



April 25, 2023, Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 25th day of April 2023. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[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. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]		

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1.0 Elections

1.01 Election of Chairman

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

2023-04-085 Moved by B. Schmidt that T. Hemsing be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Hemsing accepted the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were made, T. Hemsing was elected Chair.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman

T. Hemsing assumed the chair; likewise congratulated Directors and called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

2023-04-086 Moved by R. Owen that D. Peltzer be nominated for Vice-Chair.

2023-04-087 Moved by R. Hiebert that B. Schmidt be nominated for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Peltzer and Mr. Schmidt accepted the nomination. Mr. Hemsing called for nominations a second and third time; no further nominations were made. A ballot vote was conducted, resulting in D. Peltzer being elected Vice-Chair.

2.0 Appointments

2.01 Committee of the Whole

All Directors are included on the Committee of the Whole.



2.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive

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

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

D. Peltzer will continue as PCF Representative.

2.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

D. Peltzer will continue as CVRS Representative.

2.05 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schroeder will continue as JSSC Representative.

2.06 Scholarship Selection Committee

R. Hiebert [*tentatively*], R. Owen, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, and I. Friesen are included on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

2.07 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt will continue as NRTA Representative.

2.08 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee

T. Hemsing will continue as ERTPC Representative.

2023-04-088 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

EIDNet Report was moved from 10.0 to 7.0 on the agenda.

2023-04-089 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 6, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the March 6, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-04-090 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the March 6, 2023, 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 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) Board of Directors Meeting

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board of Directors Meeting March 31st in Lethbridge. Through a revised bylaw, the chair and vice chair positions were increased from 3 years maximum to 5 years to allow current and future officers to serve in these capacities with more continuity. Some minor revisions were also approved for other bylaws. The Aetna Irrigation District and the Leavitt Irrigation District amalgamated as the Southwest Irrigation District, bringing the number of irrigation districts in Alberta to 11, as the TID has already amalgamated with the SMRID. Alex Ostrop and Margo Redelback, AIDA Chair and Executive Director respectively, met with Ministers and staff in Ottawa and are planning a return visit in the fall. A meeting with the provincial opposition critics has also been requested.

4.02 Aggie Days

T. Hemsing, B. Doerksen, D. Buell, and B. Kroschel worked the AIDA booth for Aggie Days at the Calgary Stampede Grounds on Sunday, April 23rd. Being a Sunday, a mixed crowd of adults and families was experienced, compared to the school groups hosted during the week. 1,000 EID bags and a large number of promotional rulers were handed out. Although smaller this year, the AIDA booth grants the opportunity to discuss irrigated agriculture with over 1,000 people each day and continues to be a positive PR experience. Updated and renewed student activities and information are being planned.

4.03 Meeting with MP Martin Shields

Recently, MP Martin Shields met with T. Hemsing and I. Friesen at the EID office to discuss matters that may impact irrigated agriculture.

4.04 Meeting re International Federation of Ag Journalists (IFAJ) Congress

T. Hemsing attended a meeting at the County regarding the IFAJ Congress and the tour being planned for this area on June 27th. One representative from the EID will be invited to participate in the tour.

5.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

In follow up to the March meeting, the Irrigation Acres Bylaw was brought back for 3rd reading proposing 3,000 acres total and 1,200 acres maximum off river; this is a 50% increase from the Irrigation Acres Bylaw currently in place. The Bylaw also proposed that the District have access to available carry forward acres to develop new irrigation lease parcels.

The proposal to increase the overall number of new parcel irrigation acres available each year was again examined by the Board. Discussion matters included the increase intensity, the current capital asset charge, and the information presented for the 2021 plebiscite concerning the expansion limit change. Further discussion of the bylaw was held under the Irrigation Development item during the in camera portion of the meeting.

[9:49 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2023

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2023, was \$3,695,581 or 3.56% more than the book value at September 30, 2022.

2 nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$6,090,000	\$4,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	\$6,100,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	-

2023-04-091 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2023

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

2023-04-092 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Financial Statements to March 31, 2023

The financial statements to March 31, 2023, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$23.36 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$15.27 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$8.08 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow and Admin.

