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Annual Report

Eastern Irrigation District

North End of Crawling Valley Reservoir

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTE that the annual meeting of the irrigators of the Eastern Irrigation District is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, at 1:30** in the afternoon at the Heritage Inn, 1217 – 2nd Street West, Brooks, Alberta.

The Eastern Irrigation District (EID) operates an extensive water supply, storage and drainage network. Water diverted from the Bow River at the Bassano Dam provides water for:

- irrigated agriculture
- household and livestock water uses
- municipal and industrial water requirements
- many recreational needs and enhanced environmental conditions

The EID was organized under Alberta legislation in 1935. The formation of the District made it possible for the irrigators to take over the irrigation project started by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the early 1900s. The vision of these early settlers and agricultural entrepreneurs has created a long-lasting and positive legacy for the region.

The EID is governed by a Board of Directors elected from and by the irrigators in the District. The main office of the District is located in the City of Brooks.

In addition to the water management functions of the District, the EID owns and is responsible for the operation and management of large tracts of native and improved pasture lands. These lands are primarily used in support of the beef cattle industry.

The management of water and land resources is conducted with an integrated and sustainable approach. This approach allows the District and these important natural resources to act as a catalyst to support important regional economic development initiatives.

In the truest sense, water is more than agriculture. The Eastern Irrigation District is a place where "WATER WORKS WONDERS"!

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2024 Board of Directors



Tracy Hemsing
(Chairman)
Division 7
Rolling Hills

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by the irrigators. The Eastern Irrigation District has adopted a practice of staggered elections, in which two directors are elected in one year, two directors are elected the next year and three directors are elected in the following year. This method of elections provides for long-term stability in the governance, administration and operation of the District.



Richard Hiebert
Division 1
Gem/Bassano



David Peltzer
(Vice-Chair)
Division 2
Rosemary/Duchess



Brad Deschamps
Division 3
Patricia/Millicent



Brian Schmidt
Division 4
Cassils/Brooks



John Ketchmark
Division 5
Scandia/Rainier



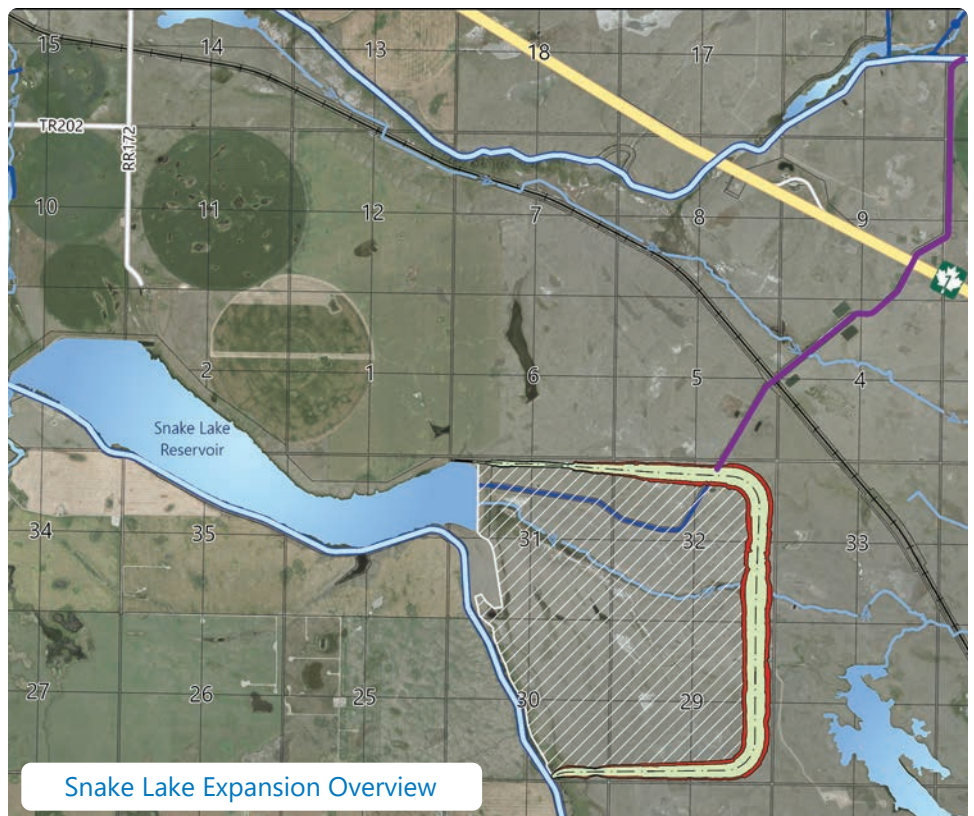
Brent Schroeder
Division 6
Tilley

Vision Statement

The Eastern Irrigation District is dedicated to providing water security to the area and managing the District's diverse resources in a manner that will provide the greatest economic, social, and environmental benefit.

Mission Statement

The Eastern Irrigation District will divert and convey water through a maintained and continually improved infrastructure system while providing good stewardship of District lands and promotion of agriculture and the local economy in a collaborative, informed, sustainable, and fiscally responsible manner through District policy and practices.



Chairman and Board of Directors' Report

The Board of Directors would like to thank the irrigators and staff for their support and cooperation on another successful irrigation season.

With the 2023 drought fresh in the minds of Board members, the Maximum Water Bylaw was changed. This bylaw governs the maximum amount of water that may be delivered to each acre. The District will begin each season conservatively and each operating month evaluate and may adjust the maximum allowable limit, based on existing conditions.

In February, the Board officially made a motion to approve the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion project. The estimated cost will be \$273 million which will be funded by the District, the provincial government, and a loan from the Canada Infrastructure Bank. This expansion will offset the direct use of water from the Bow River when it tends to run lower in the summer. Total storage in the expanded reservoir is estimated to be 70,000 acre-feet which will fully support the 50,000 acres downstream.

After several drought meetings with the Government of Alberta in March, the District signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) of our commitment to collaboratively manage water resources and prioritize the various needs of the water users for the 2024 season. The Bow River MOU includes amongst others, the BRID, the EID, and the WID. This MOU is not unlike the informal cooperative methods that have been in place for years between the districts.

In April, Divisions 3 and 6 seats were up for election. Congratulations to Brad Deschamps who was acclaimed in Division 3 and Brent Schroeder who was re-elected in Division 6 for his 2nd term. Thank you to Ross Owen for his 15 years of service and to Shane Vossepoel for running.

For the 2024/2025 season, a few changes were implemented to the Irrigation Acres Bylaw. Before applications will be accepted, soil testing is to be completed. In addition, and if applicable, written consent from landowners must be submitted permitting access for new infrastructure to cross their lands. Irrigation Development Applications for 2025 were reviewed in October. Those meeting the District's rating criteria pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974

(2024) have been given conditional approval.

The District will develop 4 more quarters in 2025 for the 2026 season; 3 are in the Rolling Hills area and 1 is near Gem. Lease particulars will be reviewed and confirmed at a later date. With excess under-reservoir acres available, the District is testing soils for possible expansion on District owned land. Since the passing of the plebiscite in 2021, the District has added 11,789 acres to the water roll.

In 2023, the Capital Assets Bylaw had a 2% inflationary factor added when setting the rates. Capital assets fees for 2025 are as follows: New acres - \$3,672, Infill acres - \$1,530, and Converting from Term acres - \$765.

Fibre installation continued this year and was completed in Bow City, Rainier, and Scandia. Rolling Hills, Patricia, and Gem will be completed in 2025. Free internet service was given to all fire departments to support its emergency training and educational systems. This was also offered to community halls to assist in monitoring their buildings remotely.

Aquatic Invasive Species prevention (AIS) is always a concern of the Board members and staff. Further prevention measures continue to be explored that would bolster the AIS Prevention Program in place.

In mid October, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) introduced a water engagement study to pursue solutions for water allocations in Alberta. In response, the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) put forth 13 possible solutions to address the concerns of the province. This paper is available on the AIDA website. The Board and irrigators attended open houses as well as met with our MLA to express our concern about possible irrigation district clawbacks. We expressed the importance of retaining the license in years following drought to refill reservoirs as well as instill confidence for industries intending to expand or build knowing that there is a secure water supply.

In December, the seat for Division 4 became vacant as the Director, Brian Schmidt, sold his land and was therefore no longer qualified to be a Director. The Board chose to appoint Brian as an additional member until the spring election, rather than hold a by-election at this time.

Chairman and Board of Directors' Report

After a close assessment of budgeted expenses, the operating costs for 2024/2025 are projected to be \$30.57/acre. With oil and gas revenue trending lower, the inflationary costs of infrastructure, and the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion, the Board will be focusing on increasing revenue. Corporate Planning in January will have discussion on revenue sources such as solar farms, capital assets, and water rates.

In closing, the Board looks to its vision and mission statement for direction on developing policy and bylaws. I would like to encourage all of the irrigators to continue to reach out to Directors with your suggestions, concerns, and questions. As your Board, we are here to represent irrigators and do what is in the best interest of the District as a whole.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Tracy Hemsing, Chairman, Board of Directors*



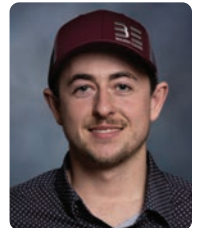
Paige Bergquist

Eastern Irrigation District Scholarship Recipients

2024



Carley Briggs



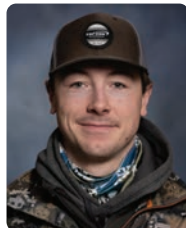
Russell Buteau



Dustin Engbrecht



Ella Forrest



Carsyn Good



Dexter Hale



Riley Hodgson



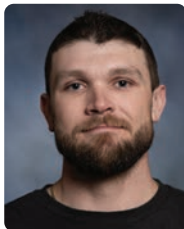
Brooke Martin



Garnet Miller



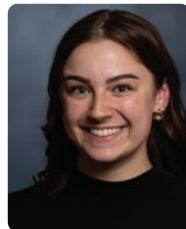
Peekay Moss



Brandon Neigum



Brett Niznik



Kate Niznik



Sarah Niznik



Isaiah Porter



Ross Redelback



Holly Schaffer



Laurel Schaffer



Olivia Sinclair



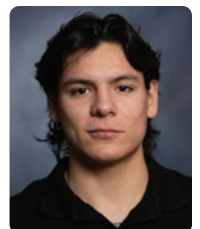
Liam Sjodin



Leighton Slomp



Kennedy Stenger



Alonso Tapia Ruiz

General Manager's Report

Ivan Friesen, General Manager



Early in January, Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (EPA) facilitated discussions of formal water sharing agreements between the major license holders on the Red Deer River, Bow River, Oldman River, and southern tributaries. Memorandums of understanding (MOU) were developed on each system that modelled reciprocal

unwritten practices and verbal agreements already in place between districts and other major license holders on the Bow River. The Bow River basin MOU was given approval by the Board on April 2, 2024. The signatories to the MOU agreed to voluntarily and collaboratively decide to activate or deactivate the Water Sharing MOU based on and after reviewing criteria like reservoir storage, observed and forecast river flows, expected river flow timing and water demands. Regular meetings were held throughout the growing season, with signatories. The Bow River basin did not require to activate the MOU as there was ample water to meet all demands.

With the prior year's dry conditions and MOU in the forefront, the District took a cautious approach heading into the 2024 irrigation season, even while reservoirs were full and late snowpack conditions looked promising. With this cautious approach the Board set allocations at 15", knowing that 15" could be delivered to the farm gate with little to no shortages as was done in the extremely dry conditions of 2023. Spring precipitation, particularly in May, along with good late snowpack, provided the confidence in June to increase allocations to 18" and 24" in July. Total diversion was 432,000 acre-feet (548,000 acre-feet – 2023) and 9.84" delivered to the farm gate.

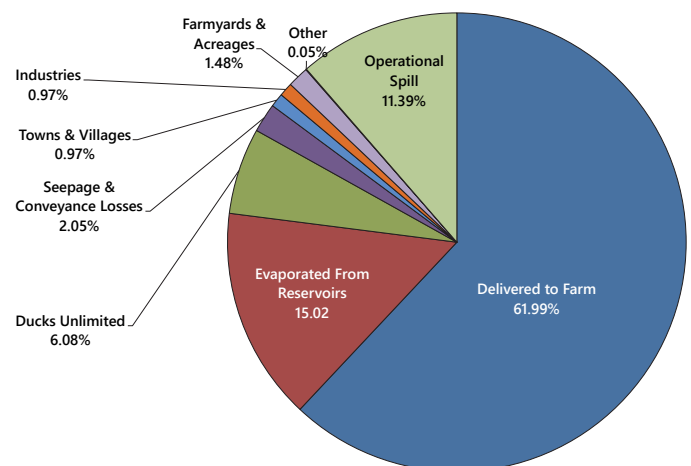
All reservoirs are at full winter levels and soil moisture is much improved, leading to an optimistic start to the 2025 irrigation season.

