



“The Wheel Line”
The best information line
SUMMER EDITION 2022

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Hello, Fellow Irrigators:

I hope this edition of “The Wheel Line” finds you well. Crops are coming along nicely across the district and our irrigation season is in full swing. It was very nice to see some rain recently, which has relieved some of the pressure on irrigation compared to this time last year!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome **Krystine Magel** to the SSRID team. Krystine was hired in April as our new Administrator. Krystine has previously worked in administration/business, and brings a wealth of experience & an eagerness to learn about irrigation and how the district operates. Krystine is very excited to be part of a progressive irrigation area, working hard to feed the world. Welcome, Krystine – we are happy to have you with us.

Please do not hesitate to contact Krystine or Adam with any and all admin/operations concerns. SSRID is once again fortunate this year to have a full, competent, and equipped operations team (ditchriders/area supervisors) in place to facilitate water conveyance and custom work.

All the best this growing season!

Steve Primrose
Chairman, SSRID No. 1 Inc.

CONTACT US

Krystine Magel (Administration)

Phone: 306 867 9923

Fax: 306 867 1823

E-mail: ssrid1@sasktel.net

Adam Knapik (Operations)

Phone: 306 867 3446

E-mail: adam.ssrid@sasktel.net

Ditchriders:

South Area

Phone: 306 867 3440

Central Area

Phone: 306 867 3443

North Area

Phone: 306 867 3447

Board of Directors:

Steve Primrose, Chairman

Phone: 403 382 9998

Austin Ballek, Vice-Chairman

Phone: 306 867 4593

James Verwimp, Director

Phone: 306 867 3468

Ray Derald, Director

Phone: 306 867 8557

Matthew Lawless, Director

Phone: 306 867 4478

SSRID AGM 2022

The **Annual General Meeting** of SSRID members was held in-person on Wednesday, April 20th, 2022.

Important topics of discussion included district finances, district investments, the 2022 operating budget, operations & maintenance updates, presentations from the Ministry of Agriculture, and updates from SIPA. Special thanks to Jillian Brown (SIPA), and Ministry representatives Stephanie Gross, Stan Ylioja, and Ed Loewen for attending the meeting and sharing your expertise with us.

SSRID WEBSITE/WATER ORDERS

We are happy to remind you that multiple water orders can be entered at the same time using the order form on our website. Please submit separate orders for each area of the district you require water (i.e. one order form for multiple South, Central, and North turnouts).

Fill out the first sections of the order form as you normally would, indicating that you want water turned **ON** for a specific **DAY**. In the "Quarter Section" and "Turnout" boxes, enter the first quarter section and turnout on your list. Then, in the "Message" section, list all the remaining turnout numbers you wish to order water for that day.

Orders must be submitted by **6:00AM** the day you want the water at your turnout. Staff will confirm all orders with a reply email to your request. Please contact the office if you have any questions or

difficulties ordering water online.

Multiple turn off requests will be accepted following the same procedure noted above, if you indicate to turn the water **OFF**.

Late water requests (after 6:00AM the day you want water on/off) will **not** be accepted. Orders are confirmed first thing in the morning and our system is not monitored after the operations crew leaves the shop for the day. If you have last-minute requests or changes to make, please phone your area ditchrider to see if they are able to accommodate you.

DISTRICT FINANCES

SSRID's audited financial statements are available to ratepayers upon request. Financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 2021 were reviewed by ratepayers at the AGM in April. Please contact the office should you wish to look over these documents in hard-copy form.

A fully complete, detailed 2022 operating budget is available to ratepayers upon request. This budget was approved by ratepayers at the AGM in April. Please contact the office should you wish to look over a hard-copy of the budget.

The take-home highlights of this year's budget are the following:

- The 2022 **base rate** is **\$42.28 per acre** (this includes the 2022 IRP contribution)
- The 2022 water usage fee is **\$5.92 per acre foot**
- The current **futures fee** is **\$22.40**

per acre (\$21.00 IRP fee plus \$1.00 levy for ICDC and \$0.40 levy for SIPA)

- The 2022 high pressure lines base **CAP PROGRAM** rate is **\$45.28 per acre**



algae in your area starts to become a problem.

The CAP program will continue to accept project applications until allocated funds have been exhausted.

Please contact the office for more information, or if you require help/guidance in the application process. We are here to support you and the District!

SIPA and SSRID

The Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association recently hired an Executive Director. **Jillian Brown** has an intimate understanding of irrigation in this province, having completed graduate studies at the University of Saskatchewan and specializing in irrigation development and its related economic impacts.

Jillian and the team at SIPA have been working hard over the last few months to improve SIPA's communication with its members (you), while also representing our interests on key issues like PST, future funding packages, and the 4-billion dollar irrigation expansion project.

The SSRID is very excited to work with Jillian and the team at SIPA for the improvement of our district and the improvement/expansion of irrigation across Saskatchewan. Jillian can be reached by phone at 306 796 4727, or by email jillianbrown.sipa@gmail.com

SSRID EARLY PAY SCHEDULE

The Board is pleased to announce that **discounts** will once again be offered this year, and applied to your **2022 assessment** if you choose to pay base rates in full, as per the following schedule:

- **Pay by June 30th = 3% discount**
- **Pay by July 31st = 2% discount**
- **Pay by August 31st = 1% discount**

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact the office.

MAG-H TREATMENT SCHEDULE

Operations staff have successfully treated all district canals with at least one application of Mag-H, and will continue to treat across the district as required. Please contact Adam or your area ditchrider if

FUTURE DIRECTION OF SSRID

All our plans and our future direction relies heavily on input from **YOU!** E-mail ssrid1@sasktel.net or send a letter to the Board and tell us - what problems do we need to address? What solutions do you propose to these problems? How can we all work together to remain sustainable in this ever-changing world?

We look forward to seeing your feedback.



“The Wheel Line”

Vol. 3 (2022) No. 2

Copyright SSRID No. 1 Inc., June 2022

South Saskatchewan River Irrigation District No. 1
PO Box 699, Outlook, Saskatchewan
S0L 2N0 CANADA

Telephone: (306) 867 9923

Facsimile: (306) 867 1823

E-mail: ssrid1@sasktel.net

Website: ssrid.com