2023-04-093 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:06 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

7.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

7.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Giganet continues to be popular, particularly in Rosemary. Design work for the fibre project continues to be worked on and installation of fibre conduit for the Snake Lake, Tilley, and Cassils legs has begun. Installation will occur on the irrigated parcels first and then move to the grassland areas.



EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to March 31, 2023	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	37
Residential Accounts	1,588
Business Accounts	183
EID Automation	5
Total	1,813

[10:12 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. Short break. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Gagley and B. Kroschel entered.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date

The 2022/2023 Capital Construction Program has been halted for the irrigation season. Due to circumstances beyond the EID’s control, the Secondary C North Branch pipeline will not be completed for this water season. Just under 4 km of 1500 mm (60”) pipe remains to be installed as well as the tie-in to the existing pipeline. All the infrastructure needed to provide irrigation water to users is still in place and will be utilized for one more season. In fall of this year, it is planned to complete the pipeline and make the final tie-in to the existing Sec C pipeline. A number of questions were answered by Mr. Gagley and Mr. Friesen.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- 30% complete, frost became an issue	\$1,826,000	\$612,000
PIPELINE			
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 90% complete, material supply issue	\$15,890,000	\$11,616,000

IRP PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
02 Bow Slope	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$3,223,000	\$3,357,000

9.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

9.01 Snowpack Report

Even with the recent snowfall in the mountains, the snowpack levels for the Bow River basin continue to be average to below average. Diversion began on April 17th, with priority going to refilling reservoirs in anticipation of the upcoming water season. There have been no requests for

water prior to the May 5th water delivery date. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Kroschel and Mr. Friesen.

[10:29 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Elliott entered.]

10.0 Equipment

R. Elliott presented the following Equipment Report.

10.01 Purchase of Gravel Truck & Pup

A quote for the purchase of a replacement gravel truck and pup trailer was presented along with an explanation of brand preference. It is being proposed to purchase the unit at this time to ensure delivery by the spring of 2024.

2023-04-094 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase of a 2023 Mack truck, Bibeau box, pup, and accessories for \$381,800. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Sale of Gravel Truck & Pup

Invitations for bids on the purchase of a 2018 Kenworth gravel truck and 2018 Renn tandem pup were sent to auction houses, with results received as follows:

SALE OF GRAVEL TRUCK & PUP			
Bidder	2018 Kenworth Truck	2018 Renn Tandem Pup	Total
Ritchie Bros	-	-	\$162,000
Team Auctions	\$125,658	\$23,162	\$148,820
Cal-West Equipment Sales	\$126,600	\$12,600	\$139,200
Century Auctions	-	-	\$129,500
Michener Allen	-	-	\$85,600

2023-04-095 Moved by R. Owen that the District sell the 2018 Kenworth gravel truck and 2018 Renn tandem pup for \$162,000 + GST to Ritchie Bros. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03 Purchase of Mini Excavator

As current prices have exceeded the District’s budgeted amount from last fall, the following quotes were presented for the purchase of a mini excavator:

PURCHASE OF MINI EXCAVATOR		
Budget Amount	\$96,000	- included in the 2022/2023 Budget for a mini excavator
Kubota	\$115,000	- includes angle blade, delivery in May
Hitachi	\$110,000	- does not include angle blade

2023-04-096 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the purchase of a Kubota mini excavator for \$115,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:34 a.m. R. Elliott exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]



11.0 Lands

11.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

11.01.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2023

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to March 31, 2023					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2023	308,890	3,110	0	122	312,122
March 31, 2023	309,632	3,087	0	122	312,841
Net increase	742	< 23 >	0	0	719
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 5 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					747
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 23 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to March 31, 2023		
	2nd Quarter [Jan-Feb-Mar]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$1,109,496	\$7,519,296
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$57,750
Annual Agreements	\$0	0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0	\$53,000
Totals	\$1,109,496	\$7,630,046

11.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.01.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$20,612 >
To be Completed	< \$45,740 >
Require Approval	< \$18,467 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through March (<i>approved and paid</i>)	\$104,100
April (<i>approval required</i>)	\$51,216
Total Budget Remaining	\$759,865

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$124,712.

