



March 4, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 4th day of March 2024. 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]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2024-03-069 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-03-070 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Drought Working Group

I. Friesen attended the Drought Working Group session in Calgary on March 1st. Multiple meetings have been held to review data and discuss and develop water sharing agreements between major stakeholders to be implemented during a drought. River modelling run by WaterSMART showed the Bow River’s proposed per acre water sharing agreement for the WID, EID, and BRID to work well during a drought scenario. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be ready for board review and ratification towards the end of March or beginning of April. A number of questions were responded to.

[9:23 a.m. B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

5.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

5.01 Snowpack Report

Throughout winter, snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to be below normal. However, recent snowfall has moved levels to near or within the average range.

5.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Water could begin to be available April 29th in some locations, with the entire system becoming fully operational by May 6th, with this latter date being on the long term average. It was advised that irrigators contact their Water Operator for availability in their area.

2024-03-071 Moved by R. Owen that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set as April 29th – May 6th, 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A water delivery forecast was also provided to Directors, factoring current reservoir storage and predicted system evaporation with 3 different river diversion averages. At a similar average daily diversion to last year, from mid-April to September 1st, it is shown that 18"/acre could be delivered.

5.03 Reservoir Pumping – Duane Hale

R. Gagley advised that Duane Hale is requesting, at his cost, to move his delivery for his section pivot in 20-22-17 W4M from the Crawling Valley Reservoir to the North Branch Canal to the south. Reservoir pumping, canal access, pipeline easements, landowner sump, system capacity, and a canal check structure were discussed. It was confirmed that Engineering respond that all 3 pivots must be included in the change of delivery location, and if that is unacceptable to the landowner, that the section pivot be switched to coming off the North Branch Canal to the east.

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

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

6.01 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973

The Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw regulates the delivery and distribution of water to a user, allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain activities occur, and imposes conditions that must be satisfied before the delivery and distribution of water to a user may be restored. Revisions to this bylaw prohibit irrigators from using water delivered by the District in excess of maximum instantaneous flow, raise the fee from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to turn water back on after water to a user has been shut off by the District, and amends wording to align with the current Irrigation Districts Act. 1st and 2nd readings were approved at the February 27, 2024, meeting.

2024-03-072 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #973 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Regulate the Delivery and Distribution of Water to Users, to Establish the Terms and Conditions that apply to that Delivery, and the circumstances under which the Delivery of Water to a User may be Reduced or Stopped, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This bylaw can be found on the District's website.



6.02 Water Delivery & Operations Policy

The Water Delivery & Operations Policy was revised to accommodate the implementation of maximum instantaneous flow restrictions and registering restrictive covenant agreements against title to the landowners who are permitted by the District to irrigate subject to a reduced maximum instantaneous flow.

2024-03-073 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Water Delivery and Operations Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The policy can be found on the District’s website.

[10:23 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

7.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

7.01 Sale of Used Pickups

Due to disruptions in supply, pickups were utilized longer than usual and the purchase and sell schedule has been delayed. New trucks have now been supplied and an invitation for bids on the purchase of 12 used trucks was sent to 2 auctioneers; 1 bid was received.

SALE OF USED TRUCKS			
Amount	Make	Year	Km
2	1500 Dodge Ram	2014 & 2016	214,000 & 256,000
9	2500 Dodge Ram	2006 – 2018	166,000 – 299,000
1	5500 Dodge Ram	2014	308,000
Company		Bid	
Annett Auction Services		\$52,000 or 10% Commission	

2024-03-074 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District sells 12 Dodge Ram used pickups through Annett Auction Services at 10% commission. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:33 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

8.01.1 Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club

The Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club is located on a 13 acre parcel of EID land in NE 18-19-14 W4M. 2 additional pistol bays and a new clubhouse have been added in 2016 and 2021 respectively. The Club has held a Recreational Land Use Permit since 1999; the current 5 year permit has an annual rental of \$250/year and is set to expire this April.



2024-03-075 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve to renew the lease with Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club in the NE 18-19-14 W4M for a further 5 year term at the rate of \$250 per year. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Approval of Tenders

In follow up to the January 23, 2024, meeting the following PGL's were put up for tender. Except for #7067 and #7241, all are short term leases that have potential for irrigation development or have other unique considerations. Leases were tendered with various lengths of terms and conditions, but all include land and residency requirements.

PGL #7061 Annual 142 acres 26 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	<i>*bid amount is the right to acquire the lease</i>	GST	Total
Joel Kropf	\$3,300.00			\$165.00

PGL #7187 1 Year 187 acres 40 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$3,440.00	\$86.00	\$172.00	\$3,612.00
Carl Chomistek	\$2,805.00	\$70.13	\$140.25	\$2,945.25
Luke Kropf	\$2,645.55	\$66.14	\$132.28	\$2,777.83

PGL #7214 1 Year 320 acres 58 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$5,160.00	\$88.97	\$258.00	\$5,418.00
Luke Kropf	\$4,500.00	\$77.59	\$225.00	\$4,725.00
Carl Chomistek	\$2,050.00	\$35.34	\$102.50	\$2,152.50

PGL #7053 3 Year 160 acres 30 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$2,550.00	\$85.00	\$127.50	\$2,677.50
Carl Chomistek	\$1,811.00	\$60.37	\$90.55	\$1,901.55

PGL #7102 3 Year 1,254 acres 232 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Scott & Sheila Metcalf	\$25,984.00	\$112.00	\$1,299.20	\$27,283.20
Nelson Weaver	\$24,592.00	\$106.00	\$1,229.60	\$25,821.60
Luke Kropf	\$19,352.90	\$83.42	\$966.30	\$20,292.20
Dick Vossepoel	\$17,755.00	\$76.53	\$877.75	\$18,432.75
Carl Chomistek	\$17,010.00	\$73.32	\$850.50	\$17,860.50
Martin Cattle Co Inc (Kevin Martin, Brent Martin)	\$14,255.00	\$61.44	\$712.75	\$14,967.75



Richard & Heather Hiebert	\$13,900.00	\$59.91	\$695.00	\$14,595.00
Brody Ketchmark	\$12,420.00	\$53.53	\$621.00	\$13,041.00

PGL #7123 3 Year 312 acres 60 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$6,360.00	\$106.00	\$318.00	\$6,678.00
Luke Kropf	\$5,670.90	\$94.50	\$283.55	\$5,954.45
Stewart & Lenita Musgrove	\$5,635.00	\$93.92	\$281.75	\$5,916.75
Loren Weaver	\$5,210.00	\$86.83	\$260.50	\$5,470.50
Carl Chomistek	\$3,705.00	\$61.75	\$185.25	\$3,890.25

PGL #7048 5 Year 305 acres 55 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Loren Weaver	\$5,885.00	\$107.00	\$294.25	\$6,179.25
Luke Kropf	\$5,115.90	\$93.02	\$255.80	\$5,371.70
Nelson Weaver	\$5,005.00	\$91.00	\$250.25	\$5,255.25
Carl Chomistek	\$4,010.00	\$72.91	\$200.50	\$4,210.50

PGL #7078 5 Year 299 acres 48 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Loren Weaver	\$5,760.00	\$120.00	\$288.00	\$6,048.00
Nelson Weaver	\$4,272.00	\$89.00	\$213.60	\$4,485.60
Carl Chomistek	\$3,410.00	\$71.04	\$170.50	\$3,580.50

PGL #7169 5 Year 741 acres 120 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
<i>*1 bid submitted, which was withdrawn</i>				

PGL #7067 15 Year 707 acres 135 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	<i>*bid amount is the right to acquire the lease</i>	GST	Total
Joe Chomistek	\$41,040.00		\$2,052.00	\$43,092.00
Allen Weaver	\$26,100.00		\$1,305.00	\$27,405.00
Todd Green	\$19,000.00		\$950.00	\$19,950.00
Stewart & Lenita Musgrove	\$17,722.50		\$886.13	\$18,608.63

PGL #7241 15 Year 61 acres 11 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	<i>*bid amount is the right to acquire the lease</i>	GST	Total
Ralph Retzlaff	\$260.00		\$13.00	\$273.00

PGL #7169 was tendered with restrictions the same as longer PGLs. Only 1 bid was received and it was withdrawn when the bidder was contacted and restrictions were reiterated. Through discussion with the Board, it was confirmed that Annual (recurring) leases and any leases longer than 5 years

should have a minimum bid assigned, Community Grazing Lease deduction and a 640 acre or 1 parcel limitation. Leases 1-5 years should not include these restrictions.

2024-03-076 Moved by B. Schroeder that PGL #7169 be tendered out for a 5 year term with no minimum bid, no community grazing lease deduction, and no 640 acre or 1 lease limitation. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-03-077 Moved by R. Hiebert that as high bidders, and by meeting land and residency requirements, the grazing leases be awarded as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02.2 Set Turn-Out Dates

Carryover grass heading into the 2024 grazing season is below normal throughout the District. Precipitation last fall was low and current winter moisture potential is also poor at this time. At this point there is low confidence of having a normal grazing season with a 65 head maximum per member allocation. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2024-03-078 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture and irrigated pastures be May 15th, pending ideal conditions. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This date will be reassessed at the April GAC Meeting, and the date for native pastures will also be assessed and set at that time.

[11:08 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; D. Buell entered.]

8.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

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

8.03.1 2023 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2023 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 754 individuals received hunting permission, this is estimated to be half of all hunters utilizing EID lands; 3 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands
 - local ads will be run to notify the public of the required permission; it is hoped the District's on line authorization system will be operational in 2024
 - actual hunter activity was lower than normal; highest use areas for hunting continue to be Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) Grazing Associations, then Newell (Scandia Ranch) and Patricia (Princess) GA's
 - compliance was very good; however, 7 warnings/information tickets were issued for being off trail/designated route, entering a restricted area, or for a dog chasing cattle
 - day use around Lake Newell Reservoir and Rolling Hills Reservoir was lower than normal, likely due to the low water levels and high fire hazard conditions
 - day use around Crawling Valley Reservoir was close to normal
 - random camping problems around reservoirs were minimal, as was off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, with only Eyremore Grazing seeing semi-regular activity

- the AIS Prevention Program resulted in 29 warnings issued by EID staff and 4 issued by CPO staff, for failure to participate in the program or launching watercraft where prohibited
- the EID pays for approx. 25 hours/month of County Peace Officers (CPO) time to patrol EID lands and enforce EID access rules; this is very beneficial to the EID as a marked enforcement presence is more effective at ensuring public compliance with access rules; they focus their patrolling for the EID:
 - at District campgrounds and around reservoirs maintaining traffic enforcement and aiding in camper evictions; at locations with OHV, vandalism, dumping, or fire ban concerns; and providing assistance and an official presence to educate, issue warnings and respond as backup with the AIS Prevention Program
 - during the hunting season in high use areas, in winter on lands with late elk seasons, and on reservoirs with high ice fishing activity
 - on 2 PGLs experiencing groups of trespassers
- Provincial Conservation Officers spend a reduced amount of time patrolling EID lands adjacent to Dinosaur Provincial Park and Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, so they patrol the entire EID
- Brooks RCMP monitor central and eastern portions of the EID; this year stolen vehicles and equipment left on EID lands and damaging fences was dealt with
- Research Access:
 - Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute, Calgary Zoo/Wilder Institute, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Government of Alberta, Royal Tyrrell Museum, and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service conducted research on EID lands in 2023; focus of activities included:
 - biodiversity monitoring, Northern Leopard Frog monitoring, a Burrowing Owl research and population enhancement program, a remote sensing wetland mapping project, access to excavation sites within Dinosaur Provincial Park, and a duck banding program
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - sites were reduced to 8,281 ac-ft of water in 2023 due to drought plan restrictions
- Wildlife:
 - the Fisheries & Wildlife Management Information System data has been filtered down to relevant species and locations on EID lands; ground truthing will occur in 2024

8.03.2 2023 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary

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

- 2023 PHD Program:
 - 4,658 trees & shrubs were planted on 3 new sites (1 landowner out of 4 selected sites pulled out); 1 site received 2,000 m of fencing materials to prevent livestock access
 - 2,605 replacements were planted on five 2022 sites to replace winterkill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 8 sites
 - drought conditions affected seedling survival, to about 56%; long term average is 74%
 - 4 summer students were hired, and the County of Newell partnered with approximately 2 weeks' time of 2 of their summer students
 - historical site data has been digitized and drive-by inspections will begin in 2024
 - winter upland gamebird surveys at 9 of 13 transects showed 21 male pheasants, 6 female pheasants, and 27 partridges
 - surveys of 23 active Sharp-tailed Grouse leks indicated an average of 13.9 grouse/lek

