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# SK'S ONLY IRRIGATION CONFERENCE

December 4-6th, 2023

TCU Place, Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Irrigation and Sustainable Food Security.  
Bringing Together Producers, Consumers and Industry.

*New this year:*



## **BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

Multiple Information Zones with New Topics



## **IRRIGATOR SPEAKER PANEL**

Lessons Learned



## **SPECIALTY PRODUCTION PANEL**

Developing in Saskatchewan

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO, AGT Foods



**Sold Out Industry Trade Show!**

# 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IRRIGATION SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE AGENDA

## DAY 1: MONDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

5:00 Registration and Trade Show Opens

6:00 Hot Appetizers/Cocktails Reception Courtesy of Crop Aid Nutrition



Presentations:

- Understanding Variable Rate Irrigation under Situations of Field Heterogeneity, University of Saskatchewan - Amy Carruthers
- Farming and Carbon Capture, Continuum Carbon - Devron Wayne
- Subsurface Irrigation in Saskatchewan, Southern Irrigation - Kees Van Beek

10:00 Cocktail Reception Closes

11:00 Social - Bar Closes

## DAY 2: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

8:00 Registration Opens

9:00 Welcome, Opening Remarks, SIPA - Aaron Gray, Chairman

9:15 Greetings, Minister of Agriculture - Honorable David Marit

9:20 Irrigation Saskatchewan – Amalgamation Plan Presentation, SIPA - Jillian Brown, Executive Director

9:35 SIPA 2023 Highlights, SIPA - Jillian Brown, Executive Director

10:00 Coffee Refresh Provided by Iconix Waterworks



10:30 Irrigated Research Program Update, ICDC, CSIDC, Ministry of Agriculture - Cara Drury Sara Ingell, Morgan Cote, Gursahib Singh & Erin Karppinen

12:15 Value-Added, An All in Saskatchewan Approach – Producer/Industry Collaboration - Jeff Ewen, Nigel Oram & Ken McDougall



12:45 Lunch Provided by MPE Engineering

1:30 Irrigation Projects/Development: LDIEP, small projects, other development - Water Security Agency - Joel Peru, Director, Irrigation Development/Ministry of Agriculture - Dianna Emperingham, Executive Director

2:00 Saskatchewan Water Management Planning - Water Security Agency - Katrina Euteneier, Engineer, Flow Forecasting

Ag Water Drainage Policy - Water Security Agency - Travis Findlay, Technologist, Approvals South

2.30 SaskPower Supply Plan - SaskPower - Doug Opseth, Director, Generation Asset Management & Planning

3:00 Refreshment break Provided by NewTec Irrigation



3:15 Irrigation Development Producer Panel - Lionel Ector, Stuart Ringdal & Miles Heck; Moderator, Aaron Gray

4:15 Value Added/Specialty Production Panel - Brady Funk, Ryan Miner & Sheldon Kennedy; Moderator, Arthur Ward

5:30 Wrap Up

6:30 Social and Refreshments Opens

7:15 Banquet: Courtesy of Western Water Management



8:15 Keynote Speaker: Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO AGT Foods

11:00 Bar closes

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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

7:00 Breakfast Provided by Clifton Engineering



8:15 Opening Remarks, SIPA - Aaron Gray, Chairman

8:30 SIPA/WSA Pilot Projects/SSEWS Projects Update

9:15 Coffee Refresh Provided by Prairie Mechanics



9:30 Breakout Sessions

- Irrigation Scheduling, GHG Emissions, Solar Pumping
- Artificial Intelligence, Digital Monitoring, Avoiding Soil Compaction
- SMRs in Saskatchewan, Engineered Pipe, System Controls & Automation

11:45 Amalgamation update, SIPA - Aaron Gray, Chairman; Jillian Brown, Executive Director; ICDC - Jeff Ewen, Chairman

12:15 Lunch Provided by WSP & SIPA



1:30 SIPA Annual General Meeting

2:30 ICDC Annual General Meeting

3:30 Wrap Up and Safe Trip

# SIPA

## Why Join SIPA?

As a member of the association, you enjoy the following:

- **ADVOCACY**, support an organization that seeks to ensure Saskatchewan's irrigation industry and public policy grows with input from the grassroots
- **SUSTAINABILITY**, contribute to a future of secure water allocation for irrigation development
- **EXPERTISE**, exchange information and learn from other irrigators, industry representatives, and studies commissioned by SIPA
- **CONTRIBUTE**, provide your voice, and contribute to the direction of SIPA at general and annual meetings
- **LEGACY**, support the elected board of directors in the development of policies that will grow the industry to its full potential

**A Special Thank you to SIPA's 2023 Operational Partners**



**Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**This is our 28th Annual Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Elect Chairperson and Recording Secretary
3. Identify Member Delegates
4. Review and Adopt Agenda
5. Introduce SIPA Board of Directors
6. Review and Adopt Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting
7. Business Arising
  - Vote to Ratify Amalgamation Mechanics
  - Motion to Temporarily Extend Current Board Members Terms
8. Financial Report
9. Appoint 2024 Accountant
10. Executive Director and Chairman Report – SIPA 2023 Activities
11. Bylaw Amendment - Vote to Ratify Irrigation Saskatchewan Bylaws
12. Resolutions
13. Set 2024 Membership Fees and Board Per Diems
14. Elections (unnecessary if amalgamation mechanics are ratified)
  - a. LDDA: Incumbent Joel VanderSchaaf
  - b. SEDA: Incumbent Julie-Anne Howe
  - c. SWDA: Incumbent Rodney Fairbrother
  - d. SEDA: Incumbent Arthur Ward
  - e. NDA: Incumbent Stephanie Boyle
15. Set 2024 Annual meeting
16. Adjournment

Directors (term)

Joel VanderSchaaf, LDDA (2023)

Aaron Gray, LDDA (Current Chair) (2024)

Austin Ballek, LDDA (2025)

Grant Pederson, LDDA (2024)

Stephanie Boyle, NDA (2023)

Julie-Anne Howe, SEDA (2023)

Miles Heck (2024)

Arthur Ward, SWDA (2023)

Rodney Fairbrother, SWDA (2023)

Roger Pederson, Director at Large (2023)

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