

**ST. MARY RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021**

The Annual General Meeting of St. Mary River Irrigation District was held virtually by Zoom commencing at 1:33 p.m. There were approximately 57 guests in attendance.

Welcoming and Opening Remarks

G. Lohues welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and covered housekeeping rules.

Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

G. Franz moved and J. Bareman seconded adoption of the agenda as presented. CARRIED.

Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Annual Meeting

G. Franz moved and J. Bareman seconded adoption of the minutes as presented. CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

No business was raised from the December 9, 2020 AGM minutes.

Returning Officer's Report

D. Westwood advised that we had Electoral Division 3 and 6 open for nominations this year. Division 3, George Lohues and Division 6, Gerard Oosterhuis returned by acclamation.

Board of Directors Chairman's Report – George Lohues, Chairman

G. Lohues summarized and referred to his Chairman's Report printed on page 2-3 of the Annual Report.

Highlighted the CIB-IAI modernization program, continued reliance on the IRP program, collaboration with farmers, communities and municipalities alike. Irrican had a good year despite poor pricing and the Main Canal Agreement is open for negotiations this year with our partners TID and RID.

Thank you to Terrence Lazarus for 5 years of dedicated service as the General Manager.

Thank you to Gary Franz for his time as Chairman of the board and grateful that he will be staying on as Director for District 7 as past chair.

We have a great snow pack and our reservoir levels are good.

G. Lohues Moved and J. Bareman seconded adoption of the Board of Directors Chairman's Report.

CARRIED

General Manager's Report – David Westwood

David Westwood summarized and referred to the General Manager's Report printed on page 4-5 of the Annual Report.

Summary of the CIB project – modernization project, off stream storage projects. Thank you to the Government.

With the continued development of the water ordering application, and district notifications we encourage all users to have email addresses on file.

CIB-IAI Off-stream projects – an irrigator asked David where the other off stream reservoir projects are located. Our off-stream project is the Chin Reservoir expansion. There are three off stream projects located in other irrigation districts.

D. Westwood moved and J. Bareman seconded the General Manager's Report. CARRIED

Water Supply Situation/Maintenance Report – Jan Tamminga

A report by J. Tamminga is included on pages 14-15 of the Annual Report.

J. Tamminga presented the 2020 Water Supply and the 2020 Maintenance Report printed on page 14 of the Annual Report. Thank you to Jason at Alberta Environment for the graphs they provide to us to show the snow pillows.

J. Tamminga spoke to the importance of "Ordering Water Time" as the Main Canal is 311km long. He would appreciate all the water users provide us 24 hours' notice to be able to supply water.

2021 Water Allocation

16" to start, and the district will revisit the allocation in late May/early June.

As for early water, we are limited, as the chin bulkheads have to be removed, hoping to have water to the farmers for the week of May 3. We will try and get water as soon as we can.

J. Tamminga moved and T. Lievaart seconded adoption of the Water Supply and Maintenance Report as presented. CARRIED

Auditors' Report/MNP – Tanya Bell

Tanya Bell, MNP, announced the Auditor's opinion of the Auditor's Report and referenced the Financial Statements printed on pages 19 – 20.

G. Franz moved J. Bareman seconded

2020 Financial Statement – Joyce Lam

J. Lam referred to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position General Operations and Irrigation Works for the Year Ended October 31 2020.

Irrican revenue – is it subject to income tax? Yes, it is subject income tax however it was not taxable in 2020. We did not have to use our losses from the past. Carry forward loses \$1.9 mil and we didn't take amortization on our assets.

J. Lam moved and J. Bareman seconded adoption of the 2020 Financial Report. CARRIED

District Engineer's IRP Report – Trevor Helwig

T. Helwig presented his 2019/20 IRP Report printed on pages 8-9 of the Annual Report.

T. Helwig moved and J. Bareman seconded the adoption of the District Engineer's IRP Report. CARRIED

New Business

SMRID staff and Board are working together to provide an information session to the irrigators in the late spring, early summer.

J. Bareman asked the allocation of water and the ability to split allocation – is that something that could be done? Split allocation is something that has come up often, and some day we may deal with it, but at this point of time, we have a lot of expansion to deal with. Our district needs to get the water sold, get permanent acres out there and so the Board does not believe it is something we will look at. T. Helwig stated that he does not believe that can happen under the Irrigation Act. We would need to put meters on every turnout. A little premature right now.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

C. Nelson made the motion to adjourn