11.01.2.2 Yard Cleanup – Chromka Farms (1987) Inc (Robert Chromka) – NE 13-17-13 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal and yard cleanup in NE 13-17-16 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 \$27,910.

2023-04-097 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chromka Farms (1987) Inc for the tree removal and yard cleanup to accommodate a corner arm pivot in NE 13-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$27,910; of which the Landowner's share is \$13,955 + GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.3 Tree Removal – Grant Ellefson – NE 18 & SE 19-17-16 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal in NE 18 & SE 19-17-16 W4M to allow a pivot to travel full circle. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$3,400.

2023-04-098 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Grant Ellefson for the tree removal to accommodate a pivot in NE 18 & SE 19-17-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$3,400; of which the Landowner's share is \$1,700 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.4 Tree Removal – Ray & Shontele Torkelson – SE 28-20-13 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal in SE 28-20-13 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 \$5,624.

2023-04-099 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ray & Shontele Torkelson for the tree removal to accommodate a corner arm pivot in SE 28-20-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$5,624; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,812 + GST. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.5 Panel & Corner Arm – Daryl & Beverly Bunney – NE 33-20-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 143 acres
- Installing: panel and corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (119 pivot, 18 corner arm, 6 outside pivot area)
- Note: application and proof of purchase were received on or before September 30, 2022

2023-04-100 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daryl & Beverly Bunney for the panel and corner arm upgrades in NE 33-20-14 W4M purchased for \$89,197. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,900 (119 acres x \$100/acre) + \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) – \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$21,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.6 Pivot Replacement – Charles & Wynona Hansen – SE 25-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (7 acres added for 1982 General Assessment)
- Installing: pivot replacement
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: application and proof of purchase were received on or before September 30, 2022

2023-04-101 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles & Wynona Hansen for the pivot replacement upgrade in SE 25-19-14 W4M purchased for \$221,730. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$15,200 (152 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.7 Corner Arm – Kent Sereda – SW 03-15-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$10,870 (motion 2022-02-079)
- Current Assessment: 122 acres
- Converting: 11 flood acres to pivot; 22 acres needed to infill pivot wedge
- New Assessment: 144 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-04-102 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kent Sereda for the conversion of 11 acres flood to pivot corner arm in SW 03-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,200 - \$10,870 (previous grant) = \$1,330; with the payable amount being \$1,100 (11 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$21,736 (22 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction for a flood to pivot conversion was previously applied in February 2022 for 11 acres. All 11 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-04-103 Moved by R. Hiebert that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in February 2022 to 11 acres in SW 03-15-13 W4M be returned to Sereda Farms Ltd (Kent Sereda and Ron Sereda) for flood to pivot efficiencies; 11 acres x \$500/acre = \$5,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.8 Corner Arm – Kent Sereda – SE 04-15-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$5,870 (motion 2022-02-080)
- Previous Assessment: 138 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (5 acres added in the 1995 General Assessment)
- Installing: 9 flood acres to corner arm; 7 acres needed
- New Assessment: 150 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: application and proof of purchase were received on or before September 30, 2022

2023-04-104 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kent Sereda for the conversion of 9 acres flood to corner arm upgrade in SE 04-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre). The capital



assets charge is \$6,916 (7 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction for a flood to pivot conversion was previously applied in February 2022 for 9 acres. All 9 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-04-105 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in February 2022 to 9 acres in SE 04-15-13 W4M be returned to Kent Sereda for flood to pivot efficiencies; 9 acres x \$500/acre = \$4,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:43 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

11.01.2.9 Increase – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 115 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (15 acres added for 1987 General Assessment, 9 added for 1995 GA, 6 transferred out for 2003 GA)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 8 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2024

2023-04-106 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for 8 efficiency acres in SE 15-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,904 (8 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:44 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

11.01.3 Alternate Parcel Transfers

11.01.3.1 Terry Edge, 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) & Hutterian Brethren of Lathom to Hutterian Brethren of Lathom

For the 2023 season, Terry Edge, 1717866 Alberta Inc, and the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom are requesting to transfer a total of 113 irrigation acres to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom for a pivot project in NW 22-19-17 W4M. The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom applied for irrigation development for this parcel; however, the application did not rate in the top 800 acres approved for irrigation. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2023-04-107 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of:

- **19 irrigation acres from NW 04-20-17 W4M and S ½ 09-20-17 W4M, lands owned by Terry Edge;**
- **17 irrigation acres from NW 10-19-14 W4M, lands owned by 1717866 Alberta Inc; and**
- **77 irrigation acres from Sec 13, Sec 14, Sec 22, & Sec 23-20-17 W4M, SW 22-19-17 W4M, and Sec 19-19-16 W4M, all lands owned by Hutterian Brethren of Lathom;**

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

11.01.3.2 1717866 Alberta Inc (Reid Johnson) to Rod & Kimberly Johnson

For the 2023 season, 1717866 Alberta Inc is requesting to transfer 14 irrigation acres from NW 10-19-14 W4M to Rod & Kimberley Johnson in NW 27-19-14 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2023-04-108 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 14 irrigation acres from 1717866 Alberta Inc in NW 10-19-14 4M to Rod & Kimberley Johnson in NW 27-19-14 W4M. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.3.3 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson)

For the 2023 season, 1717866 Alberta Inc is requesting to transfer 8 irrigation acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc in NW 02-20-17 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2023-04-109 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 8 irrigation acres from 1717866 Alberta Inc in SW 15-19-14 4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc in NW 02-20-17 W4M. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:49 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

11.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

11.02.1 2022 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report

During 2022, the Partners in Habitat Development program continued to work exclusively within the EID. The full Annual Report was received as information; a summary can be seen in last month’s minutes.

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

11.03.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Report

The 2023 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary was presented with yearly totals data back to 2016; the current and last 5 years are as follows:

OIL & GAS ACTIVITY REPORT – Mid-Year Summary						
Year	New Wells	Twin Wells	Pipeline	Seismic	Abandonment Notifications	Reclaimed Certificates
2023 Mid-Year	16	33	84.07 ac (14 miles)	0	9	52
2022	27	37	204.596 ac (34 miles)	1 permit (175.44 miles)	222	39
2021	16	26	46.42 ac (7.78 miles)	0 permits	374	39
2020	8	3	20.92 ac (3.51 miles)	2 permits (304.75 miles)	140	28



2019	47	34	201 ac (1,208 miles)	0	39	37
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A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

11.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.04.1 Report on GAC Meeting

The spring Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 17, 2023. Regular spring management topics were addressed such as pasture conditions, listings, entry dates, water projects, fireguards, fencing, crossing highways, as well as current and potential irrigated pasture. Additional matters included Swing Field Lease Rider and extra rider wages, DU projects, and a presentation from a representative of the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association. Regarding the pasturing of bulls, the following motion was approved by GAC representatives:

GAC 23-03 R. Schmidt moved to recommend to the EID Board of Directors that any association is permitted to pasture bulls on EID land prior to spring turnout dates (April/May) and is to be charged out to the association at 2.0 times the AUM rate for the grass. Seconded by G. Andrew. Carried Unanimously

Currently, associations are permitted to pasture bulls on lands leased by Community Grazing Association during breeding season for 2 months in the June – August timeframe at 1.5 times the AUM rate. During the post breeding season, August – Round-Up, bulls are charged 2.0 times the AUM rate. The request is for an approximate 2 week period after an Association has sent their bulls to a feedlot for testing and prior to the spring Turn-Out dates. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. Through discussion, concerns were raised about extra allotments without deductions, inequity between associations and members, and putting cattle on early grass. The current arrangement of a PGL for use as a bull pasture was also discussed.

2023-04-110 Moved by R. Hiebert that recommendation GAC 23-03 requesting that grazing associations be permitted to pasture bulls on EID lands prior to spring turn-out dates be denied. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The reasoning for denying this request will be relayed back to the GAC at the fall meeting.

