables associations and members to tentatively schedule cattle and book trucks. Pasture conditions will be assessed in April and if consensus results in delaying the turn-out dates, the GAC will make a recommendation to the EID Board for discussion at the April Board of Directors Meeting.

2022-03-104 Moved by R. Owen that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 2nd and for native pasture be May 14th. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04.3 PGL #7083 – Results of Tender

Private Grazing Lease #7083 was tendered out for a 1 year agreement for the 2022 grazing season, without the standard restrictions of minimum bid, 640 acre limitation, and Community Grazing Lease deduction. It was also made clear to bidders that no water supply exists on the parcel.

PGL #7083 1 Year 302 acres 53 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Douglass Agro Ltd (Russell & Pam Douglass)	\$5,150.00	\$97.17	\$257.50	\$5,407.50
Paul & Kristie Paetkau	\$2,900.00	\$54.72	\$145.00	\$3,045.00

2022-03-105 Moved by T. Helsing that as high bidder, and by meeting land and residency requirements, a one-year agreement for PGL #7083 be awarded to Douglass Agro Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-03-106 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04.4 Irrigated Pasture Expansion Review

9.04.5 JBS Update

[1:10 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

10.0 AIDA

11.0 Rural Water Use Agreements

10.0 AIDA cont'd

12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

13.0 Annual General Meeting



2022-03-107 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

9.04.4 Irrigated Pasture Expansion Review

Direction was given to staff and Admin for discussions at the next GAC Meeting around possible irrigated pasture expansion on EID lands.

9.04.5 JBS Update

A motion regarding setting a land rental fee for Pivots C and D followed the in camera portion of the meeting. Direction was also given to staff and Admin concerning any requests of emergency TIW discharges that may be received in the future.

10.0 AIDA

Direction was given regarding the Board's preference in the raised matter. Mr. Hemsing will also enquire of the rationale around the waiving of a fee.

11.0 Rural Water Use Agreements

10.0 AIDA cont'd

EID Board consensus was obtained to support the next South Saskatchewan River Operation Model contracted by AIDA.

12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

A tour of the Snake Lake Reservoir project area will be arranged for Directors. Direction was given to I. Friesen regarding the proposal brought forward.

13.0 Annual General Meeting

I. Friesen received feedback on his General Manager's presentation for the AGM. It was requested that information from the Maximum Water Bylaw be included in the upcoming spring newsletter regarding the cost/inch/acre for 4 allowable inches above the 24"/individual parcel limit.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

9.0 Lands cont'd

9.04.5 JBS Update cont'd

Upon notification of 2022 cropping plans, it has been determined that the EID will not receive full grazing benefits for Pivots C and D east of Hwy #36, which are under contract with JBS. In light of this information, the following motion was carried.

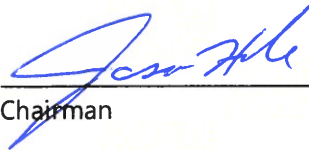
2022-03-108 Moved by B. Schmidt that for JBS use in 2022, a land rental fee of \$200/acre be set for Pivots C and D in E ½ 02-20-15 W4M and Pt SE 11-20-15 W4M. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 8 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 14.02 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 9 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 14.03 | Election <i>[if necessary]</i> | - Tuesday, April 12 th |
| 14.04 | AIDA Board of Directors Meeting | - Thursday, April 14 th , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge |
| 14.05 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, May 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hensing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:29 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager