

Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Efficiency Program



A federal-provincial-territorial initiative

The Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Efficiency Program assists Alberta producers in their investment of new or upgraded low pressure centre pivot systems within their operations with the end goal of improving energy and water use efficiencies. There has been some significant improvements to the Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Efficiency Grant Program. Most notably, producers may be reimbursed up to \$15,000 of the eligible costs incurred for conversion from gravity or side roll wheel move irrigation system to a new low pressure centre pivot system. Additionally producers may now apply for the irrigation efficiency grant each fiscal year of the program's operation (the program fiscal year runs April 1 to March 31 with specific application deadlines). This grant program still funds 40% of eligible costs (to a maximum of \$5,000) for equipment upgrades to existing systems that increase energy and water use efficiencies such as pump modifications, upgrading high pressure centre pivot systems to low pressure centre pivot systems, addition of high efficiency sprinkler nozzles, variable rate irrigation system components and upgrades of centre pivot control panels.

This program is administered through Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Irrigation and Farm Water Division, and as such, has specific application requirements. More information on eligibility and the application process for the Irrigation Efficiency Program can be obtained on the Growing Forward 2 website (www.growingforward.alberta.ca/programs) or by contacting the Irrigation and Farm Water Division at 403-381-5532.

The District is saddened to announce the sudden passing of Vic Getz, a long time member of the EID staff. Vic started his career with the District in 1983 working as a member of the EID surveying crew. Within a few years Vic moved into a position in the Stores Department eventually becoming Purchasing and Inventory Supervisor. Vic unofficially retired in September 2014, continuing to work on contract as the Purchasing and Inventory Supervisor until his passing on January 31, 2016.



A community minded individual, Vic had a variety of interests and hobbies and was known near and far by many people. He will be missed by his many friends in the Cassils area, within the District and throughout the Alberta rodeo circuit.

EID staff, management and Board extend out thoughts and sympathies to Vic's wife Karen and his two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica.

Spring Information Meetings

Spring Information Meetings will take place

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Bassano Hall: 2:00 to 4:00pm

Heritage Inn (Brooks): 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

The EID's AGM will take place

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 1:30 pm

at the Heritage Inn in Brooks, Alberta.

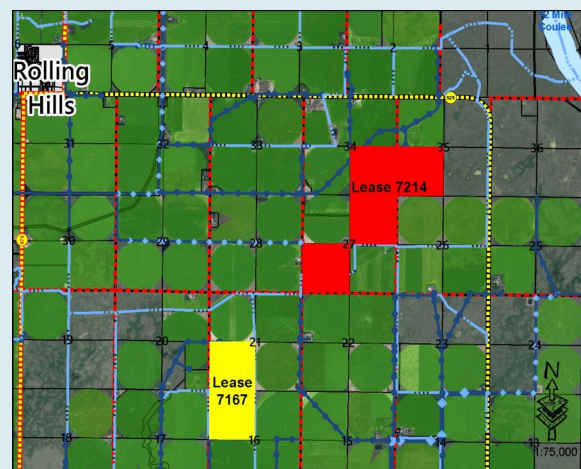
Private Grazing Leases #7167, #7214 and #7288

Bids are currently being accepted for two 3-year Private Grazing Leases in the Rolling Hills area and for one Long Term Private Grazing Lease in the Tilley area.

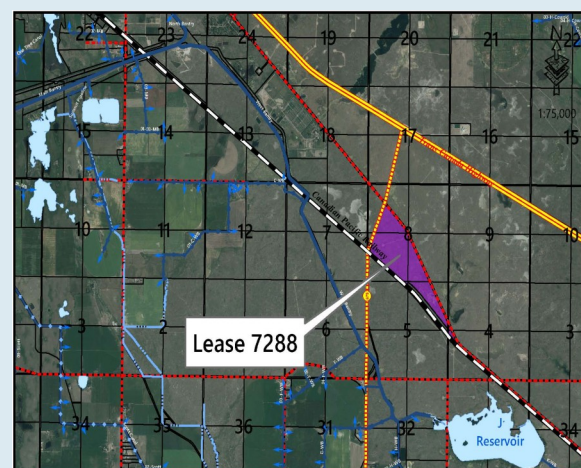
Eligibility Requirements

The Lessee must be in good standing with the EID, own a minimum of 100 acres within the EID with at least 60 acres assessed with irrigation acres (first water rights), reside within the administrative boundaries of the EID and not lease more than 640 acres of private grazing leases or 1 lease, whichever is greater. Fences are in as-is condition; maintenance of the fences is the sole responsibility of the Lessee.

