

General Rules and Regulations

South Saskatchewan River Irrigation District No. 1 (the “District”)

1. Ownership and Control of District Irrigation Works

- (a) All irrigation works, rights-of-way, and easements are owned by the District, and the District shall be responsible for their administration, operation, and maintenance.
- (b) If not fenced, a right-of-way may be cultivated not nearer than two (2) feet from the outside toe of an embankment, and not nearer than ten (10) feet from the inside slope of an excavated section. Compensation will not be paid for any crop damage suffered by a member on a District right-of-way.
- (c) All requests by members for fencing involving a District right-of-way must be made in writing to the District. The request must include a detailed description of the proposed placement of the fence and a plan to minimally impact the District right-of-way. Upon approval from the District, a fence may be constructed, and the member shall bear all costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the fence.
- (d) The planting of trees or shrubs, as well as the construction of corrals, feedlots, dugouts, buildings, and any other structures closer than two-hundred (200) feet from the edge of a District right-of-way shall not be undertaken by a member without the approval of the District.
- (e) Temporary or removable structures (e.g. bridges, catwalks) may only be placed across canals, ditches, or a right-of-way with the written permission of the District. Sites with temporary or removable structures must be cleaned up to the satisfaction of the District by the end of the prescribed period in the written permission.
- (f) The moving of permanent structures and the installation of new permanent structures by members must be approved by the District. Once approved, all costs of moving and/or installation will be the responsibility of the member. The District will assume ownership and responsibility for these permanent structures after installation.
- (g) The crossing of irrigation works with irrigation equipment, as well as the irrigation of ditch rights-of-way is only permitted with the written permission of the District.
- (h) The use of canal roads and District rights-of way by the public in vehicles with a gross weight of seven thousand (7000) pounds or greater is strictly prohibited.
- (i) Crossing ditches with vehicles or equipment is strictly prohibited.

- (j) Tampering with gates, checks, or in any way interfering with the flow of water through irrigation works is strictly prohibited.
- (k) The location of established delivery points may not be changed without the written permission of the District. Once permission is granted, all costs of the relocation shall be borne by the member.
- (l) Directors and employees of the District shall have access to land serviced by the irrigation works whenever there are reasonable grounds to believe an emergency situation exists. Damage caused to crops by vehicles and equipment in such cases will be covered at remuneration rates established by the District.
- (m) The disposal of brush, garbage, filth, or other refuse into the irrigation works is strictly prohibited.

2. Delivery of Water

- (a) The irrigation season shall be from May 1st to September 30th each year.
- (b) Any member with a current water service agreement and a previously used water supply point shall be entitled to receive water through the irrigation works, provided the member is not in arrears to the District and has not had the parcel removed from irrigation assessment.
- (c) Water conveyed through the irrigation works is to be used only for irrigation, industry, or domestic purposes.
- (d) Dugouts may be filled at such times when there is water in close proximity within the irrigation works. Provided that no other diversions are required, water may be supplied to dugouts when canals are drained at the end of the season. Dugout users who are not members must sign a domestic water supply agreement with the District.
- (e) Each irrigable acre in the District is entitled to receive not more than one acre foot of water per season.
- (f) Each member is responsible for making use of all of the water that they order in an efficient manner.
- (g) Unless an emergency situation arises, water shutoff requests will not be entertained by the District between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- (h) A minimum of two (2) days is required before a member may request water at a turnout after having the water shut off.
- (i) Water is to be ordered by using the online order form on the District website, or by phoning the ditch rider assigned to the turnout. Water is to be ordered no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day the user would like the water turned on.
- (j) Gates used to divert water through the irrigation works are not to be opened, adjusted, or closed by anyone other than an employee or authorized personnel of the District.
- (k) All water delivered to a parcel of land shall be measured in cubic feet per second. Members are entitled to know the volume of water they are receiving at any given time.
- (l) In the event of a shortage of water in a canal or ditch system, the ditch rider in that area will attempt to rotate the water among the members attempting to irrigate. Should a rotation prove unsuccessful or unmanageable, the ditch rider will distribute the water pro rata among the members.
- (m) The District has the authority to discontinue water service without notice to affected members, should the District need to make emergency repairs to the irrigation works. The District shall provide notice to the member when practical and reasonable.
- (n) End guns and other sprinkler systems are not permitted to water canal roads, road allowances, or District rights-of-way. Pivots are not permitted to extend into District rights-of-way without written permission from the District.

3. Control of Wastewater

- (a) Any member draining back thirty (30%) percent or more of the water they have ordered shall be deemed to be wasting water. When it is determined by the District that a member is wasting water on a regular basis, they will receive a written warning from the District. The District reserves the right to discontinue service to any member that the District deems to be excessively wasting water.
- (b) Waste water from sources other than irrigation (e.g. tiling, slough pumping) may only be dumped into the irrigation works with the written permission of the District.

4. Maintenance to Irrigation Works

- (a) Members shall immediately report any damage (or potential damage) to the irrigation works to the District.

- (b) Willful damage to the irrigation works by a member, or negligence that leads to damage of the irrigation works, may be prosecuted at the discretion of the District. Members shall be responsible for all costs to repair damage caused by willful damage or negligence as deemed by the District.
- (c) It is the responsibility of members to ensure that their livestock does not damage the irrigation works. In cases where grazing animals cause damage (or are likely to cause damage) to irrigation works, the member shall be required to fence the animals away from the District rights-of-way and irrigation works in such a manner as to not impede the District's access to the irrigation works. Members shall be responsible for all costs to repair damage to irrigation works caused by their livestock.

5. Water User Requests for Services

- (a) Requests to bridge project drains for irrigation works crossings must be made in writing to the District.
- (b) Custom work agreements must be signed before the District will offer any custom work services.
- (c) Invoices for custom work completed by the District will be sent out in a timely matter, and payment will be due in thirty (30) days.

6. Recreation

- (a) Swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, and all other forms of recreation are forbidden within District irrigation works.
- (b) Any recreational use that is made of the Broderick Reservoir is at the personal risk of the participants.

7. Duties of Employees

- (a) Each employee of the District has a duty to ensure that water services are provided efficiently.
- (b) All employees of the District are required to deal courteously with the public, and it is expected they will receive courteous treatment in return.
- (c) Ditch riders are required to have sufficient water in the canal systems for irrigation demands each day of the irrigation season.

- (d) Ditch riders are required to accurately measure out the amount of water ordered by each member.
- (e) Ditch riders are required to keep the irrigation works clear of weeds, debris, and other refuse, and to make repairs to the irrigation works as reasonably practicable.
- (f) The Pump Plant Operator will operate and maintain the pump plant.
- (g) The Operations Manager and General Manager (as appointed by the Board from time to time) shall conduct the administration, daily operations, and maintenance of the District and irrigation works. Each will report to the District Board from time to time or as instructed by the Board on conditions related to their responsibilities.
- (h) Complaints against an employee of the District must be made in writing to the District. However, if the complaint is against the General Manager, the complaint must be made in writing to the Chairperson of the Board.
- (i) Complaints will be heard in the presence of the party complained against, and any decision will be communicated to both parties.

NOTE: Only the Board of Directors has the right and authority to alter or waive any of the above rules or regulations.

ENACTED by the Board pursuant to the Bylaws of the District and effective the ___ day of _____, 2021.

Chairperson

Secretary