- time and budget constraints prevented the completion of any spring pheasant crowing count transects or upland gamebird brood survey transects
- 2023 was another good year for Pheasants and Partridge owing to a lack of spring rains and high grasshopper population
- 2024 PHD Program:
 - 6 new planting sites have been selected, near Bantry, Brooks, Duchess and Scandia
 - 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides will be hired for the full May – August PHD season
 - 10,420 seedlings were ordered (approx. 7,600 going to new habitat and approx. 2,100 for 2023 replacements); mulch, landscape staples, and fencing materials will be ordered
- 2024 Budget:
 - \$165,000 is allotted for staffing and supplies; \$115,000 core funding from the EID, \$36,000 from Agroforestry Woodlot Extension Society “2 Billion Trees Program”, and \$10,000 from the County of Newell as well as some in-kind labour assistance
- Partnership:
 - the County of Newell will continue its summer student labour support and contribute \$10,000 to see an increased number of yearly planting sites
- Advertising:
 - word of mouth, District website, and District newsletters have generated enough interest for the program to run at capacity until at least 2027; advertising in 2024 will take place to secure additional sites
- Long Term Plans:
 - as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options for seedlings will be investigated
 - as time and IS staffing permit, mapping overlays will be generated with site data
 - new displays will be created, and additional fundraising opportunities explored

[11:31 a.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

8.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.04.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

8.04.1.1 Flood to Pivot – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – Pt E ½ 18-20-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 57 acres flood
- Converting: 54 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 3 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 57 acres (54 wiper pivot, 3 acres outside)

2024-03-079 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd for the conversion of 54 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt E ½ 18-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,400 (54 acres x \$100/acre) - \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,900. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.2 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – NW 33-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 146 acres flood and wheels (74 acres west half, 72 acres east half)
- Converting: 146 acres flood to and wheels to 2 wiper pivots; keeping 9 acres outside pivot areas and transferring 13 acres to NE 26-16-13 W4M



- New Assessment: 133 acres (65 pivot & 9 outside west half, 59 pivot east half)

2024-03-080 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd for the conversion of 124 acres flood and wheels to 2 wiper pivots in NW 33-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,400 (124 acres x \$100/acre) - \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,900. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The landowner has requested to transfer 13 flood irrigation acres to NE 26-16-13 W4M to accommodate the addition of a corner arm.

2024-03-081 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from NW 33-16-13 W4M to NE 26-16-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – NE 26-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 147 acres (134 pivot, 13 flood transferred from NW 33-16-13)
- Converting/Installing: 13 acres flood to corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2024-03-082 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd for the conversion of 13 acres flood to corner arm in NE 26-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,300 (13 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Nelson & Charla Weaver – NE 06-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 132 acres (61 acres west pivot, 70 wiper pivot, 1 acre flood)
- Converting/Installing: 1 acre flood to corner arm; 7 acres needed (previously approved)
- New Assessment: 139 acres (61 west pivot, 78 wiper pivot)
- Note: increase in irrigation acres application approved in 2022, motion 2022-03-100

2024-03-083 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nelson & Charla Weaver for the conversion of 1 acre flood to corner arm. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$100 (1 acre x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction was previously applied on 1 acre in NE 06-16-13 W4M. This acre is now eligible for a return of deduction.

2024-03-084 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in July 2019 to 1 acre in NE 06-16-13 W4M be returned to Nelson & Charla Weaver for flood to pivot efficiencies; 1 acre x \$500/acre = \$500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



8.04.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Washada Holdings Ltd (Carson & Joanna Slorstad) – NE 06-24-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 75 acres flood
- Converting: 75 acres flood to 136 acre pivot; 61 acres needed (irrigation development previously approved, motion 2023-11-288)
- New Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Note: 15 acres of 5R soils are required to be retested in 2028/2033

2024-03-085 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Washada Holdings Ltd for the conversion of 75 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,500 (75 acres x \$100/acre). The capital Assets charge is \$49,400 (50 acres x \$988/acre) + \$26,312 (11 acres x \$2,392) = \$75,712. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.6 Increase – Folkerts Farms Ltd (Arther & Mary Folkerts) – SW 20-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres (6 acres removed as part of 1995 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 10 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-086 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Folkerts Farms Ltd for 10 infill acres in SW 20-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (10 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.7 Increase – Gordon & Wendy Frank – Pt N ½ 26-17-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 150 acres
- Proposal: extend linear pivot and wheel field; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 161 acres, all under pivot and wheels
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by March 31, 2025; irrigable unit exists

2024-03-087 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gordon & Wendy Frank for 11 infill acres in Pt N ½ 26-17-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (11 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.8 Increase – Gail Lehr (Pending Transfer to Ken Davidson) – SW 28-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 80 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 102 acres flood (22 acres added in 1978)
- Proposal: install pivot; 29 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 102 x 1.4 = 41 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements if limiting pivot to 132 acres; project must be completed by March 31, 2025