- **3 Year Private Grazing Leases - for the period May 1, 2016 to October 1, 2018**
 1. Grazing Lease #7167 (highlighted on map 1 in yellow) in NW 16 and SW 21-14-13 W4M, consisting of 314 acres more or less, with a carrying capacity of 70 AUM (14 cow/calf pairs for 5 months).
 2. Grazing Lease #7214 (highlighted on map 1 in red) in SW & NE 27, SE 34 and SW 35-14-13 W4M consisting of 645 acres more or less, with a carrying capacity of 115 AUM (23 cow/calf pairs for 5 months).
- **Long Term Private Grazing Lease - for an 8 year term (May 1, 2016 to December 31, 2023) with the right to renew for another 15 years upon term expiration. Lease is fully transferable to any water user.**
 1. Grazing Lease #7288 (highlighted on map 2 in purple) in Pt. NW, Pt. SW & Pt. SE 8 and Pt. NE 5-18-13 W4M consisting of 217 acres more or less with a carrying capacity of 40 AUM (8 cow/calf pairs for 5 months). **Minimum bid accepted is \$3,000.00.**



Map 1: 3 Year Private Grazing Lease #7167 & #7214



Map 2: Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7288

Tenders

Tenders will be received at the EID office up to **10:00 am on Monday, March 14, 2016**. All tenders must be submitted individually on official tender form 'A' and accompanied by a cheque in the amount of the bid. Forms and tender packages may be obtained at the EID office. For additional information call 403-362-1421.

Employee Appointments

South Divisional Superintendent—Don Syvret has moved from the Assistant Superintendent position into the position of Superintendent replacing Dirk Senneker who recently retired after 27 years of service to the District.

South Divisional Assistant Superintendent—Gary Bobinski moves into the role of Assistant Superintendent. Gary previously served as Water Operator for both the Rainier and Aqueduct/Bantry areas.

2015 EID Scholarship Recipients



The EID scholarship program was instituted in 2008 as a method of recognizing local youth for their ongoing post secondary academic achievements. Annually a minimum of 10 scholarships are awarded to students whose parents are first water users or employees of the EID and a minimum of 10 scholarships are awarded to students who reside within the EID's administrative boundaries.

On the evening of December 21, 2015 the Board of Directors awarded \$ 40,000.00 in scholarships to 22 individuals. Since 2008 a total of \$354,000.00 has been awarded through the Scholarship Program to local students.

Private Grazing Permit # 7291

Details

Bids are currently being accepted for Private Grazing Permit # 7291 located in the Duchess area.

Grazing Permit #7291 (highlighted in Map 3) is located in Pt. NE 36-20-15 W4M and consists of 5 acres more or less with a carrying capacity of approximately 2 AUM.

The term of Grazing Permit #7291 is from May 1, 2016 to December 31, 2023. This permit automatically renews annually if the lessee is in good standing with the EID until term end.

Minimum bid accepted is \$250 plus GST per year.

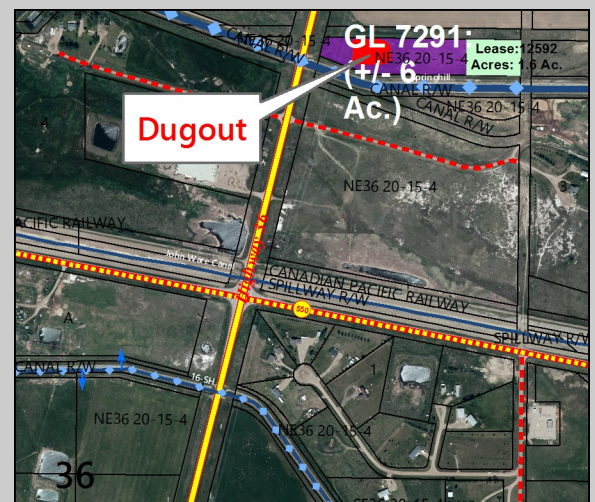
Eligibility Requirements

The Lessee must be in good standing with the EID and reside within the administrative boundaries of the EID. Fencing and maintenance of the fence is the sole responsibility of the Lessee.

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- Forms and tender packages outlining complete tender requirements may be obtained at the EID office.

Map 3: Grazing Permit #7291



IRRIGATION UPDATE



Eastern Irrigation District

February 2016

County of Newell Rural Water Grant Funding Initiative

The initiative reimburses 1st or 2nd Water Users that connect to the County of Newell Rural Water Project. The one-time reimbursement of \$2,000 per Water User is available provided the Water User met the conditions of the County of Newell's April 29, 2011 registration deadline and hooks up to the rural water line within 3 years of the line being installed. **Duchess contract water users please note that the 3 year hook-up deadline for the initiative may be coming near the cutoff. Hook-ups occurring after this date are no longer eligible for the reimbursement.**

Application forms are available from the EID Office or may be downloaded from the EID website (www.eid.ca). Once your property is hooked up to the rural water line, the completed application form can be dropped off or mailed to the EID Office.



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