In late fall of 2024, Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (EPA) initiated the "Water Availability Engagement". The irrigation industry was one of the first industries to recognize and address the concerns and uncertainty the "water management issue sheets"

released by EPA created for its irrigation producers, value added agricultural processors, and the agricultural industry at large. Proactively, Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) with the consensus of all irrigation Districts, provided Government with identified concerns of possible amendments and suggestions to improve water access in Alberta. Vigilance is still required at all levels. Thank you to everyone who attended engagement meetings and helped in providing feedback on improvements, thoughts, and concerns on this very important matter.

Water Balance (acre feet)

	2024	2023
Diversion	432,000	548,100
Delivered to Farm	262,900	386,100
Evaporation from Reservoirs	63,700	93,100
Ducks Unlimited	25,800	8,800
Seepage and Conveyance Losses	8,700	8,700
City, Towns and Villages	4,100	4,100
Industries	4,100	5,500
Farmyards and Acreages	6,300	6,500
Change in Storage	7,900	-300
Other Purposes	200	200
Operational Spill	48,300	35,400
Measured Return Flow	68,400	48,600
Operational Spill	48,300	35,400
Farm Spill and Run Off	20,100	13,200



General Manager's Report

Ivan Friesen, General Manager

The multi-year Alberta Irrigation Modernization (AIM) projects, which include canal to pipeline projects, continue in earnest. Also included in the AIM projects is the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion. The expansion was approved in February at a cost of \$273 million. Engineering, geotechnical, environmental, and regulatory work is well underway, with the environmental impact assessment to be completed and submitted to Government in early 2025. This project will directly provide additional water security for the area, and indirectly to the Bow River, particularly in times of drought.

Applications for new acres were received in September. With 589 off-river acres undeveloped last year, we were able to award 1,789 acres for the 2025 season. There were 272 acres applied for under-reservoir and all these acres will be approved once the application conditions are fully met.

This year, 30 applications were approved under the Farm Improvement Program, totaling \$249,563. These improvements include converting to a more efficient method of irrigation, cost-shares to accommodate pivots, and return of deductions.

A 60 head maximum and 2 week delay for both native and tame pastures was imposed to allow more time for

pastures to recover from the last couple years of low precipitation and to accommodate increased requests for cattle on swing fields. Total placement of cattle for 2024 was 13,791, down 3,643 head from 2023. Total AUMs in 2024 were 61,766, down from 81,719 in 2023. The maximum listing for the 2025 season has tentatively been set at 65 head, 5 head up from 60 head/member in 2024. Although significant winterkill on native grass was seen in parts of the south half of the District, above average precipitation in early summer and fall improved pasture conditions overall and enabled an October 19th round-up date.

This past fiscal year, 13 new wells were established on District owned land, with an additional 19 twinned wells on existing leases, 70 wells reclaimed, and 84 abandonment notifications. There were 30 miles or 183 acres of new pipelines. One small seismic program was conducted north of Gem. Construction of the Tilley Solar Project has also commenced.

A sincere appreciation is extended to the irrigators, Board of Directors, and staff this year for dedication and work necessary in achieving the District's primary directive of conveying water to the farm gate.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Ivan Friesen, General Manager*



Arnes Buljubasic
10 Years



Albert Hebig
10 Years



Crystal Lintott
10 Years

2024

Eastern Irrigation District Long Term Service Awards



Dale Wester
10 Years



Scott Beddows
15 Years



Derek Kroschel
15 Years



Darryl Louey
15 Years



Ryan Gagley
20 Years



Ivan Friesen
30 Years

Missing:

Hans Kiefaber
10 Years

Frank Klassen
10 Years

Pedro Isidoro
15 Years

General Manager's Report

Ivan Friesen, General Manager



Method of Irrigation: 2024

As of December 31, 2024

Low Pressure Pivot	263,994 Ac. (82.64%)
High Pressure Pivot	15,633 Ac. (4.89%)
Wheel Move	9,914 Ac. (3.10%)
Other Sprinkler	663 Ac. (0.21%)
Flood Irrigation (Leveled)	23,465 Ac. (7.35%)
Flood Irrigation (Not Leveled)	5,768 Ac. (1.81%)
Total:	319,437 (100%)

Note: percentages shown are the percentages of total irrigation.

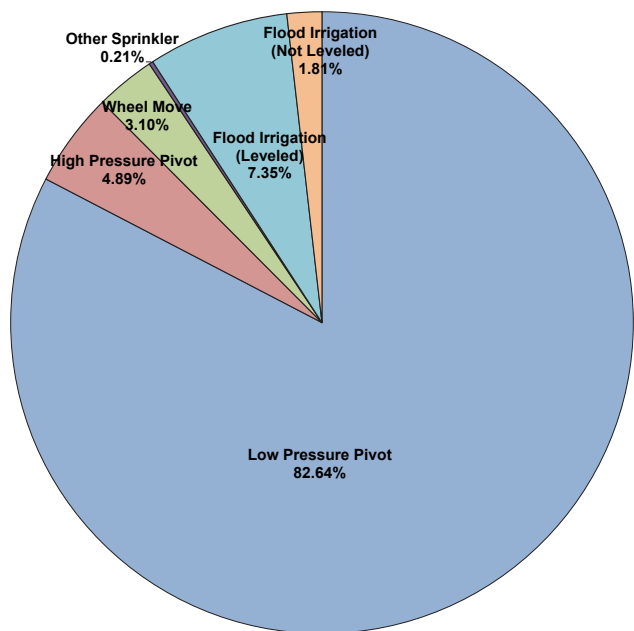
Method of Irrigation: 2002

As of December 31, 2002

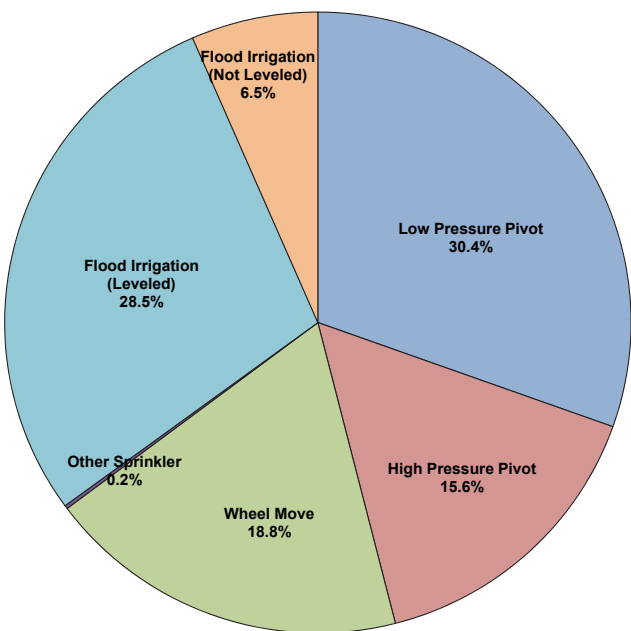
Low Pressure Pivot	86,000 Ac. (30.4%)
High Pressure Pivot	44,000 Ac. (15.6%)
Wheel Move	53,000 Ac. (18.8%)
Other Sprinkler	500 Ac. (0.2%)
Flood Irrigation (Leveled)	80,500 Ac. (28.5%)
Flood Irrigation (Not Leveled)	18,500 Ac. (6.5%)
Total:	282,500 Ac. (100%)

Note: percentages shown are the percentages of total irrigation.

Acres by Method of Irrigation: 2024



Acres by Method of Irrigation: 2002



Maintenance of Irrigation Works

As of End of 2024 Water Delivery Season

The previous years costs were constant with the 5-year average. Overall, there was an increase in pipeline repairs- air vents, valves and leaks which lead to some of the increase in labour cost. Unexpected costs on the East Bantry Pumphouse and West Bantry Pumphouse are also reflected in the increase to labour and repairs to the pump stations. Other increases are due to continued inflationary pressures.

Note: The table below was revised for the 2022 Annual Report. Previous years' data is not available for the newly added items but will be filled in going forward.



Type of Maintenance		Amount					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Avg.
Canal/Drain	Cleaning	0 km	0 km	10 km	3 km	8 km	7 km
	Erosion/Sloughing Repair	-----	-----	0 km	0 km	1 km	1 km
Canal and Access Roads	Graveling	30 km	31 km	6 km	20 km	18 km	21 km
	Grading	-----	-----	50 km	184 km	142 km	125 km
Canal Banks	Mowing	775 km	740 km	700 km	460 km	750 km	685 km
	Spraying	1,698 km	1,603 km	1,521 km	1,387 km	1,210 km	1,484 km
Aquatic Weed Control		-----	-----	305 km	405 km	445 km	385 km
Pipeline Repairs	Air Vents	-----	-----	38	78	132	83
	Valves	-----	-----	26	51	33	37
	Pipe Leaks	-----	-----	10	10	14	11
Replacement of Farm Turnouts		23	16	6	10	10	13
Replacement of Road Crossings		5	6	4	7	6	6
Repairs to Gates and Hoists		-----	-----	17	15	12	15
Repairs to Pumps		-----	-----	21	7	8	12
Repairs/Maintenance to	Water Meters	-----	-----	6	3	2	4
	Hydrometric Stations	-----	-----	0	0	0	0

Maintenance of Irrigation Works

As of End of 2024 Water Delivery Season

Maintenance Cost	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average
Heavy equipment	\$883,675	\$986,220	\$1,026,644	\$1,052,747	\$991,604	\$988,178
Labour	1,021,482	1,109,696	1,171,470	1,035,421	1,266,560	1,120,926
Vehicles	178,633	170,472	170,130	177,605	193,818	178,132
Repairs to pump stations and control structures	443,447	305,847	394,705	267,829	317,437	345,853
Materials (culverts, gates, fence posts, etc.)	171,692	185,410	211,744	195,513	115,782	176,028
Chemical for broad leaf weed control	108,239	110,310	119,765	126,609	130,360	119,057
Maintenance of buildings and grounds	51,202	68,403	38,939	64,131	52,669	55,069
Total Costs:	\$2,858,370	\$2,936,357	\$3,133,397	\$2,919,855	\$3,068,230	\$2,983,243



