**APPENDIX B – Survey Results**

**BASIC Planning Survey Results**

**Background**

In January of 2017, BASIC sent out a planning survey to its members and partners. 10 responses were received. Of the responses received, 50% was by farmers, the remaining from council and BASIC staff.

The survey looked at the issues and opportunities being faced by the organization over the next 3 years. It also looked at BASIC’s Mission & Vision and direction for the next year. The full survey is attached as appendix A.

**Summary of Survey**

What do you feel are the 3 most important issues facing the organization over the next three years?

* Funding
* Cooperation between provincial & Federal Government & Cooperation between all parties involved in moving project forward
* Project planning

What are the top 3 opportunities you see for BASIC?

* Drainage Plan in place
* Optimize Funding eg: matching, best utilization
* Working with all levels of government

If you could see one positive change for the organization over the next year, what would it be?

* Better Communication/cohesion with membership
* Cooperation between all levels of government

What are the organization’s top three strengths that should be leveraged as we move forward?

* Government Support to date
* Strong & Interested membership
* Strong partnerships eg. Manitoba Ag, Conservation District, producers

What are the organization’s top three weaknesses that should be “shored up” as we move forward?

* Unknown future funding
* Communication with local council and producers
* Cooperation by all parties to see project through

Are there any challenges BASIC has not been able to meet in the past two to three years? If so, why do you think BASIC Failed to meet them?

* Funding
* KGS study
* Largely volunteer driven

Are there any “sacred cows” (something that has been accepted or respected for a long time and that people are afraid or unwilling to criticize or question) that you have historically been unwilling or unable to address that need to be on the table during the planning?

* Bifrost Ward System
* Practise of over-farming to drains edge (need for local responsibility)
* Municipal performance in drainage maintenance
* Working with provincial sources eg. Highways

# Current Vision:  “Bifrost is seen as a Centre of Excellence for successful water and crop management in excess moisture conditions”.  Do you believe that the current Vision is on target? If not, what would you change?

* Overall, everyone who responded felt that the Vision is on target.

# Current Mission: “Creating economic opportunities and protecting a healthy environment through sustainable water management”. Do you believe that the current mission is on target? If not, what would you change?

* Felt that mission was on target, no changes needed

# Is there any other feedback you would like to give to help with the planning process?

* Keep government officials (MLA) informed of on plans and continue to lobby for government support and to stress the importance of this project for our municipality.
* Keep moving forward and remember the long-term goal
* Good Job