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**January 23, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.09 Equipment
- 8.10 Rolling Hills Fire Department – Renovations to EID Shop
- 8.11 In-Camera Discussion
- 9.01 Report on Fairmont Banff Springs Sports Invitational – Waterkeepers Alliance fundraiser
- 9.02 AIPA
- 9.03 CRWUA Conference Report
- 9.04 Letter from Fred Mandeville

**2007-01-001 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 December 11, 2006**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-01-002 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the December 11, 2006 regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2.02 March 29, 2006 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-01-003 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the March 29, 2006 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented, with final approval to be sought from the water users at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in March. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Financials****4.01 November 30, 2006 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to November 30, 2006, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential Transfer to the IWF is \$14.4 million. Note that due to the year end accounting entries, the transfer to IWF will be reduced from its current balance.
- YTD total revenues are tracking 7.9% above the YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are tracking 2.7% above YTD budget.

**2007-01-004 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2007, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

#### **4.02 Fourth Quarter Investment Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the Investment Report as at December 31, 2006. E. Wilson suggested that the Carl Anderson Trust Fund program be reviewed at the Budget Meeting.

**2007-01-005 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### **4.03 Investment Policy**

Mr. Bridges advised that two of the objectives of the July 25, 2006 amendment to the Investment Policy were (a) to increase the total value of Corporate securities that could be held in the portfolio and (b) to encourage competition amongst the District's investment advisors by setting the maximum value of Corporate securities allocated to any one advisor at the same value as the overall portfolio. The amendment approved at the July 25, 2006 board meeting did not achieve the second objective. Therefore, Mr. Bridges recommended deletion of the sentence that reads "For the portion of the portfolio allocated to any one investment advisor or manager, the maximum investment in Corporate securities shall not exceed \$5,000,000.00." This deletion, if approved, will effectively set the maximum for an individual advisor at the same limit (\$17,500,000.00) as for the overall portfolio.

**2007-01-006 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the revision of the Investment Policy by deleting "For the portion of the portfolio allocated to any one investment advisor or manager, the maximum investment in Corporate securities shall not exceed \$5,000,000.00." under 'Corporate Securities.' This January 23, 2007 revision supersedes the July 25, 2006 policy. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

#### **4.04 Lake Newell Utility Inc. Annual Return**

K. Bridges presented the Lake Newell Utility Inc. annual return and proposed resolutions. While the sale and transfer of ownership of Lake Newell Utility Inc. to the County of Newell did not occur in 2006, it is expected to be completed in 2007. A Director suggested this item be added to the Joint EID/County Meeting agenda.

**2007-01-007 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the following resolutions:**

- 1. BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the financial statements for the last fiscal year end of Lake Newell Utility Inc. as submitted to the sole shareholder are hereby approved and adopted; and**
- 2. BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 163 of the *Business Corporations Act* the appointment of an auditor for Lake Newell Utility Inc. be dispensed with; and**
- 3. BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT all acts, contracts, bylaws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done, taken and paid by the Directors and Officers of Lake Newell Utility Inc. since the date of the last Annual General Meeting and as set out or referred to in the Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Directors, be and the same are hereby approved, sanctioned and confirmed; and**

- 4. BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the persons listed below be elected as Directors of Lake Newell Utility Inc., to hold office until the next annual election of Directors or until their successors are duly elected or appointed:**

**ROBERT J. CHRUMKA  
PATRICK M. HEMSING**

**Seconded by C. Henrickson. [CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY]**

**4.05 HP & CR Refusals to Sign Agreements**

K. Bridges reported that all but three of the delinquent/outstanding Household Purposes and Rural Water Use Purposes accounts have been resolved. The County has indicated a willingness to implement a system that would guarantee the EID receives payment. Mr. Bridges added that this agreement could also address the District's concerns regarding control of the utility and the water license, along with the County's concerns. He suggested this item be added to the Joint EID/County Meeting agenda.

[9:48 a.m. – 9:53 a.m. A short break was taken; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Engineering Report**

**5.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
02-03-12 Secondary 'A' Rolling Hills	- canal complete, pipeline complete, structure installation complete
Secondary 'A' Springhill	- earthworks complete, armour placement complete, structure installation started
11 East Branch	- 15.5 kms of pipe installed (70% complete)
R-1 North Bantry	- pipeline complete
03-02D Springhill	- pipeline complete, structure yet to be installed
7 Bow Slope	- scheduled to start in late February
G North Bantry	- piping the overflow complete, started on the mainline

**5.02 Bassano Dam Upgrades**

E. Wilson informed that the Bassano Dam is in need of several electrical upgrades, involving hoists, actuators, shaft encoders, mineral cable, deck lights, upstream level control, remote monitoring, and the SCADA system. Due to the high humidity at the dam, these systems generally have a life expectancy of about 20 – 30 years. The improvements will help make flow measurement more accurate; and part of the IRP budget will pay for the flow measurement on 2 canals. As well, excavation and installation of a filter needs to be done to stabilize the channel downstream, as it has been patched many times over the last 10 years. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$1,200,000; with work to begin in late summer/early fall.