Gate Maintenance on Secondary C North Branch Inlet Structure

Crop and Irrigation Statistics

2024 Crop Summary

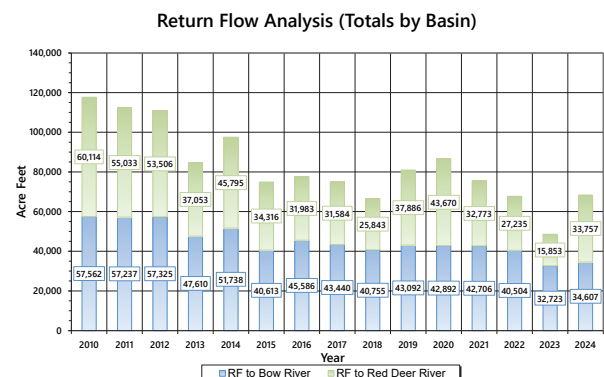
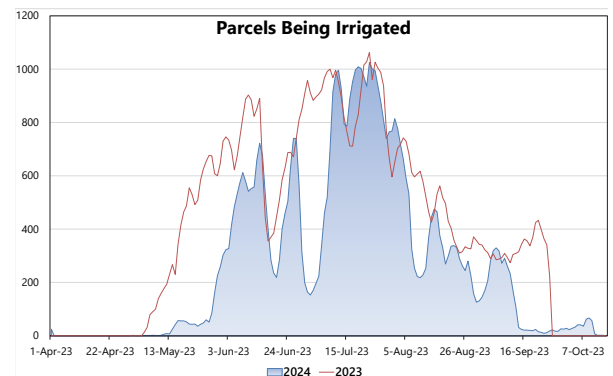
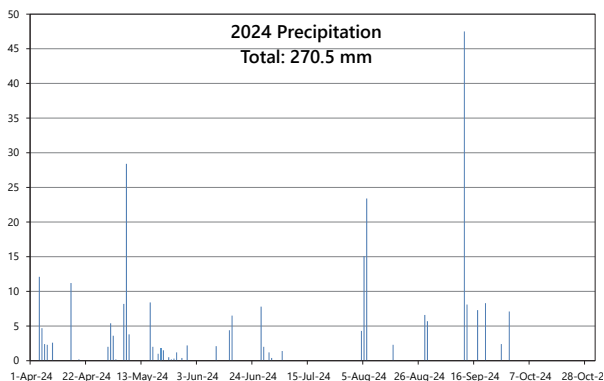
Crop Class	Crop Type	Acres	Crop Class	Crop Type	Acres																
Forage	Alfalfa: 2 Cuts	34,611	Specialty	Alfalfa: Seed	12,204																
	Alfalfa: 3 Cuts	5,062		Beans: Dry	3,883																
	Alfalfa: Hay	2,079		Beans: Faba	2,801																
	Alfalfa: Silage	182		Beans: Pinto	134																
	Barley: Silage	2,386		Beets: Sugar	1,513																
	Barley: Silage Underseeded	1,836		Canola: Seed	11,430																
	Corn: Grazing	1,497		Carrots	354																
	Corn: Silage	20,891		Clover: Yellow	148																
	Custom Variety Forage	1,250		Corn: Sweet	112																
	Grass Hay	12,866		Dill	250																
	Green Feed	6,490		Hemp	1,611																
	Millet	505		Market Gardens	713																
	Pasture: Native	1,252		Mint	125																
	Pasture: Tame	33,642		Nursery	435																
	Sorghum Sudan Grass	288		Peas: Dry	7,603																
	Timothy Hay	4,295		Peas: Fresh	108																
Cereals	Barley	16,658	Non Irrigated	Potato	6,329																
	Corn: Grain	8,872		Potato: Seed	539																
	Oats	2,636		Soybean	165																
	Rye	1,103		Sunflower	877																
	Triticale	7,387	Non Irrigated	Misc.	1,798																
	Wheat: CPS	1,104		Non-Crop	146																
	Wheat: Durum	12,032		Summer Fallow	119																
	Wheat: Hard Spring	56,880	<div>Total of All Crops (As of December 31, 2024)</div> <table><tr><th>Crop Class</th><th>Acres</th></tr><tr><td rowspan="5">Summary</td><td>Forage Crops</td><td>129,132</td></tr><tr><td>Cereal Crops</td><td>110,227</td></tr><tr><td>Oil Seed Crops</td><td>26,681</td></tr><tr><td>Specialty Crops</td><td>51,334</td></tr><tr><td>Non-Irrigated</td><td>2,063</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total:</td><td>319,437</td></tr></table>			Crop Class	Acres	Summary	Forage Crops	129,132	Cereal Crops	110,227	Oil Seed Crops	26,681	Specialty Crops	51,334	Non-Irrigated	2,063	Total:		319,437
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Wheat: Soft	2,285																				
Wheat: Winter	1,270																				
Oil Seeds	Canola	23,840																			
	Flax	2,567																			
	Mustard	274																			

Water Delivery Statistics

As of December 31, 2024

2024 System Water Delivery Summary

Water Operator Area	Water Operator	Irrigated Area (acres)	Volume Delivered (acre feet)	Water Use/Acre (acre feet/acre)
WOA-01 (Bassano)	Levi Lepp	14,869	9,100	0.61
WOA-02 (Crawling Valley / Countess)	Dustin Fika	21,438	15,600	0.73
WOA-03 (Gem)	Derek Kroschel	22,425	19,600	0.88
WOA-04 (Rosemary)	BJ Hasper	24,530	17,800	0.73
WOA-05 (North Dutchess / Steveville)	Scott McInnis	16,690	14,800	0.89
WOA-06 (Dutchess)	Dylan Kime	25,652	21,500	0.84
WOA-07 (Patricia / Millicent)	Lee Deschamps	26,313	27,200	1.04
WOA-08 (West Brooks / Bow City)	Willy Friesen	21,989	17,700	0.81
WOA-09 (East Brooks / Bantry)	Troy Canning	20,629	17,300	0.84
WOA-10 (West Bantry)	Carson Becker	23,865	17,900	0.75
WOA-11 (Tilley)	Lyle Perry	20,362	14,600	0.72
WOA-12 (Rainier)	Duce Currie	20,419	17,400	0.85
WOA-13 (Scandia)	Frank Klassen	22,120	18,900	0.85
WOA-14 (North Rolling Hills)	Jim Olund	19,138	17,900	0.93
WOA-15 (South Rolling Hills)	Dallas Beierbach	18,998	15,600	0.82
Totals:		319,437	262,900	0.82



Irrigation Rehabilitation Report

Ryan Gagley, Engineering Manager

2024 Rehabilitation

The EID's continued plan to improve water delivery efficiencies and our quality of service to the irrigators saw the District's crews install nearly 30 km of PVC pipeline, rehabilitate 6 km of earthen canal, and install three new grade control structures.

As is typical for the District, the majority of our projects were designed, managed, and constructed by EID staff. Capital and IRP projects completed throughout the 2023/2024 construction season cost a total of \$36,041,200.

The upcoming 2024/2025 construction program will see the District installing 16 km of PVC pipeline and rehabilitating 7.5 km of canal.

Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP)

The Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP) is an Alberta Government sponsored program for irrigation districts located in southern Alberta. It is a cost shared program based on a 75:25 cost sharing agreement. For the 2024/2025 construction season, 10 km of canal will be armoured under this program.

Alberta Irrigation Modernization Program Projects

The EID is continuing to complete rehabilitation works under the Alberta Irrigation Modernization (AIM) program, a program where the Government of Alberta contributes 30% in funding, irrigation districts contribute 20%, and the Canadian Infrastructure Bank provides a loan for the remainder that must be repaid. Projects completed under this program are marked accordingly in the tables opposite.

EID/County Drainage Program

The District and the County of Newell are both contributing \$1M to a program that addresses drainage concerns in specific areas within the District/County. The EID surveys, designs, and rehabilitates road borrow ditches, including the District's infrastructure, ensuring proper drainage as a complete system. Much of the survey needed to complete the next phase in Rolling Hills is complete and design is underway.

Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP)

Project	Description	Engineer	Contractor	2024 Project Cost	Total Project Cost
Spring 2024					
One Tree Drain Structure (NE 29-20-13)	Check Structure	EID	EID	\$462,600	\$465,900
One Tree Drain Structure (SE 02-20-14)	Check Structure	EID	EID	\$344,900	\$346,500
Sec. B Springhill Structure	Check Structure	EID	EID	\$177,500	\$178,400
01 A One Tree	9 km PVC Pipeline	EID	EID	\$5,166,500	\$6,822,100
Fall 2024					
West Bantry Canal Armouring	Canal Armouring	EID	EID	\$0	-----
Total:				\$6,151,600	

Irrigation Rehabilitation Report

EID Capital Construction Program

Funds for the EID Capital Construction Program are provided entirely from the District's Irrigation Works Reserve Fund. The 2024 expenditures amount to approximately \$29,889,400 for the installation of 21 km of pipeline and 6 km of canal rehabilitation. The breakdown is in the table below.



01 One Tree Stilling Pond

EID Capital Construction Program

Project		Description	Engineer	Contractor	2024 Project Cost	Total Project Cost
2023/2024	01 One Tree (AIM)	16 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$9,424,400	\$17,479,700
	Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	2.8 km Canal Rehab.	EID	EID	\$927,500	\$1,626,200
	Secondary C North Branch (AIM)	9 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$1,803,400	\$17,878,900
	02H West Bantry (AIM)	0.5 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$135,900	\$160,300
	Springhill Canal Rehab.	3.2 km Canal Rehab.	EID	EID	\$1,837,000	\$2,230,100
	Bow Slope Spill (Upper)	0.1 km Spill Rehab.	EID	EID	\$239,400	\$258,700
	District Automation & Controls		EID	EID	\$607,700	
	Reservoir Enhancements		EID	EID	\$165,300	
	Culvert Replacement Program		EID	EID	\$97,500	
	Structure Program		EID	EID	\$753,500	
	Riser Replacement Program		EID	EID	\$136,900	
	Various Years Projects	Smaller Projects	EID	EID	\$188,600	
	Small Drains		EID	EID	\$131,600	
	Cattle Guards for pipelines		EID	EID	\$10,900	
	Land Equities - legal surveys		EID	EID	\$54,600	
	Cost Shared Projects - Capital Portion		EID	EID	\$255,700	
	EID/County Drainage		EID	EID	\$107,400	
	Structure Safety Alterations		EID	EID	\$29,900	
2024 & Beyond	SNAKE Lake Reservoir Expansion (AIM)	Reservoir Expansion	MPE/EID	EID	\$9,996,400	*\$26,844,900
	14 H West Bantry (AIM)	8.0 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$2,562,000	
	Rolling Hills Canal (AIM)	2.0 km Canal Rehab.	EID	EID	\$137,800	
	Crawling Valley Tile Replacement		EID	EID	\$135,700	
	V Tilley Pipeline (AIM)	3.3 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$94,300	
	U02 Tilley (AIM)	0.24 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$24,900	
	J Tilley (AIM)	1.0 km Pipeline	EID	EID	\$31,100	
Total:					\$29,889,400	

*Total Costs to Date



01 One Tree Pipeline

Financial Report

The Eastern Irrigation District operates under the authority of the *Irrigation Districts Act, Alberta*. Each year the District appoints an auditor to prepare an audit of the District's financial statements. The audit is prepared in accordance with the form and the reporting standards for not-for-profit organizations as recommended by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

The auditor reports to the Board of Directors. A copy of the District's financial statements and the auditor's report are subsequently provided to the Irrigation Council as required under the *Irrigation Districts Act*.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Eastern Irrigation District

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eastern Irrigation District (the "organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2024, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at September 30, 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Eastern Irrigation District (*continued*)

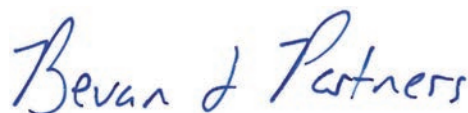
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Brooks, Alberta
January 28, 2025

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As At September 30, 2024

ASSETS

Current

	General Fund	Irrigation Works Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
Cash	\$3,921,628	\$32,724,013	\$36,645,641	\$33,250,359
Short term deposits (Note 4)	0	26,822,902	26,822,902	24,641,607
Investments (Note 6)	0	22,257,594	22,257,594	24,820,377
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	9,337,932	4,675,544	14,013,476	7,467,556
Materials and supplies (Note 8)	4,411,489	0	4,411,489	3,729,410
Prepaid expenses	863,032	0	863,032	745,524
	18,534,081	86,480,053	105,014,134	94,654,833
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	0	8,156,847	8,156,847	4,580,664
Trust receivable	0	11,030,935	11,030,935	6,144,222
Investments (Note 6)	0	5,673,688	5,673,688	17,380,631
Deposits	196,226	0	196,226	166,357
Trust funds held (Note 16)	540,016	0	540,016	215,224
	19,270,323	111,341,523	130,611,846	123,141,930

Property and Equipment (Note 7)

Buildings and equipment, net	29,778,222	2,617,129	32,395,351	24,514,822
Irrigation works, net	0	488,504,787	488,504,787	472,924,308
Land (Note 2)	0	13,293,594	13,293,594	13,293,594
	29,778,222	504,415,510	534,193,732	510,732,724
	\$49,048,545	\$615,757,033	\$664,805,578	\$633,874,654

LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$2,982,038	\$2,628,723	\$5,610,761	\$5,775,155
Goods and services tax payable	32,438	0	32,438	18,070
Unearned revenue (Note 2)	15,705,632	0	15,705,632	15,387,460
	18,720,108	2,628,723	21,348,831	21,180,685
Long term debt (Note 9)	0	30,090,567	30,090,567	25,462,887
Trust funds held (Note 16)	540,016	0	540,016	215,224
Provision for gravel pit closure and post closure (Note 17)	0	950,772	950,772	920,805
Unearned revenue (Note 2)	0	352,128	352,128	292,499
Deferred grants and contributions, net (Note 7)	3,839,949	138,800,032	142,639,981	137,492,467
	23,100,073	172,822,222	195,922,295	185,564,565

Commitments (Note 20)

Contingencies (Note 21)