2024-03-088 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gail Lehr for 29 efficiency acres in SW 28-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$43,500 (29 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.9 Increase – Viktor & Marina Petker – Sec 23-20-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 410 acres (3 pivots and flood)
- Proposal: add corner arm and 2 small wiper pivots; 10 acres needed (efficiency & infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 20 x 1.4 = 8 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 420 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to landowner entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement for each parcel; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-089 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Viktor & Marina Petker for 8 efficiency acres and 2 infill acres in Sec 23-20-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (10 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.10 Increase – Chad & Susan Sewall – SE 18-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 135 acres flood
- Proposal: install pivot; 2 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; 135 x 1.4 = 54 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-090 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Chad & Susan Sewall for 2 efficiency acres in SE 18-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.11 Increase – Wildeboer Farms Ltd (Elsien & Jan Wildeboer) – S ½ 19-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 219 acres
- Current Assessment: 242 acres (15 acres added in 1995 and 8 acres added in 2016 for general assessments)
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 24 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 266, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-091 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Wildeboer Farms Ltd for 24 infill acres in SE 19-16-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$36,000 (24 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As the existing half section wiper pivot reaches into the SW and the SE, an irrigable unit is required.



2024-03-092 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 19-16-15 W4M; lands being owned by Wildeboer Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.12 Increase – Wildeboer Farms Ltd (Elsien & Jan Wildeboer) – Pt E ½ 14-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 153 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 139 irrigation acres (converted to irrigation acres in 1990; 14 acres removed for general assessments)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 27 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 166 acres corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-093 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Wildeboer Farms Ltd for 27 infill acres in Pt E ½ 14-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$40,500 (27 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.2 Conversion of Term to Irr – LMK Agra Ltd (Lorne Bunney) – SW 32-19-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 96 acres (88 irrigation, 8 terminable)
- Installing: corner wiper pivot
- Converting: 8 terminable acres to irrigation acres (7 for NW wiper pivot, 1 for SW drip field)
- Assessment remains the same at 96 acres (95 acres under 2 wiper pivots, 1 acre drip field)
- Note: soils meet requirements; Operations has confirmed ability to deliver

2024-03-094 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the application from LMK Agra Ltd to convert 8 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SW 32-19-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (8 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:50 a.m. J. Ketchmark declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

8.04.3 Alternate Parcel Transfer – John Miller to John Ketchmark

For the 2024 irrigation season, John Miller is requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 75 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 10-17-16 W4M (end gun), SE 21 (end gun), and SW 22 & Pt NW 15 (pivot). Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2024-03-095 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 2024 alternate parcel transfer of 75 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark:

- 12 acres to SW 10-17-16 W4M;
 - 11 acres to SE 21-17-16 W4M; and
 - 52 acres to SW 22 & Pt NW 15-17-16 W4M.
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:53 a.m. J. Ketchmark rejoined the meeting.]

[11:53 a.m. – 12:32 p.m. Lunch break; B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]



2024-03-096 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

6.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974

[1:42 p.m. S. Connauton and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

9.0 Commercial Updates

10.0 Annual General Meeting

2024-03-097 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

6.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974

A motion for 1st reading was made once reconvening.

9.0 Commercial Updates

Direction was confirmed for Admin.

10.0 Annual General Meeting

Final edits to the AGM presentations were discussed.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

6.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 cont'd

Mr. Koochin presented a draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw for consideration of 1st reading that included:

- new annual deadlines (i.e. August 31st for new acres and second Friday of November for infill acres) for accepting applications for irrigation development and increases in irrigation acres, allowing time for the Capital Assets Bylaw to be reviewed, set, and applied to subsequently submitted applications;
- the requirement for soils testing to be completed prior to submitting an application for irrigation development;
- the requirement for written consents from neighbouring landowners affected by the applicant's development and permitting installation of any new infrastructure across their lands to be submitted with an application for irrigation development; and
- additional ranking criteria to rate on-farm water storage facilities and impose a deduction factor for rotational delivery irrigation projects.



A thorough discussion was held, with a number of questions being answered by Admin.

2024-03-098 Moved by R. Hiebert that Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 4th day of March 2024. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This bylaw will be brought back to the April meeting for 2nd and possibly 3rd readings.

11.0 Upcoming Events

- 11.01 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 5th, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 11.02 Nominations Close - Wednesday, March 6th, 5:00 p.m.
- 11.03 Election *[if necessary]* - Tuesday, April 9th
- 11.04 Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs - Tuesday, April 23rd, 9:00 a.m.
- 11.05 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, May 23rd, 9:00 a.m.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager