

## Board Member Areas

Division #1 (Cranford-Barnwell)

**Don Johnson**

Division #2 (Barnwell East – Taber)

**Bruce Francis**

Division #3 (Taber East – Fincastle)

**Paul Turcato**

Division #4 (Taber Big Bend)

**Kyle Gouw (Vice Chair)**

Division #5 (East Horsefly & North Fincastle)

**Mike Wind (Chair)**

## WATER SITUATION & STARTUP DATE

The mountain snowpack as well as the combined Alberta Environment and Parks headworks and SMRID storage is near normal. TID set an annual allocation of **16” at the farm gate**. See our website for updates. We will also send updates through our TID Notification System. If you would like text and/or email notifications, please sign up with the office (403-223-2148). You can also email your request with your contact information to [tid@taberirrigationdistrict.ca](mailto:tid@taberirrigationdistrict.ca).

Policy explanations for **Startup** (enhanced planning/green light for first water order requests), and **Ditchrider Hours** for receiving water order requests (M-F 7:30 am - 7:30 pm, Sat. 7:30 am - 11:00 am) are posted on our website.

Startup for water order requests in TID is planned for the week of **May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**. It is dry, and water is on its way – please be patient.

## 2021 RATES

Rates are continuing to follow the 2014 plan with the \$1/ac/yr increases starting in 2020 that conservatively tracks the increased costs to sustainably run the district. The SMRID Main Canal assessment increased \$1.50/acre. The 2021 budget draws \$2,800,000 from our capital reserve. Household and Rural Water use agreement rates remain unchanged. Steady rate increases will help protect against depleting this fund.

Agreement	2020	2021
Irrigation Acres	\$21/ac; \$630 min.	\$23.50/ac; \$705 min.
Terminable Agreement (irrigation)	\$63/ac; \$630 min.	\$70.50/ac; \$705 min.
Annual Agreement (irrigation)	\$63/ac	\$70.50/ac
Household Purposes (< 1 ac parcel)	\$245	\$245
Rural Water Use (≥ 1 ac parcel)	\$490	\$490
Water Conveyance (agr, mun, ind)	\$63/ac-ft; \$630 min.	\$70.50/ac-ft; \$705 min.
Truck Load	\$1.39/m <sup>3</sup> ; \$630 min.	\$1.55/m <sup>3</sup> ; \$705 min.
Well Site	\$3,150	\$3,525
Water to Oil & Gas	\$315/ac-ft; \$630 min.	\$352.50/ac-ft; \$705 min.
Irrigation Acres – Capital Assets Charge	\$1,800/ac	\$1,800/ac
Water Conveyance Agreement Allocation (TID License)	\$1,200/ac-ft	\$1,200/ac-ft

### Need to cancel a Household or Rural Agreement?

Please contact the office before water starts to avoid receiving a 2021 invoice

**TID Vision:** *Our vision is a progressive and cohesive team, supporting the diverse needs of our water users through a heritage of efficient operations, a drive for continuous improvement, and a spirit of collaboration toward responsible water management within Specialty Crop Country*

## **TID Board Business & TID Project Updates**

At recent Annual Meetings we heard requests for updates on the business of the district and so this page lets our water users know a little of what the board has been working on. These updates will be included in our Spring and Fall mailed newsletters. See our website for additional TID Board Business and Project Updates throughout the year. TID provides public access to view approved board meeting minutes at our office during business hours as per Section 47 of the Irrigation Districts Act. Call ahead at 403-223-2148 to make sure we have a COVID-19 safe area for you.

### **TID Board Business – highlights since January 2021**

Engineering – Colin Haugan starts as Engineering Services Manager to lead the engineering team.

GoA Budget Call – Board Chair Mike Wind learned from Minister Dreesen that IRP funds for districts is projected to be \$12M/\$12M/\$14M for 21-22/22-23/23-24 for a 3-year total of \$38M. This retains ≈ 50% cut

Irrigation Investment – 30% GoA grant; 50% CIB loan; 20% district construction contribution. Details in AGM presentation on TID website.

Community Futures – Chinook VR Project: TID will play host district for a goggled Virtual Reality experience in collaboration with Community Futures – Chinook, Taber Chamber of Commerce, Lethbridge College and MD of Taber. The portable system will be housed through the new Chamber building for late 2021.

Horsefly Emergency Spillway – Federal/Provincial/irrigation and most municipal funding for all three phases is confirmed. MPE has started design. This emergency spillway will pass SMRID main canal volume through TID Horsefly and Taber Reservoirs via enlarged TID canals to Oldman River. Constructed wetlands included.

Taber East Constructed Wetland – TID and the Town of Taber have signed Water Conveyance and Lease agreements for the Town to build the East Taber Storm Water Management Facility that includes a constructed wetland on TID's Taber Reservoir property. Design by MPE is at 25%. Construction to start this fall.

IRMA for TID – Eastern Irrigation District's Irrigation Recording and Management App (IRMA) may be coming to TID to improve our irrigation data management.

Drainage Consents – TID is accepting and reviewing drainage requests to assist our water users in compliance with the Water Act.

Water Use Agreements on Grazing Leases – If you are using TID water you must have an agreement – applies to grazing lease areas as per anywhere else.

Asset Management – TID board and staff completed Asset Management workshops with Urban Systems. TID will be establishing a formalized asset management system to help prioritize O&M and rehabilitation programs

Grassy Mountain Coal – TID is working through AIDA and Oldman Watershed Council to share our message supporting good science-based stewardship of our Rocky Mountain water source.

Budget – Continue sustainable \$1/ac increase and pass along \$1.50/ac SMRID main canal increase.

Expansion – Coordination of expansion modelling, information package and plebiscite with SMRID main canal partners. Roll out expansion based on prior efficiencies, new pipelines, Chin expansion volume.

Moss Balls – CBSA found Zebra Mussels in aquarium moss balls. Garbage, not drain disposal! Post on TID site.

Subdivisions – Reviewed The Meadows, Westview Gate, Prairie Lake Estates Ph 5, and several rural.

New Ditchrider – Glen Wada hired. John Beers to cover David Bennett's area, Glen to cover John's.