FUND BALANCES

Invested in property and equipment (Notes 7 & 10)	25,938,272	365,615,479	391,553,751	373,240,257
Unrestricted (Note 10)	0	0	0	0
Internally restricted, to be used for future community pasture development (Notes 2 & 10)	10,200	0	10,200	8,550
Internally restricted, to be used for future irrigation works additions (Notes 2 & 10)	0	79,982,882	79,982,882	79,956,403
Externally restricted by the Province of Alberta, to be used for future irrigation works additions (Notes 2 & 10)	0	(2,663,550)	(2,663,550)	(4,895,121)
	25,948,472	442,934,811	468,883,283	448,310,089
	\$49,048,545	\$615,757,033	\$664,805,578	\$633,874,654

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	General Fund	Irrigation Works Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
REVENUE				
WATER EARNINGS				
Water conveyance agreements	\$780,738	\$0	\$780,738	\$787,137
Oil and gas drilling water	235,586	0	235,586	292,550
Penalties	8,182	0	8,182	443
Irrigation rates (Note 11)	1,495,634	0	1,495,634	1,578,535
	2,520,140	0	2,520,140	2,658,665
Less discounts allowed	(66,300)	0	(66,300)	(66,300)
	2,453,840	0	2,453,840	2,592,365
LEASE REVENUE AND COMPENSATION				
Oil and gas well leases	24,994,100	0	24,994,100	25,082,472
Right of entry and initial consideration - oil and gas	965,207	0	965,207	922,544
Oil and gas administration fees	19,800	0	19,800	24,300
Powerlines	272,783	0	272,783	272,611
Right of entry and initial consideration - powerlines	51,830	0	51,830	102,090
Community grazing leases	1,256,034	0	1,256,034	1,597,681
Irrigated leases	1,260,747	0	1,260,747	966,488
Private grazing leases	385,951	0	385,951	277,175
Other lease revenues	307,909	0	307,909	378,718
OTHER REVENUE				
Amortization of deferred grants and contributions	0	7,104,650	7,104,650	7,090,321
Investment income	2,364,234	2,474,564	4,838,798	4,736,994
Gain (loss) on sale of land, equipment and buildings	446,067	(360)	445,707	463,362
Capital asset charges, net	0	8,650,530	8,650,530	6,686,050
Gravel royalties and miscellaneous	0	63,833	63,833	218,302
	34,778,502	18,293,217	53,071,719	51,411,472
EXPENSES				
Amortization of irrigation works and buildings	0	20,722,892	20,722,892	20,369,912
Operations and administration (Schedule 1)	9,262,936	0	9,262,936	10,105,392
Community grazing expenses (Note 12)	1,521,634	0	1,521,634	1,493,406
	10,784,570	20,722,892	31,507,462	31,968,710
Revenue over expenses (Deficiency), before special projects	23,993,932	(2,429,675)	21,564,257	19,442,762
Special projects, net (Note 14)	(780,147)	0	(780,147)	(976,799)
EIDNet, net (Note 15)	(210,916)	0	(210,916)	7,386
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (DEFICIENCY)	23,002,869	(2,429,675)	20,573,194	18,473,349
TRANSFER TO IRRIGATION WORKS FUND	(19,136,186)	19,136,186	0	0
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	22,081,789	426,228,300	448,310,089	429,836,740
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$25,948,472	\$442,934,811	\$468,883,283	\$448,310,089

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	General Fund	Irrigation Works Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue from water operations	\$2,453,840	\$0	\$2,453,840	\$2,592,365
Compensation from oil and gas operations	25,979,107	0	25,979,107	26,029,316
Compensation from powerline operations	324,613	0	324,613	374,701
Revenue from lease operations	3,210,641	0	3,210,641	3,220,061
Capital asset charges, net	0	8,650,530	8,650,530	6,686,050
Cash receipts from gravel royalties and miscellaneous	0	63,833	63,833	218,302
Operations and administration expenses (Schedule 1)	(9,262,936)	0	(9,262,936)	(10,105,392)
Community grazing expenses (Note 12)	(1,521,634)	0	(1,521,634)	(1,493,406)
Add: Amortization in expenses, not using cash	2,546,237	0	2,546,237	2,086,460
Net cash expenditure on special projects (Note 14)	(780,147)	0	(780,147)	(976,799)
Net cash expenditure on EIDNet	149,448	0	149,448	310,266
Investment income	2,364,234	2,474,564	4,838,798	4,736,994
Non-cash investment income	0	(749,719)	(749,719)	(1,105,688)
Change in GST receivable and payable	14,368	0	14,368	(9,456)
Change in non-cash current assets and liabilities	(4,793,739)	(2,735,596)	(7,529,335)	1,206,842
	20,684,033	7,703,612	28,387,645	33,770,616
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Grants from Province of Alberta	0	8,423,214	8,423,214	6,659,269
Grants from Universal Broadband Fund	3,989,636	0	3,989,636	0
Proceeds on sale of land, buildings and equipment	1,017,994	(360)	1,017,634	764,321
Purchase of land, buildings and equipment	(8,815,681)	(448,682)	(9,264,363)	(6,473,238)
Pasture development and reseeded (Note 13)	(2,517,517)	0	(2,517,517)	(411,872)
Expenditures on irrigation works (Note 7)	0	(36,041,234)	(36,041,234)	(37,660,151)
Change in non current accounts receivable	0	(3,576,183)	(3,576,183)	(3,462,955)
Change in trust receivable	0	(4,886,713)	(4,886,713)	(6,144,222)
Change in irrigation works unearned revenue	0	0	0	215,643
Proceeds on sale of investments	0	49,019,446	49,019,446	36,892,166
Purchase of investments	0	(34,000,000)	(34,000,000)	(35,123,667)
Advances of long term debt	0	4,627,680	4,627,680	5,277,182
Change in deposits	(29,870)	0	(29,870)	(25,462)
Change in provision for gravel pit closure and post closure (Note 17)	0	29,967	29,967	31,571
Change in irrigation works accounts payable	0	397,235	397,235	148,649
	(6,355,438)	(16,455,630)	(22,811,068)	(39,312,767)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	14,328,595	(8,752,018)	5,576,577	(5,542,151)
Cash, beginning of year	8,729,219	49,162,747	57,891,966	63,434,117
Transfer from general fund	(19,136,186)	19,136,186	0	0
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$3,921,628	\$59,546,915	\$63,468,543	\$57,891,966
Cash is comprised of:				
Cash	3,921,628	32,724,013	36,645,641	33,250,359
Short term deposits	0	26,822,902	26,822,902	24,641,607
	\$3,921,628	\$59,546,915	\$63,468,543	\$57,891,966

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2024

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Eastern Irrigation District is charged with the responsibility of efficient and economical distribution of water to users in the District and operates as a not-for-profit organization under the *Irrigation Districts Act*.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

Fund Accounting

The activities of the District have been disclosed as two distinct funds - the General Fund and the Irrigation Works Fund:

General Fund - Discloses the water management and delivery operations, EIDNet operations and land lease operations of the District, as well as certain special projects as designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. The general fund includes management of equipment and personnel, the costs of which are billed to the irrigation works fund to the extent they relate to construction activities.

Irrigation Works Fund - Discloses receipts and expenditures for new irrigation works and interest earned on such monies. Costs incurred in constructing new irrigation works and in replacing and rehabilitating existing structures are provided for from this fund. The Province of Alberta contributes to the projects in the fund. The Irrigation Rehabilitation Program with the Province of Alberta contributes to this fund 75% of the expenditures on projects approved by the Irrigation Council. The Alberta Irrigation Modernization program with the Province of Alberta contributes to this fund 30% of the expenditures on projects approved by the Irrigation Council.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future years could be significant. Significant areas requiring use of management estimates relate to the useful lives of assets for amortization purposes, provision for gravel pit closure and post closure costs and the amount of allowance required for uncollectible accounts receivable.

Revenue Recognition

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Amortization of buildings and equipment is provided using the declining balance method (except for grazing pasture reseeding which uses the straight-line method) at rates intended to amortize the cost of these assets over their estimated useful lives. The annual rates are as follows:

Computer and radio equipment	25%
Heavy equipment	25%
Mobile equipment	20%
Agricultural equipment	15%
Buildings	10%
Other equipment	10%
Grazing pasture reseeding	7%
Fibre lines and equipment	4%

Irrigation works assets are recorded at cost to the District. Items capitalized include the cost of easements and rights of way purchased. Irrigation works are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated average useful lives of 40 years, except for irrigation works automation projects which are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated average useful lives of 5 years.

Work in Progress - Capital additions that are not completed or are not in use are not amortized. The amount is included in Property and Equipment.

Land

Land is recorded at cost to the District. Approximately 574,000 acres of land that were transferred from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in 1935 are recorded at zero cost.

Income Taxes

The District is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(l) of the *Income Tax Act*.

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2024

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Materials and Supplies

Materials and supplies are carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value with cost being determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Financial Instruments

The District initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value; it subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. The financial assets subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash and short term investments, accounts receivable and prepaids. The financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred revenue.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the District assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at amortized cost may be impaired. When there is an indication of impairment, the District determines whether a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset. Any impairment to the financial asset is charged to income in the period in which the impairment is determined. When the extent of impairment of a previously written-down asset decreases and the decrease can be related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed to the extent of the improvement, but not in excess of the impairment loss. The amount of the reversal is recognized in income in the period the reversal occurs.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, bank balances and member deposits with maturities of less than 90 days.

Unearned Revenue

Annual compensation related to oil and gas well and powerline leases is charged to the lessee at the beginning of each lease year. These monies are recognized as revenue on a straight-line basis over the succeeding twelve months. At year-end, the unamortized portion of such leases is reflected on the Statement of Financial Position as unearned revenue. The outstanding balance from land sale agreements is reflected on the Statement of Financial Position as unearned revenue. Land sale revenue is recognized in the period in which the payment is received.

Pension Plan

The District is a member of the Local Authorities Pension Plan, a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. This Plan is accounted for by the defined contribution method.

Deferred Grants and Contributions

Grants and contributions from third parties received to finance construction of irrigation works and the EIDNet towers, sector radios, and fiber lines are deferred and amortized to income on the same basis as the irrigation works and the EIDNet assets to which they relate. Amortization of deferred grants related to irrigation works is provided on a straight-line basis over a 40 year period. Amortization of deferred grants related to EIDNet towers and sector radios is provided using the declining balance method (sector radios at 25%; towers at 10%). Amortization of deferred grants related to fibre lines is provided on a straight-line basis over a 25 year period.

Gravel Pit Closure and Post Closure Liability

Pursuant to the Alberta *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, the District is required to fund the closure of its gravel pits and provide for post closure care. Closure and post closure activities include contouring the site, replacing the soil, re-establishing vegetation and submitting the final reclamation report. The accrued liability is based on an estimate of future costs.

Internally Restricted Net Assets

The future use of a portion of the District's net assets has been restricted by the Board of Directors. Monies have been allocated to the following areas:

Irrigation works additions- monies to be used for future irrigation works additions and rehabilitation, including the District's 25% commitment to Province of Alberta Cost Share Projects.

Community pasture development- monies to be used for future improvements or expansion of community grazing pastures.

Externally Restricted Net Assets

Funds received from the Province of Alberta must be used for specific cost share irrigation projects. These monies and interest earned on their investment are disclosed separately as externally restricted net assets.

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2024

3. Local Authorities Pension Plan

Employees of the District participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is covered by the *Public Sector Pension Plans Act*. The Plan serves about 304,451 people and 444 employers. It is financed by employer and employee contributions and investment earnings of the LAPP fund. Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due. The District is required to make current service contributions to the Plan of 8.45% of pensionable earnings up to the Canada Pension Plan's Maximum Pensionable Earnings and 11.65% for the excess. Total current and past service contributions by the District to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2024 were \$626,534 (2023 - \$634,740). Total current and past service contributions by the employees of the District to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2024 were \$560,785 (2023 - \$569,396). At December 31, 2023, the Plan disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$15.057 billion (December 31, 2022 - actuarial surplus of \$12.67 billion).

4. Short Term Deposits

Short term deposits in the amount of \$26,822,902 (2023 - \$24,641,607) are maturing in the next 90 days and include GICs, term deposits and notice demand accounts at interest rates varying from 4.85% to 5.25% (2023 - 2.54% to 5.6%). At year end these deposits have an average annual interest rate of 4.93% and will mature within the next 90 days.

5. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of:

	2024	2023
Lease rentals and seismic	\$1,747,897	\$1,953,262
Reclassification agreements	621,798	779,715
Property and equipment	16,176,974	5,736,866
Sundry debtors	1,380,326	1,110,106
Water rates and charges	2,011,461	2,234,336
Water conveyance agreements	211,660	232,952
Gravel and dirt	23,254	4,031
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,049)	(3,049)
	<u>\$22,170,323</u>	<u>\$12,048,220</u>
Accounts receivable - current	\$14,013,476	\$7,467,556
Accounts receivable - non current	8,156,847	4,580,664
	<u>\$22,170,323</u>	<u>\$12,048,220</u>

6. Investments

Investments consist of:

	2024	2023
Investments - current: term deposits, GIC and notice demand accounts and corporate bonds that mature within 1 year	\$22,257,594	\$24,820,377
Investments - non current:		
Term deposits	5,505,395	17,220,418
Credit union common shares	168,293	160,213
	<u>5,673,688</u>	<u>17,380,631</u>
	<u>\$27,931,282</u>	<u>\$42,201,009</u>
Fair market value at September 30, 2024	<u>\$27,931,282</u>	<u>\$42,201,009</u>

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7. Property and Equipment

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2024 Net	2023 Net
General Fund:				
Equipment	\$46,772,093	\$17,601,543	\$29,170,550	\$21,318,532
Community pasture reseeded	3,691,351	3,083,679	607,672	765,705
Irrigation Works Fund:				
Buildings	10,459,494	7,842,365	2,617,129	2,430,584
Irrigation works	885,804,162	397,299,375	488,504,787	472,924,308
Land	13,293,594	0	13,293,594	13,293,594
	<u>\$960,020,694</u>	<u>\$425,826,962</u>	<u>534,193,732</u>	510,732,724
Deferred grants and contributions	<u>(\$330,828,318)</u>	<u>\$188,188,337</u>	<u>(142,639,981)</u>	(137,492,467)
Net assets invested in property and equipment			<u>\$391,553,751</u>	<u>\$373,240,257</u>

Included in the cost total above is \$29,717,940 (2023 - \$18,339,013) of work in progress that is not being amortized as it was not in use as of year end.

Changes in irrigation works assets, net of amortization are as follows:

	2024	2023
Beginning of year	\$472,924,308	\$455,383,005
Additions to irrigation works:		
District projects	4,783,142	4,706,531
Province of Alberta cost share projects	31,203,473	32,910,638
Survey costs and easements	54,619	42,982
Amortization	(20,460,756)	(20,118,848)
End of year	<u>\$488,504,787</u>	<u>\$472,924,308</u>

Changes in deferred grants and contributions, net of amortization are as follows:

	2024	2023
Beginning of year	\$137,492,467	\$137,924,740
Contributions from third parties	12,412,849	6,659,269
Amortization	(7,265,335)	(7,091,542)
End of year	<u>\$142,639,981</u>	<u>\$137,492,467</u>

Current year additions to irrigation works are as follows:

	District	Province of Alberta Cost Share	2024 Total	2023 Total
External Charges:				
Materials and supplies	\$1,079,538	\$11,646,465	\$12,726,003	\$22,368,810
Contract services	92,402	4,582,978	4,675,380	1,992,601
Equipment and other services	1,439,094	4,887,205	6,326,299	4,119,585
Contract services - engineering	119,392	4,808,144	4,927,536	3,966,347
Internal Charges:				
Equipment recovery	1,567,559	3,881,998	5,449,557	3,646,123
Labour recovery - other	397,268	1,126,849	1,524,117	1,217,500
Labour recovery - engineering	142,509	269,833	412,342	349,185
	<u>\$4,837,761</u>	<u>\$31,203,473</u>	<u>\$36,041,234</u>	<u>\$37,660,151</u>

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8. **Inventories**

	2024	2023
Materials and supplies	\$4,411,489	\$3,729,410

The amount of inventories recognized as an expense during the year was \$768,160 (2023 - \$837,916).

9. **Long Term Debt**

Long term debt consists of a term loan with Irrigating Alberta Inc. which is repayable in variable annual installments including interest at 1.0%.

Annual payments began in January 2022 and the loan is due in 2056.

The loan is secured by Incremental Revenues earned by the District. Incremental Revenues are generally defined in the loan agreement as revenues earned, as a result of the Alberta Irrigation Modernization program above the baseline revenues for irrigation rates, capital asset and capital construction charges and any other revenues directly attributable to the projects. The net book value of the Incremental Revenues at September 30, 2024 are \$8,672,360.

Current portion of long term debt

The current portion of the long term debt described above is not known as of the date of the financial statements. The Incremental Revenues that will be transferred to the Irrigating Alberta Inc. on January 31, 2025 is \$8,692,964. The current portion of the loan will be paid from those funds.

Five year repayment schedule

The loan repayment schedule is not determinable at the date of the financial statements as the amount of the loan is determined by the Irrigation Works projects that will be completed in the future and the repayments are impacted by the Incremental Revenues collected in the future.

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10. Continuity of Fund Balances

	Invested in Property and Equipment	Unrestricted Funds	Internally Restricted Funds - Pasture Development	Internally Restricted Funds - Irrigation Works	Externally Restricted Funds - Province of Alberta	Total Fund Balances
Beginning of year	\$373,240,257	\$0	\$8,550	\$79,956,403	(\$4,895,121)	\$448,310,089
Assets received from						
Province of Alberta	(8,423,214)	0	0	0	8,423,214	0
Universal Broadband Fund	(3,989,636)	3,989,636	0	0	0	0
District contribution to cost share projects						
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program	0	0	0	(1,513,563)	1,513,563	0
Alberta Irrigation Modernization	0	0	0	(21,448,462)	21,448,462	0
Additions to property and equipment, net	47,251,187	(10,761,270)	0	(5,286,443)	(31,203,473)	0
Revenue over expenses (Deficiency) allocated	(16,524,843)	25,909,470	0	9,138,762	2,049,805	20,573,194
Transfer to (from) community pasture development reserve	0	(1,650)	1,650	0	0	0
Transfer to irrigation works fund from operations	0	(19,136,186)	0	19,136,186	0	0
End of year	\$391,553,751	\$0	\$10,200	\$79,982,882	(\$2,663,550)	\$468,883,283

The Board of Directors has authorized the transfer of \$19,136,186 (2023 - \$18,245,317) from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future irrigation works additions and \$1,650 (2023 - \$2,850) for community pasture development.

11. Irrigation Rates

Irrigation rates consist of:

	2024	2023
316,071 acres at \$5 per acre	\$1,580,355	\$1,562,690
2,893 acres at \$5 per acre terminable	14,465	15,080
0 acres subject to annual agreements	0	0
374 acres at \$5 per acre 5R soils	1,870	765
Adjustments for deferred portion	(101,056)	0
	<u>\$1,495,634</u>	<u>\$1,578,535</u>

The cost to deliver water to the farm gate during the current year was \$25.50 per acre (2023 - \$29).

12. Community Grazing Expenses

Community grazing expenses consist of:

	2024	2023
Water	\$381,673	\$380,581
Amortization of equipment and reseeded pastures	289,207	290,111
Property taxes	282,365	253,716
Fences	158,606	182,359
Pasture management fees	112,545	110,844
Irrigated pastures	167,827	141,212
Fire guards	85,252	94,152
Swing fields and miscellaneous	25,107	17,204
Pasture rental fees (net of recoveries)	11,131	15,281
Insurance	7,921	7,946
	<u>\$1,521,634</u>	<u>\$1,493,406</u>

13. Community Grazing Property and Equipment Expenditures

Property and equipment expenditures include:

	2024	2023
Grazing water pipeline and improvements	\$2,517,517	\$404,344
Pasture development and reseeded	0	7,528
	<u>\$2,517,517</u>	<u>\$411,872</u>

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14. Special Projects

	2024	2023
Revenue:		
Campgrounds	\$662,759	\$716,659
Expenses:		
Farm improvement program	(249,563)	(550,189)
Campgrounds	(598,599)	(687,421)
Partners in Habitat Development	(115,000)	(115,000)
Aquatic Invasive Species - public education	(114,494)	(120,969)
Dam safety inspections	(251,796)	(103,535)
Environmental remediation - old truck shop property	0	(15,775)
Soil testing	0	(84,271)
Tilley school track	0	(6,298)
BFGA rifle range earthwork	0	(10,000)
Rural water initiative	(8,000)	0
Engineering feasibility studies	(4,792)	0
County pathway	(14,942)	0
Harper Connauton benefit	(9,810)	0
Rolling Hills School waterline	(8,690)	0
Scandia Community Hall demo	(4,721)	0
City of Brooks fire safety simulator	(50,000)	0
Halo fundraiser	(12,500)	0
Deficiency	(\$780,147)	(\$976,799)

15. EIDNet

	2024	2023
Revenue:		
Wireless subscription and miscellaneous revenue	\$1,550,078	\$1,490,987
Customer installation fees	(27,112)	(24,076)
Amortization of deferred grant	160,685	1,222
Total Revenue	1,683,651	1,468,133
Expenses:		
Wages and operating costs	(979,419)	(932,760)
Amortization	(521,049)	(304,102)
Customer installation expenses	(286,055)	(111,948)
Telecommunications and bandwidth	(108,044)	(111,937)
Total Expenses	(1,894,567)	(1,460,747)
Revenue over expenses (Deficiency)	(\$210,916)	\$7,386

16. Trust Funds Held

Trust funds held include \$263,762 for a land lease security deposit plus \$276,255 (2023 - \$215,224) for the Partners in Habitat Development program.

17. Provision for Gravel Pit Closure and Post Closure

	2024	2023
Beginning of year	\$920,805	\$889,234
Contributions	29,967	31,571
Reclamation activities	0	0
End of Year	\$950,772	\$920,805

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18. Related Party Transactions

The members of the District's Board of Directors are related parties by virtue of their influence. The District entered into transactions with the Directors in the normal course of business and on the same terms as are applicable to transactions with unrelated parties.

These transactions are recorded at their fair value, as follows:

Division	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	
Director's Name	Richard Hiebert	David Peltzer	Ross Owen	Brad Deschamps	Brian Schmidt	John Ketchmark	Brent Schroeder	Tracy Hemsing	
									2023 Totals
Amounts included in the District's accounts receivable at year end:									
Sundry debtors	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700
Water rates and charges	4,960	3,700	0	105	520	3,110	2,360	3,640	22,384
Amounts included in the District's accounts payable at year end:									
Unearned EIDNet fees	(188)	(96)	0	(500)	(241)	(900)	(674)	(337)	(2,546)
Revenues of the District:									
Irrigation works constructed by the District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain (loss) on sale of land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private grazing, irrigated lease fees and cost recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,966	4,446
EIDNet fees	615	220	286	343	550	1,159	1,375	550	6,719
Capital assets charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	0	238,150
Acre Feet sales/subdivision lieu charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gravel and dirt sales and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water conveyance agreements	0	0	0	368	0	546	0	423	969
Water rates and charges	4,960	3,700	20	105	520	3,110	2,360	3,640	22,279
Expenses of the District									
Irrigation works additions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Director per diems	(7,998)	(8,683)	(5,484)	(2,742)	(7,541)	(7,998)	(8,912)	(10,968)	(73,577)
Farm improvement program	0	0	0	0	0	0	(13,100)	0	0
Director benefits*	(406)	(447)	(292)	(128)	(379)	(406)	(461)	(583)	(3,848)
Scholarships	(2,000)	(2,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure Savings Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rights-of-way purchased by the District	0	0	0	0	0	(9,500)	0	0	0
									(9,500)

*Benefits include the District's share of Canada Pension Plan contributions made on behalf of the directors.

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19. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The District is exposed to the following risks as a result of holding financial instruments.

Currency Risk

The District has limited exposure to currency risk as most all of the District's transactions are denominated in Canadian dollars.

Fair Value

The District's financial instruments consist of cash and short term investments, accounts receivable, prepaids, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred revenue. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values due to their relatively short term to maturity.

Interest Rate Risk

The District is exposed to interest rate risk dependent upon the balance of its cash and cash equivalents.

Credit Risk

The District is exposed to credit risk on its cash, fixed income investments and accounts receivable.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the District will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. The District's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it always has sufficient cash and credit facilities to meet its operating requirements

20. Commitments

Uncompleted contracts:

The District has commitments in an estimated amount of \$5,396,372 (2023 - \$590,307) in respect of uncompleted work under contracts on approved projects.