2023-04-111 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.04.2 JBS Update

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

11.03.2 Request to Purchase Land – Marie Gazdarica

[11:50 a.m. – 12:18 p.m. Lunch break.]

12.0 Irrigation Development



[12:52 p.m. – 12:58 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Gagley re-entered.]

13.0 Information from 1184989 Alberta Ltd (Barry Fleming)

[1:40 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

14.0 Kinbrook Connection Pathway Update

2023-04-112 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

12.0 Irrigation Development

In anticipation of sufficient carry forward acres being available and the 3 parcels of EID land receiving approval for development as irrigated farm leases, staff are to order the required pipe and tracer wire over the summer period. Quotes for pivot infrastructure are to be brought to the Board for approval in fall. If approval is not received for the irrigation development, the District will hold the materials and equipment for the following year.

Discussion did not result in 3rd reading of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw being approved. It was directed that the Bylaw be brought back to the May Board Meeting. The proposed bylaw for 3rd reading is to revert to the current 2,000 available acres per year yet maintain the new provisions for the EID to develop new irrigation lease parcels using available carry forward acres.

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and the Irrigation Acres Bylaw are to be addressed in tandem in the fall, with revisions to be approved by bylaw readings immediately following the irrigation development application approvals in November.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

11.03.2 Request to Purchase Land – Marie Gazdarica cont'd

Marie Gazdarica is requesting to purchase a narrow strip of land running the full length along the east quarter section boundaries of NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M, consisting of approximately 8 acres. This parcel of land is part of a road plan that is no longer needed by the District and can be sold as per policy.

2023-04-113 Moved by B. Schroeder that the District sell a narrow strip of land along the east quarter section boundaries of NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M, consisting of approximately 8 acres, to Marie Gazdarica for \$8,500/acre + GST inclusive of any capital assets required, subject to the lands being consolidated into the respective quarter sections, and all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees and any other fees associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Kinbrook Connection Pathway Update cont'd

I. Friesen presented the engineered plan from the County for Stage 2 of the Kinbrook Connection Pathway, reviewing project features and matters particular to the District. Last June the EID approved the sale of a 7 meter strip of land for Stage 1 of the project; this stretch has since been fenced by the District. For the EID, Stage 2 would involve an easement agreement and installing a fence on the inland side of the pathway. Approximately 100 acres will be unusable for grazing once fenced off. The District has already widened the dike in the Redelback subdivision to accommodate the alignment in this location and has installed alternate water access for cattle off the Scott pipeline. District informational signage is also being planned. A number of further questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen regarding fencing, path liability, existing unauthorized trails, and the proposed bridge over the Main Bantry Canal.

2023-04-114 Moved by D. Peltzer that for the Kinbrook Connection Pathway, the District:

- **grant approval to the pathway alignment as proposed in the tender agreement accepted by the County of Newell, and**
 - **install inland side fencing along the pathway sections continuing through EID lands.**
- Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15.0 Annual General Meeting

15.01 Review of the March 7, 2023 AGM

Opportunity was given to Directors to give comment in general or discuss any matters arising from the March 7th Annual General Meeting. Regarding a question which was raised at the AGM about earmarking water rate revenues, this matter will be addressed during budget discussions in the fall.

15.02 Review of the March 7, 2023 AGM Draft Minutes

Directors were given the opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 7, 2023, Annual General Meeting. Board consensus was obtained to post the draft AGM minutes to the website as presented.

16.0 Newsletter – Draft

A draft spring newsletter was provided to Directors. The newsletter will be revised as required and then mailed and posted to the website within a week's time.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, May 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.02 | LNID 100 th Anniversary | - Friday, June 16 th , 11:30 a.m., Coyote Flats Pioneer Village
<i>[T. Hemsing attending]</i> |
| 17.03 | Inter Fed of Ag Journalists Congress | - Tuesday, June 27 th (Brooks Newell Region Tour) |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, June 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |



R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

General Manager