

THE BEST INFORMATION LINE**From your Chairman...**

Hello, Fellow Irrigators:

I hope this edition of the Fall Wheel Line finds you well. Fall already? Where the H does the time go! We had a great start to the season, Mother Nature finally gave us some great spring moisture, thank you Mother Nature!! Not much water was used in May or June which was sure welcomed for all, but as we all know too well, she can be a bit stubborn and cut back that moisture in a blink of an eye! The July heat arrived and thank goodness we have the ability to make it rain.

As harvest starts, SSRID hopes you all will have a bountiful crop!

Sincerely,

Steve Primrose
Chairman, SSRID No. 1 Inc.



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A Welcomed Tour of SSRID

It was my pleasure in having The Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture, The Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of Highways & Infrastructure, Shawn Jaques, President & CEO of Water Security Agency, along with members of the Cabinet Committee on Agriculture, Hugh Nerlien, MLA for Kelvington-Wadena, Doug Steele, MLA for Cypress Hills, and Dana Skoropad MLA for Arm River Constituency, David Cooper, Vice President of Agricultural Services, Water Security Agency, as well as Derek Griffin Ministerial Assistant – Communications, Minister's office.

We met at the SSRID District Office August 27th, where I had a great visit with Minister Marit and all. From there we toured just southeast of Outlook and had a look at an old leaky lateral which was decommissioned a few years ago, then had a look at our newer pump station and a high-pressure pipeline!! (that no one could see)! It is true that a visual is worth more than a thousand words. No leaks, no open ditch, can farm more land, reclaim land, use a lot less water, more water available for more acres - win, win, situation. We toured the M1 Canal, looked at a traveling screen, and talked about the benefits of them. We then went over to the start of the M2 and followed the canal over to Highway 15 where new culverts are slated to go in next year. Had a stopover at Van Melick Farms Ltd. in Broderick where Jop Van Melick was packaging carrots. Talked about the benefits of higher value crops. Then over to the start of the SSEWSS (South Saskatchewan East Water Supply System) and the new rehab. SSRID currently has 500 acres off this piece of the SSEWSS.

At the end of the day we had a great tour and I believe everyone sees the value of WATER = FOOD = LIFE, can it be that simple? Expanding irrigation in Saskatchewan can help make that a bit more plausible.

I would like to sincerely thank Minister Marit, Minister Carr, Water Security Agency President Shawn Jaques and the rest of the folks for making the time and effort to come and see what's happening and possible in our District!

Hats off to all!!

Steve Primrose
Chair SSRID No. 1 Inc.



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It is with great sadness that one of our Board Members, Matthew Lawless, has resigned and is moving on to greener pastures. Matthew created the Wheel Line and we were all very happy to see that SSRID was getting communication out to all irrigators in a timely manner. Matthew, the Wheel line was well received with so many great comments. I want you to know that it will continue in your absence. Matthew had a big impact on our board, always advising on what we can change or being proactive in decision making to put the district in a better place. Matthew, thank you for your input and presentations at our yearly AGMs, as well, at all the yearly meetings we encountered. Matthew has made a big career change! He has accepted a job in Eastern Canada working for the J.D. Irving Family who owns Cavendish Farms among many other companies. We know you will excel working for the Irving Family. Saying that your family is now closer to both yours and Emily's families is what counts the most at the end of the day.

I speak for the SSRID Board and Employees of the District, as well as, many Irrigators, in wishing you all the success in your new adventure!

Happy Trails,

Steve Primrose
Chairman, SSRID No 1. Inc.

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The following was approved by SSRID irrigators at our AGM in April, 2023:

- Ministry of Agriculture contribution of \$41.00 per acre, each year.
- Irrigator contribution of \$21.00 per acre, each year.
- 2:1 cost share with Ministry of Agriculture, similar to previous IRP.
- Five (5) year term (2023 to 2027 inclusive).

**SUSTAINABLE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP
(SCAP)**

Two Irrigation Funding Programs:

1) Irrigation Development: For new Irrigated Acres

- Lesser of 67% of eligible costs or \$1,675 per acre developed.
- Maximum of \$500,000 over the 5-year program.
- Deadline for application: December 31, 2027.
- Search "Irrigation Development Program Saskatchewan"

2) Irrigation Efficiency: For Conversion of existing projects to support improved energy and water efficiencies.

- Rebate Program
- 30% of eligible costs.
- Maximum of \$50,000 over the 5-year program
- Deadline for claims: March 31, 2028.
- Project improvements must be fully constructed and operational to receive rebate.
- Search "Irrigation Development Program Saskatchewan"

For More information, contact the Agricultural Knowledge Centre, Ministry of Agriculture at 1-866-457-2377.

**WATER ORDERS**

Our website www.ssrid.com will continue to support the submission of multiple turn on/off requests in a given area (South, Central, or North), at the same time, for the 2024 season. This method of ordering has proven to be the most efficient for irrigators and District staff.

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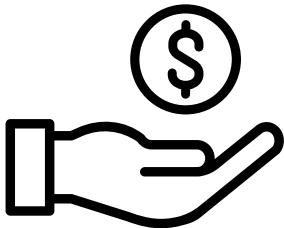
DISTRICT FINANCES

A friendly reminder to all irrigators that, per District bylaws, all base rates and water usage fees are to be paid to the District by December 31st of each year. Any accounts left unpaid after December 31st are subject to interest at a rate of 2% per month until the entirety of the arrears have been paid. Invoices for custom work are due within thirty (30) days of the date first noted on the invoice for said custom work.

In addition, any irrigator with an account left unpaid after January 31st shall be charged the upcoming season's base rates, which must be paid (in addition to all arrears) in advance of any water being turned on for that irrigator.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The SSRID office has the ability to accept various methods of electronic payment for base rates, usage fees, and custom work. Please reach out to Krystine directly at (306) 867 9923 to discuss these secure & efficient means of payment.



OUR MISSION

To be a leader in Saskatchewan irrigation and foster growth, efficiency, prosperity & sustainability in our district.

OUR VISION

- Strive to convey the cleanest water possible at a fair price.
- Establish positive relationships with district consumers, governments, and the broader community.
- Secure a shared revenue-stream from local, provincial, and federal sources, to enhance the viability & longevity of the district.
- Increase irrigable acres in our district by 20,000 before the year 2030.
- Replace failing canals with pipelines, wherever feasible.
- Rely on local personnel, businesses, and manufacturing, wherever feasible, to fulfill the operations & maintenance obligations of the district.

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