The District has entered into agreements to sell land which, if all sale conditions are satisfied and the sales are completed as expected, will result in gross sale proceeds of approximately \$68,000 (2023 - \$68,000).

21. Contingencies

There is still some contamination at the old truck shop location. The cost of remediation, if required, cannot be determined at this time.

The District is a third party defendant and a defendant in a separate, but related, claim for damages and losses for trespass, nuisance, negligence and unauthorized use of land. The likelihood of a gain or loss is not determinable, nor is the amount reasonably estimable.

During the month of June 2024, the EID was charged with ten (10) offences under the Occupational Health & Safety Code arising from a work related diving fatality which occurred on October 19, 2022. Management has concluded that a loss is likely but the amount of the loss is not reasonably estimable.

22. Comparative Amounts

Certain of the comparative amounts presented in these financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

23. Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by management and the Board of Directors

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SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Schedule 1

For The Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Equipment Pool	Maintenance	Water Delivery	EID Land Administration	Administration and General	2024 Total	2023 Total
Salaries and benefits							
Salaries	\$2,411,005	\$1,149,056	\$1,956,673	\$367,257	\$1,847,282	\$7,731,272	\$6,988,641
Pension plans	242,731	103,821	232,266	94,863	220,362	894,043	883,269
Group insurance	122,776	55,091	111,218	33,499	106,163	428,747	412,858
Employment insurance and WCB	73,087	27,949	66,100	34,215	51,450	252,802	223,319
Equipment							
Amortization of equipment	1,951,386	0	0	139,282	166,362	2,257,030	1,796,348
Equipment rent (recovery), net	0	991,604	150,314	62,875	0	1,204,794	1,212,331
Vehicle expense (recovery), net	(299,050)	253,813	488,817	93,761	78,140	615,481	757,542
Heavy equipment expense	340,663	0	0	0	0	340,663	265,613
Other							
Materials and supplies	228,497	245,041	275,926	18,696	0	768,160	837,916
Irrigation pumps and structures	0	565,976	326,826	0	0	892,803	763,789
Buildings and grounds	116,619	44,640	172,468	27,652	134,579	495,959	518,101
Office supplies and maintenance	0	0	0	0	223,098	223,098	206,979
Professional fees	0	0	0	13,832	190,012	203,844	234,605
Advertising and promotion	1,491	0	0	17,521	144,851	163,864	181,359
Insurance	100,419	835	66,162	0	35,817	203,232	157,439
Association fees	0	0	0	0	125,629	125,629	124,110
Directors' per diems and CPP (Note 18)	0	0	0	0	63,427	63,427	77,425
Private and irrigated leases	0	0	0	50,913	0	50,913	23,853
Telephone	18,413	7,194	13,258	4,470	11,343	54,677	56,818
Miscellaneous and freight	450	1,101	2,518	2,578	26,552	33,199	31,738
Loan interest expense	0	0	0	0	228,635	228,635	192,074
Water quality testing	0	0	25,974	0	0	25,974	23,642
Directors' expenses	0	0	0	0	18,216	18,216	21,448
Travel	540	0	2,292	1,074	23,178	27,084	17,759
Shop supplies and small tools	(45,749)	0	993	626	0	(44,130)	(33,550)
Total expenses	5,263,279	3,446,122	3,891,805	963,113	3,695,096	17,259,415	15,975,426
Less:							
Recovery from other capital construction	(2,047,142)	(209,663)	(108,813)	(30,171)	(322,009)	(2,717,799)	(2,678,139)
Recovery from cost share capital construction	(4,074,288)	(168,229)	(679,005)	(34,424)	(322,735)	(5,278,680)	(3,191,895)
	(\$858,151)	\$3,068,230	\$3,103,987	\$898,518	\$3,050,352	\$9,262,936	\$10,105,392

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 1:30 pm

- 1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Mr. Tracy Hemsing, Chairman, Board of Directors
- 2.0 Election of a Chair for the Annual General Meeting:** Mr. Tracy Hemsing
- 3.0 Adoption of the Agenda**
- 4.0 Approval of the Minutes:** March 5, 2024, Annual General Meeting
- 5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes:** March 5, 2024, Annual General Meeting
- 6.0 Presentation of Reports**
 - 6.01 Chairman of the Board of Directors Report: Mr. Tracy Hemsing
 - 6.02 General Manager's Report: Mr. Ivan Friesen, General Manager
 - 6.03 Maintenance Report: Mr. Ivan Friesen, General Manager
 - 6.04 Rehabilitation Report: Mr. Ryan Gagley, Assistant General Manager - Engineering and Operations
 - 6.05 Audited Financial Statements of the District: Mr. Ed Chapman, Bevan and Partners
- 7.0 General Matters and New Business**
 - 7.01 Provincial Water Availability Engagement
 - 7.02 General Matters Raised from the Floor
 - 7.03 Report on Scheduled Elections: Mr. Ivan Friesen, Returning Officer
 - Division 2 (Rosemary/Duchess): Mr. David Peltzer (Term Expired)
 - Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks): (Vacant)
 - *[Mr. Brian Schmidt as Additional Board Member - Term Expired]*
 - Division 7 (Rolling Hills): Mr. Tracy Hemsing (Term Expired)
- 8.0 Adjournment**

March 5, 2024, Annual General Meeting

The Eastern Irrigation District held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Inn in Brooks, Alberta. Approximately 125 people were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the District, Mr. Tracy Hemsing, at 1:30 p.m.

1.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Mr. Tracy Hemsing, Chairman, Board of Directors

Mr. Hemsing welcomed those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting, including Jennifer Nitschelm, Director – Irrigation Secretariat; Mark Miyanaga, Member – Irrigation Council; Margo Jarvis Redelback, Executive Director – AIDA; County of Newell Reeve Arno Doerksen, and Councillors Holly Johnson, Neil Johnson, Lynnette Kopp, Amanda Philpott, and Greg Skriver; and City of Brooks Mayor John Petrie.

2.0 Election of a Chair for the Annual General Meeting – Mr. Tracy Hemsing

Mr. Hemsing called for nominations for Chair of the annual meeting.

Moved by John Brummelhuis that Holly Johnson be nominated for Chair. Seconded by Kathlyn Peltzer. CARRIED

Mr. Hemsing called for any further nominations.

As no further nominations were placed, Holly Johnson was elected Chair by acclamation. Mrs. Johnson assumed the chair.

3.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Mrs. Johnson advised of the format for making comments and asking questions from the floor, and asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. Mr. Friesen requested that an EIDNet funding announcement be added under General Matters and New Business. A motion to adopt the agenda as revised was requested.

Moved by Lynnette Kopp that the agenda be adopted as revised. Seconded by John Brummelhuis.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any further additions or deletions to the agenda; being none, a vote on the motion was requested.

The motion to adopt the agenda was carried.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes – March 7, 2023, Annual General Meeting

Mrs. Johnson called for a motion to accept or revise the minutes from the March 7, 2023, Annual General Meeting.

Moved by John Brummelhuis that the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved as distributed. Seconded by Louis Claassen.

Having no requests for revisions or corrections to the minutes, a vote on the motion was requested.

The motion to approve the minutes was carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes – March 7, 2023, Annual General Meeting

Mrs. Johnson called for items of business arising from the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting; none were raised.

6.0 Presentation of Reports

6.01 Chairman of the Board of Directors' Report – Mr. Tracy Hemsing

Mr. Hemsing presented the Chairman's Report as summarized below:

- Above average temperatures in May and no precipitation in the Bow Basin caused river levels to drop one month earlier than normal, prompting Stage 3 of the Drought plan to be initiated.
- Reservoirs were heavily utilized and this year highlighted the need for additional storage to create water security and more management ability during times of drought. The Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project will provide the District with more water security.
- With the drought still looming, communication with Alberta Environment and other users along the Bow River will be very important going forward.
- To improve efficiencies, a 48-hour usage penalty was imposed for irrigators that choose not to communicate their irrigation needs with their Water Operators prior to taking water.
- After 20 years of not charging an irrigation water rate, a \$5.00/acre rate was approved to generate revenue for operating and project costs. 2023 operating costs were \$29.00/acre.
- To accommodate larger irrigated projects, there will now be 1,200 acres available for off river and 1,800 acres available under reservoir for development projects in 2024.
- Capital assets charges for 2024 are \$3,600/acre for new acres and those in excess of the infill and efficiency acre cap, \$1,500/acre for infill and efficiency acre up to the cap, and \$750/acre for conversion from acres under a terminable agreement. Earlier application deadlines and soil testing in advance of application submissions are currently being considered.
- With carry forward acres from 2022, the Board approved irrigation development of 3 District quarters in the Rolling Hills area. Lease agreements were auctioned in January of 2024.
- The Private Grazing Lease auction for 27 expiring grazing leases was held in November 2023.
- A strip of land, 6.0 km of easement, and 3.5 km of fencing were donated towards the Kinbrook Connection Pathway.
- Richard Hiebert was acclaimed in Division 1 and John Ketchmark was elected in Division 5.
- Irrigators were thanked for their cooperation during the irrigation season and for managing water use through flow measurement, use of the IRMA app, and flexible on-farm decisions.
- Irrigators were also encouraged to continue to reach out to Directors with their feedback.

Mrs. Johnson asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved by Curtis Harbinson that the 2023 Chairman of the Board of Directors' Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by John Brummelhuis.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any questions of the Chairman; being none a vote on the motion was requested.

The motion to adopt the report was carried.

6.02 General Manager's Report – Mr. Ivan Friesen, General Manager

Mr. Friesen presented expanded and complementary information to the General Manager's Report, as summarized below:

- Last spring, snow pillows were below average to average, it remained cool until mid-April, diversion began April 17th after thawing conditions allowed, and an early irrigation date was not in demand. Reservoirs were filled to Full Supply Level (FSL), except the Rolling Hills Reservoir.

- Above average temperatures in late April and May prompted an early beginning of snowpack melt, as well as a conclusion one month earlier than average. This, combined with a lack of rainfall in June, particularly in the upper basin, created river flows in June to drop to levels typically seen in late July. Clear indications were seen that if reduced flows continued along with increased irrigation demands, reservoirs would be depleted during the summer months.
- Irrigators were advised of the water supply and demand trends and on June 13th Stage 3 of the Drought Plan was initiated. A 12" (16" below Crawling Valley Reservoir [CVR]) water allotment was imposed, while allowing irrigators to transfer unused volumes of water between parcels. As the irrigation season continued, modest precipitation events in the upper basin and some local areas, along with cooperative water sharing measures with major water users on the Bow River system, allowed additional water allocations to be added. By July 19th, along with several earlier increases, the water allotment per irrigated acre was raised to 18" (21" below CVR).
- Reservoirs were heavily used and ended the year at levels not seen since 2001. To allow additional time for filling reservoirs, water for irrigation was shut down September 25th (2 weeks earlier than average). Reservoirs were filled to normal or near normal levels by December 8th.
- Precipitation remained much below the long term average and below what was received in 2001. 548,100 ac-ft of the 679,000 ac-ft license was available and was used, translating to 15" being delivered to the farm gate. The delivery system showed resiliency through canal to pipeline rehabilitation efficiencies, on-farm conversions, good communication between irrigators and Water Operators, live monitoring (IRMA), and reduced operational spill.
- Water Sharing Agreements are being formalized and for the Bow River will include the BRID, EID, WID, and other major license holders.
- Projects under the Alberta Irrigation Modernization (AIM) program continue to proceed, with new pipeline installations occurring again this year. The Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project continues to advance with engineering, geotechnical, and regulatory phases ongoing. The District is hopeful that construction could commence in 2025.
- Two solar projects on District lands have received regulatory approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to proceed.
- The Farm Improvement Program saw 67 approved applications totaling \$550,189, with the majority for converting to a more efficient method of irrigation, cost-shares to accommodate pivots, and return of deductions.
- Spring presented with good moisture and grass conditions; however, as the season progressed, well below normal precipitation and high heat prevailed, reducing new growth. 17,434 head of cattle were placed on pastures and brought home a week earlier than normal due to the continued dry conditions; total AUMs were 81,719. The maximum listing for the 2024 grazing season has tentatively been set at 65 head.
- 22 new wells were established on District land, 35 wells were twinned, 58 wells were reclaimed, and 16 abandonment notifications were received. 26 miles or 155 acres of new pipelines were added.
- With the large and growing network of irrigation facilities and EIDNet fibre installations, the EID is now registered with Alberta One Call, which operates as Utility Safety Partners.
- Topics that were before the Board in 2023:
 - What cost is prohibitive to construct Snake Lake Reservoir?
 - The Snake Lake Reservoir project was approved at the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting at an

- estimated cost of \$273 million.
- Should Capital Assets be increased?
 - Capital assets charges were increased on November 28, 2023:
 - \$750/acre for converting terminable acres to irrigation acres;
 - \$1,500/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel;
 - \$3,600/acre for infill and efficiency acres over 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and
 - \$3,600/acre for acres assessed to dry parcels (new acres).
- Should large scale irrigation developments be allowed?
 - Discussions are still ongoing.
- What role beyond irrigation development does the District play in the economic development of the area?
 - All developments will be considered on their own merits.
- Irrigators were encouraged to reach out to Directors to discuss any matters of interest including the following topics before the Board in 2024:
 - Drought Management
 - Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion Project
 - Irrigation Expansion Pace
 - Capital Asset Charges
 - How should large scale irrigation developments be handled?
 - What role beyond irrigation development does the District play in the economic development of the area?
- In follow up to questions received previous to the AGM regarding justifying and supporting the EID's operational cost per irrigated acre in relation to other districts, comparative district data was presented regarding the geographical size of the districts, number of irrigation acres, diversion and major structures, conveyance and drainage works, variety of crops, and capital asset charges.
- Sincere appreciation was extended to water users, Directors, and staff for the understanding, flexibility, and additional work necessary in achieving the District's primary directive of conveying water to the farm gate.

