

## Notice of Application Period for the Acquisition of Irrigation Acres within the St. Mary River Irrigation District

It was approved by the SMRID Board of Directors November 30th, 2022 as per Bylaw #A 2022-2 and Section 12 of the *Irrigation District Act*, the expansion limit of the SMRID has changed from 504,200 acres to 584,200 acres.

This letter is to serve as notice that the application period for the acquisition of irrigation acres will be from **March 1st – 31st, 2023**. This is the only time SMRID will be accepting applications for Phase 1, no dates have been set for future Phases. The Capital Assets Charge per acre is **\$4,000+GST**.

All applications received between **March 1st – 31st, 2023**, will be entered into a lottery and up to 15,000 acres of irrigation will be made available to acquire. Each registered landowner can acquire up to a maximum of 150 acres. The SMRID will inform successful applicants after proper capacity checks within our system and will be contacted in the order they approved. In any event applicants will be contacted no later than June 30, 2023.

### Who can apply?

- One application as per Certificate of Title as registered on Land Titles as the owner.
  - Example: John and Jane Doe own three quarters together (application number 1), Jane Doe owns five parcels of land (application number 2) and jointly own a corporation that owns two parcels of land (application number 3). John and Jane Doe would be eligible for three applications total.
- The applicant must own the land that is being listed on the application form requesting permanent water rights
- One application can include multiple land locations up to a maximum of 150 acres

### How do I apply?

- The attached Application for Acquiring Irrigation Acres must be submitted between **March 1st-31st, 2023**.
- All applications must include an aerial map or rough sketch of the area the landowner wishes to irrigate.
- Applications without a land base to apply the acres to will not be accepted.
- A deposit is not required at the time of application. A deposit of 10% will be due if successful in the lottery within 30 days of notification. The balance will be due one year from the time of notification that the application was successful in the lottery.

Please go to [www.SMRID.com](http://www.SMRID.com) to find more information including example application forms. Questions / documents can be emailed to Linda Park at 403-328-4401 or [lpark@smrid.com](mailto:lpark@smrid.com) for the **Lethbridge area**. Kyla Ross at 403-223-2148 or [kross@smrid.com](mailto:kross@smrid.com) for the **Taber area**. Stacey Russell at 403-328-4401 or [srussell@smrid.com](mailto:srussell@smrid.com) for the **Bow Island / Medicine Hat area**.