Mrs. Johnson asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved by Jeff Van Wert that the 2023 General Manager's Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Tony Brummelhuis.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any questions of the General Manager; one question received was deferred to the Engineering Manager's Report. As there were no further questions, Mrs. Johnson requested a vote on the motion.

The motion to adopt the report was carried.

6.03 Maintenance Report – Mr. Ivan Friesen, General Manager

Mr. Friesen presented the Maintenance of Irrigation Works Report as summarized below:

- Maintenance costs for 2023 totaled \$2,919,855; which is near the 5 year average.
- Materials and heavy equipment costs are trending higher due to inflationary pressures on the cost of materials and increasing recovery rates on heavy equipment.

Mrs. Johnson asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved by Carl Chomistek that the 2023 Maintenance Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Gerwin Van Den Hoek.

Mr. Friesen responded to a question from the floor, followed by Mrs. Johnson requesting a vote on the motion.

The motion to adopt the report was carried.

6.04 Rehabilitation Report – Mr. Ryan Gagley, Engineering Manager

Mr. Gagley reviewed the 2023 Rehabilitation Report, displayed information on completed projects, and advised of plans for future Capital and IRP projects.

- In 2022/2023, \$37,660,200 of District funds were spent on construction projects. 15 km of pipeline was installed, 4.5 km of canal was rehabilitated, and 11 concrete structures were installed.
- 2024/2025 capital construction will consist of 6 proposed projects, subject to Board approval: 03 East Branch (IRP), U-02 Tilley (AIM), J Tilley (AIM), 14-H West Bantry (AIM), V Tilley (AIM), Rolling Hills Canal (AIM), as well as the continuance of the County/EID Joint Drainage Program in the Rolling Hills area.
- The Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project is located 32 km NW of Brooks. Current storage is 14,900 ac-ft, with the project proposing an expanded storage to 70,000 ac-ft. Water is diverted into the reservoir from the East Branch Canal and from the reservoir via the Snake Lake Canal to the Springhill Canal, supporting approximately 50,000 acres downstream. Earthworks will include the construction of an 8 km berm, up to 20 m in height. A new low-level outlet structure will be installed at the NE end of the expanded reservoir and the receiving Snake Lake Canal will have its capacity increased to 800 cfs. Extensive fieldwork and laboratory analysis has been undertaken to determine the existing ground conditions, i.e. analysis of physical, chemical, and geotechnical properties. The height of the dam (> 15 m) and the total storage of the reservoir (> 24,300 ac-ft) triggered a provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the project. Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) have been created and outline the potential impacts of expanding the reservoir that must be addressed. The current process of reviewing initial public and GOA comments, followed by preparation of final TOR and EIA reports, will then lead into an approximate 1-2 year timeline for obtaining approval from Environment & Protected Areas (E&PA) Environmental Assessment Group, E&PA Water Act Group, and the Natural Resources Conservation Board.

Mrs. Johnson asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved by Brian de Jong that the 2023 Rehabilitation Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by John Brummelhuis.

Mr. Gagley responded to questions from the floor, followed by Mrs. Johnson requesting a vote on the motion.

The motion to adopt the report was carried.

6.05 Audited Financial Statements of the District – Mr. Ed Chapman, Bevan and Partners

Mr. Chapman, Bevan and Partners, advised that at the conclusion of the audit a clean audit report on the financial statements was presented in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for Not-For-Profit organizations. A summary of the independent auditor's report and the audited financial statements was then presented, highlighted as follows:

Assets

- Current Assets
 - Overall current assets increased by \$13.05 million. Cash decreased by \$19.08 million, short term deposits increased by \$13.54 million and investments decreased by \$5.92 million. This however, is offset by money now being held in the trust receivable and in long-term investments which are

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investments due after September 30, 2024.

- As interest rates on investments stayed consistent throughout the year, money that was previously held in the chequing account was transitioned into investments where a higher rate of return was recognized.
- Accounting standards require cash to be disclosed in different categories, but in perspective, the total cash available to the EID in 2022 was \$106.297 million and in 2023 was \$106.237 million, which was relatively unchanged from the previous year.
- Accounts receivable changed by \$1.837 million and is primarily the result of accrued billing for irrigation water in 2023.
- Changes that occurred in materials and supplies and prepaid expenses are normal fluctuations that can occur year to year.
- Non- Current Assets
 - There were no significant changes to deposits and trust funds from the previous year.
 - Accounts receivable increased over the previous year and was the result of work billed in the current year but not due for repayment before September 30, 2024.
 - Long term investments, which are investments not due within the next 12 months, increased by \$5.26 million, primarily from renewing some investments for a period greater than 1 year, due to favourable interest rates.
- Property and Equipment
 - There was an increase of \$21.483 million net of amortization expenses compared to the previous year.
 - The increase in building and equipment was primarily the result of the continued Fibre Optic installation occurring throughout the District and other normal capital asset additions during the year.
 - The net increase in irrigation works was the result of irrigation works projects capitalized at \$37.66 million and the yearly amortization of \$20.12 million.
 - The irrigation works projects additions were comprised of the AIM projects, IRP projects, and other EID capital projects.
 - During the year there was an additional \$5.67 million spent on the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion.

Liabilities

- Long term debt increased by \$5.27 million, directly attributable to the AIM Program.
- Deferred grants and contributions decreased by \$430 thousand during the year. The District received funding of around \$6.65 million from AIM and the Province of Alberta under the IRP program. This money will be amortized into revenue as the funds are spent. In 2023, \$7.09 million was amortized into revenue.

Fund Balances

- Fund balances are used to track how funds have been spent and allocated for future EID projects (see Note 10 to the financial statements).

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- The total fund balances at year end are essentially the District's equity position at year end.
- Internally restricted assets are funds that the Board of Directors has allocated to future projects relating to community pasture development and irrigation works additions.
- Externally restricted assets are funds that have been received from the Province that must be used for specific cost shared irrigation projects.
- The total fund balance increased by \$23.32 million from the previous year end.

Statement of Operations

- During the year, the total water earnings increased by \$1.69 million. The majority of the increase was a result of a water rate being charged in 2023 (see Note 11 to the financial statements).
- Investment income increased over the previous year due to improved rates of return available on investments when compared to the 2022 fiscal year end.
- The gain on sale of land and equipment and buildings consisted of approximately 73 acres of land sold and the disposal of other depreciable assets during the year.
- Capital asset charges increased by \$2.9 million over the previous year, which is a product of the AIM program and the increase in the number of acres that could be sold in one year.
- Amortization of irrigation works has increased over the past year and was expected, given the most recent capital asset additions to irrigation works.
- Total operating and administration expenses were up \$635 thousand; however, this was not the result of one specific item, rather that everything was more expensive compared to 2022.
- Special projects saw decreased expenditures over the previous year and were more reflective of past years. A significant increase in Farm Improvement Program expenses in 2022 was the primary reason for the net change from the previous year as a portion of the program ended in September 2022.
- EIDNet revenue, as laid out in Note 15 to the financial statements, stayed consistent with the previous year and profitability dropped due to increased expenses when compared to the previous year.
- The surplus at the end of the year was \$18.47 million.

Cash Flow

- The cash flow statement shows the increases and decreases in the District's cash position during the year. Unlike the income statement that uses accrual accounting, the cash flow statement shows the cash movements during the year only.
- The total cash shown as available on the cash flow statement only shows the cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year. This is defined as the cash and short term securities with maturities less than 90 days from the year end date. This is displayed at the bottom of the cash flow statement.
- The cash position decreased by \$5.54 million from the previous year and this decrease can be directly attributed to the cash that was moved from the EID to a trust account held by the AIM project, which does not meet the definition of cash for cash flow statement purposes.

Mrs. Johnson asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved by Gerwin Van Den Hoek that the 2023 Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Seconded by John Brummelhuis.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any questions of Mr. Chapman; being none she asked for a vote on the motion.

The motion to adopt the report was carried.

7.0 General Matters & New Business

7.01 Plan for 2024 Irrigation Season

Mr. Friesen outlined the strategy for the irrigation season this year under the revised Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #970 Drought Plan Guidelines. The 24"/acre maximum on a parcel (average of 18"/acre across the District) remains (Stage 1 of Drought Plan Guidelines); however, to support efficiencies in water use the District will begin each irrigation season with an 18"/acre maximum on a parcel (Stage 2), and will increase or decrease this amount by entering a different stage of the plan, taking into account various factors including time of year, snowpack, precipitation, river and reservoir levels, and weather forecasts. Each irrigation month, and particularly in June, the operating stage will be confirmed, or may be adjusted by resolution of the Board. The ability to transfer or purchase deliveries of water is provided in selected stages of the drought plan. This spring, diversion will begin as early as possible and timely updates will be provided as conditions warrant. If conditions warrant, an early shut down date will be discussed to fill reservoirs in the fall. Currently, reservoir levels are more or less at normal winter levels, making supply conditions normal.

7.02 EIDNet Funding Announcement

Mr. Friesen advised that EIDNet has been selected to receive 50/50 joint funding from the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) and Alberta Broadband Fund (ABF), for a total of \$8,303,402. The UBF is part of the Government of Canada's coordinated plan to connect Canadians with broadband services through its "High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy". The ABF is part of the "Alberta Broadband Strategy" to improve access to high-speed internet. The initial fibre plan project was condensed from 8 phases to 4, has completed phase 1 and 2, and is currently in construction of its 3rd phase.

7.03 General Matters Raised from the Floor

Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any questions from the floor.

Directors and the General Manager responded to various questions from the floor regarding the proposed Eyremore Dam, development of new acres, GOA soils standards, water rate, funding large scale projects, allottable expansion acres per year, EIDNet, and Crawling Valley Reservoir capacity.

7.04 Report on Scheduled Elections – Mr. Ivan Friesen, Returning Officer

Mr. Friesen reported that the terms for the current Directors for Electoral Division 3 (Patricia/Millicent) and Electoral Division 6 (Tilley) have been completed; therefore, nominations are being accepted for these divisions. The nomination period will close Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms can be obtained from the District Office. An election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 9th.

8.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hemsing thanked EID field and office staff for going above and beyond, especially in a year of extreme drought. He also thanked Ross Owen for serving 15 years on the Board of Directors, and specifically his perspectives on the District as a whole. There being no further questions and no new business arising, Mrs. Johnson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Jeff Van Wert that the annual meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATIONS

Irrigation Districts Act, Parts 2 and 3

Local Authorities Election Act, Part 1

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Eastern Irrigation District, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA (the "District")

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the election of a candidate for the office of Member of the Board of the District for each of **Electoral Divisions 2, 4 and 7** will be received at the Eastern Irrigation District office, 550 Industrial Road West, Brooks, AB, until **5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 5, 2025**.

For the purposes of this election the description of the boundaries of the electoral divisions are:

Electoral Division 2 (Rosemary/Duchess)

The boundaries of Division No. 2 shall enclose the following lands ["section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:

Township 20 Range 13 W4M	Sections 31, 32 and 33
Township 20 Range 14 W4M	All Sections
Township 20 Range 15 W4M	All Sections
Township 20 Range 16 W4M	Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36
Township 21 Range 13 W4M	Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33
Township 21 Range 14 W4M	All Sections
Township 21 Range 15 W4M	All Sections
Township 21 Range 16 W4M	Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, E ½ 15, E ½ 23, 24, 25 and 36
Township 22 Range 13 W4M	Sections 4, 5 and 6 lying to the south of the Red Deer River
Township 22 Range 14 W4M	All Sections lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River
Township 22 Range 15 W4M	All Sections lying to the west of the Red Deer River
Township 23 Range 14 W4M	All Sections lying to the north and west of the Red Deer River
Township 23 Range 15 W4M	Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36 lying to the west of the Red Deer River
Township 24 Range 14 W4	All Sections lying to the west of the Red Deer River
Township 24 Range 15 W4M	Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River
Township 25 Range 15 W4M	Sections 3 and 4 lying to the south and west of the Red Deer River

Electoral Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks)

The boundaries of Division No. 4 shall enclose the following lands ["section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:

Township 17 Range 14 W4M	Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35
Township 18 Range 14 W4M	All Sections
Township 18 Range 15 W4M	All Sections
Township 18 Range 16 W4M	All Sections
Township 18 Range 17 W4M	All Sections
Township 18 Range 18 W4M	All Sections lying to the east of the Bow River
Township 19 Range 14 W4M	Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35
Township 19 Range 15 W4M	All Sections
Township 19 Range 16 W4M	All Sections
Township 19 Range 17 W4M	All Sections
Township 19 Range 18 W4M	All Sections lying to the north and east of the Bow River

Electoral Division 7 (Rolling Hills)

The boundaries of Division No. 7 shall enclose the following lands ["section(s)" refers to full or parts thereof]:

Township 13 Range 13 W4M	All Sections lying to the north of the Bow River
Township 14 Range 11 W4M	All Sections
Township 14 Range 12 W4M	All Sections
Township 14 Range 13 W4M	All Sections lying to the north of the Bow River
Township 14 Range 14 W4M	Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36 lying to the north of the Bow River
Township 15 Range 11 W4M	All Sections
Township 15 Range 12 W4M	All Sections
Township 15 Range 13 W4M	All Sections
Township 15 Range 14 W4M	Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36

Nomination forms and additional information regarding this election are available from the Eastern Irrigation District office. If required, an **Election** will be held Tuesday the **8th** day of **April, 2025**.

Dated at the City of Brooks, in the Province of Alberta, this 3rd day of February, 2025.

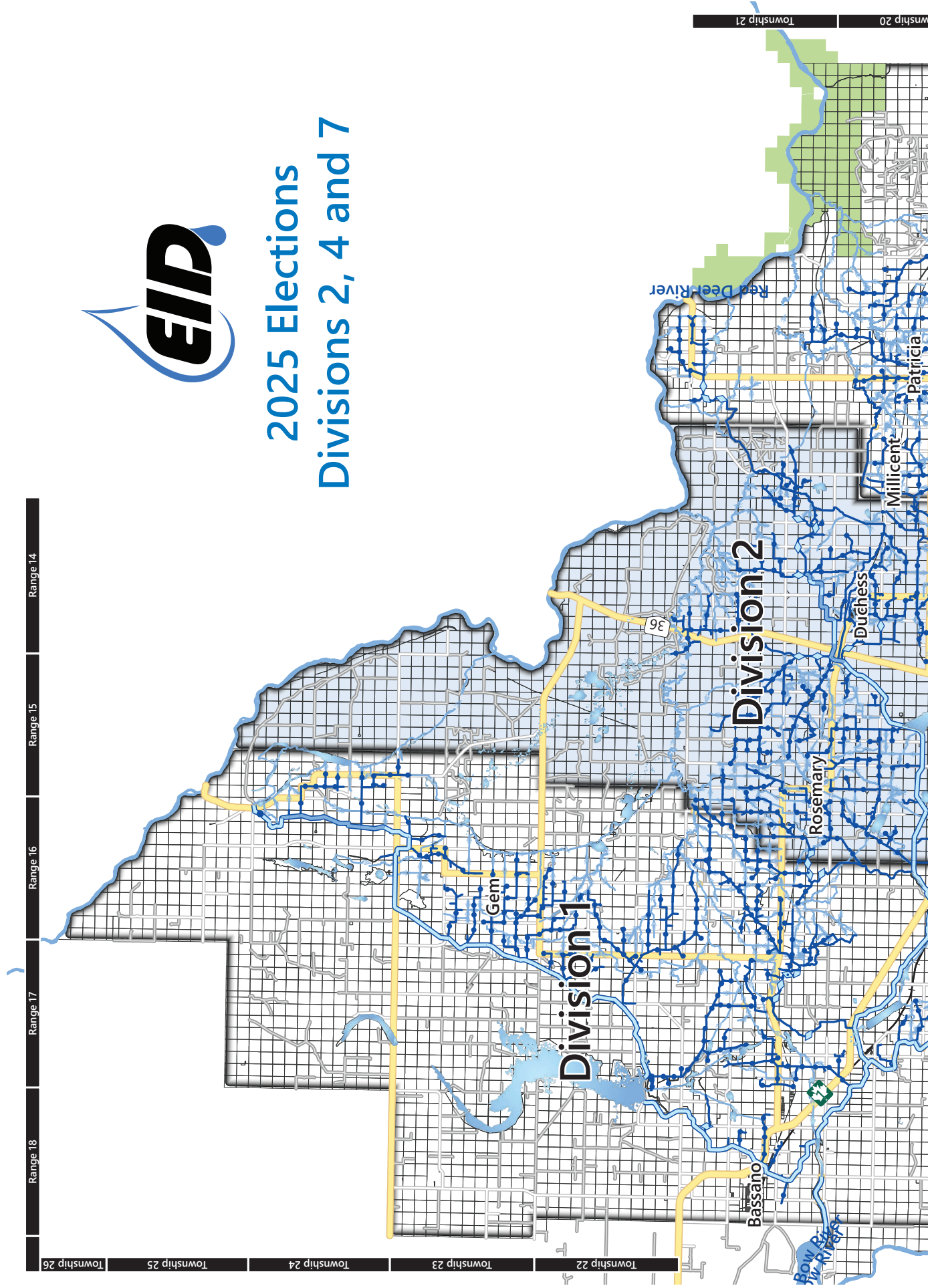
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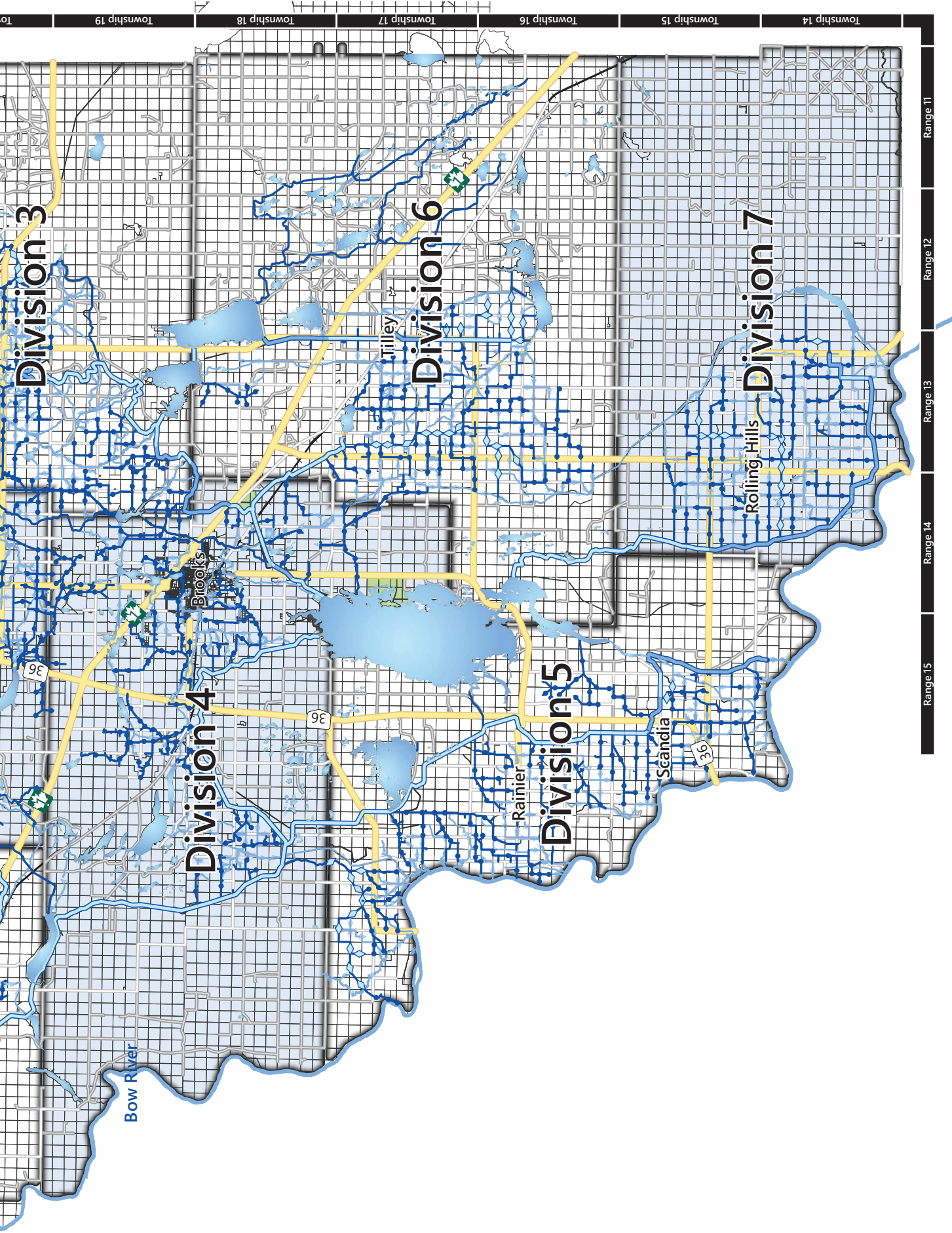
Eastern Irrigation District

Electoral Divisions Map



2025 Elections Divisions 2, 4 and 7





NOMINATION PAPER AND CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE

Irrigation Districts Act, s. 33, 35, 36 & Part 3 and Local Authorities Election Act s. 22, 27, 28, 68.1, 151

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Eastern Irrigation District, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA (the "District")

We, the undersigned irrigators of the District, nominate:

Name: (please print) _____
(surname) (given names)

Phone: (home/cell): _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Land Location with Irrigation Acres in this Electoral Division:** _____

as a candidate at the election about to be held for the office of Member of the Board of the District for Electoral Division:

Signatures of at least 2 irrigators of the District:

Printed Name:

**Land Location containing
Irrigation Acres in the District:**

Signature:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE

- I, the above named candidate, solemnly swear (affirm)
- THAT I am eligible under sections 33, 35 and 36 of the *Irrigation Districts Act* to be elected to the office;
- THAT I am not otherwise disqualified under section 22 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* (as applicable);
- THAT I will accept the office if elected;
- THAT I have read sections 33, 35, 36 and Part 3 of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, and sections 22, 27, 28, 68.1 and 151 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, and understand their contents (documents available from the EID Office); and

THAT I am appointing: _____ (mailing address) _____
(name - must be an elector)
_____ (phone #) _____ as my official agent.

Print name as it should appear on the ballot:

(Candidate's Surname)

(Given Name(s) (may include nicknames but not titles i.e. Mr., Mrs., Dr.))

SWORN (AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME }

at the _____ of _____ }

in the Province of Alberta, }

this _____ day of _____, 20____. }

(Signature of Returning Officer or Commissioner of Oaths)

(Candidate's Signature)

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO SIGN A FALSE AFFIDAVIT OR A FORM THAT CONTAINS A FALSE STATEMENT

NOTE: The personal information on this form is being collected to support the administrative requirements of the local authorities election process and the *Irrigation Districts Act*, and is authorized under sections 54 and 58 of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, section 27 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and section 33(c) of the *Freedom Of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The personal information will be managed in compliance with the privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions concerning the collection of this personal information, please contact the Assistant General Manager - Legal and Corporate Services, 362-1400.



RETURNING OFFICER'S ACCEPTANCE

Returning Officer signals acceptance by signing this form.

(Signature of Returning officer)

NOTE: The time for filing nominations expires at 5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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