**2007-01-008 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the electrical upgrades at the Bassano Dam for an estimated cost of \$1,200,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**5.03 Farm Improvement Policy**

E. Wilson presented the revision of the Farm Improvement Policy as discussed at the annual retreat. The maximum grant has been increased from \$7,500/per parcel to \$10,000/per parcel. As well, the criteria and evaluation have been revised. This policy supersedes the April 20, 2000 Farm Improvement Policy. Further discussion was held, with the following motion being passed.

**2007-01-009 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the revision of the Farm Improvement Policy as follows:**

EID POLICY MANUAL

WATER	<b>Farm Improvement Policy</b>	Revised Jan 23'07 [supersedes Apr 20'00]
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**Policy Guidelines:**

When an irrigator comes to the District with a proposal that will improve his farm operation and will:

- improve the District's infrastructure, OR
- save a significant amount of water,

the District may cost-share the project with the irrigator, with the maximum cost-share being 50% of the project costs to a maximum of District contribution of \$10,000 for the parcel. Projects require the approval of the Board by resolution.

**Water Use Efficiency Criteria & Evaluation:**

The guidelines to determine the cost-sharing/District contribution are as follows:

Note: All projects require the approval of the Board by resolution. The maximum value for cost-sharing is based on a 50/50 sharing between the landowner and the District to a maximum of \$10,000 [unless irrigation acres are removed from the assessment roll]. Approvals are on a per parcel basis to a maximum of the \$10,000.

A. Infrastructure Grant

1. Improvement to the District's infrastructure, reduction of the District's infrastructure, extension of the District's infrastructure (on the landowner's timeline), not part of a District project:.....50/50 cost share up to \$10,000 per quarter section

B. Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (on the landowner's timeline):

1. Uncontrolled surface irrigation to machine leveled/improved surface irrigation.  
Maximum District contribution.....50/50 up to \$10,000
2. Gated pipe or permanent head ditch with controlled outlets.  
Maximum contribution.....50/50 up to \$2,500
3. Eliminating spill past pump by moving delivery or piping to pumpsite.  
Maximum contribution.....50/50 up to \$7,500
4. Surface irrigation to side-roll wheel moves.  
Irregular shaped parcel of land.....No contribution  
Rectangular shaped parcel, maximum District contribution.....\$25/acre

- 5. Side-roll wheel moves to pivot.  
Maximum District contribution is either:  
..... \$30/acre minus \$300/acre for irrigation acres outside of wetted area of pivot, or  
.....\$30/acre plus \$700/acre for irrigation acres that are removed from the assessment roll
- 6. Surface irrigation to pivot.  
Maximum District contribution is either:  
.....\$60/acre minus \$300/acre for irrigation acres outside of wetted area of pivot, or  
.....\$60/acre plus \$700/acre for irrigation acres that are removed from the assessment roll

**In all instances:**

- applications may only be made by the registered owner of the parcel,
- irrigation acres are to be moved from existing locations in the parcel into the area that will be irrigated under the efficiency improvement prior to any additional irrigation acres being considered, all payments by the District are made at the completion of the installation by the landowner, and the District will reduce the payment by the amounts owing the District for the installation of any new facilities required to allow for the on-farm improvements, and
- the maximum total for all farm improvement grants is \$10,000 per quarter section; this does not include the monies paid to remove acres from the assessment roll.

**This revision supersedes the April 20, 2000 policy and is effective as of January 23, 2007. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.0 Lands**

**6.06 Policy – EID Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner**

E. Wilson presented the new policy for purchasing irrigation acres back from the landowner.

**2007-01-010 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the new Policy Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowners as follows:**

EID POLICY MANUAL

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WATER	<b>Policy Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back</b>	Established Jan 23'07
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**Policy Guidelines:**

The EID is willing to pay \$700/irrigation acre for the irrigated acres in pivot corners and other small inefficient irrigation acres.

**Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

Following discussion of the above policy and its association with the Capital Assets Charge, Directors asked that the Capital Assets By-Law be brought to next month's Board Meeting for review.

**2007-01-011 Moved by T. Livingston that Administration be requested to present a "By-Law Setting a Capital Assets Charge for Parcels Approved for Increased/Added Irrigation Acres" to next**



relocating the deliveries. He proposed to put pivots up on both quarters after having soils tested and approved. Soils have passed, and he is now applying for a Transfer and Increase of irrigation acres.

Mr. Baxter presently wheel irrigates 230 acres in the E ½ 13-21-18 W4M, 139 acres in NE 13 and 91 acres in SE 13. He is proposing to put up two pivots which will irrigate 125 acres in NE 13 and 133 acres in SE 13, for a total of 258 acres. An additional 28 acres are needed which will be covered through the efficiencies of converting from wheels to pivot. It is recommended to transfer 14 acres from NE 13-21-18 W4M to SE 13-21-18 W4M and add 28 acres to SE 13-21-18 W4M at a capital assets charge of \$200/acre.

- 2007-01-013** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the transfer of 14 irrigation acres from NE 13-21-18 W4M to SE 13-21-18 W4M, lands being owned by George Baxter. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED
- 2007-01-014** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 105 acres to 133 acres on SE 13-21-18 W4M, 28 acres being gained through efficiency; 28 acres at the capital asset charge of \$200/acre = \$5,600. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[10:36 a.m. R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

#### **6.02 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Dean Martin to Jamie Buteau**

R. Matoba presented the Transfer of Irrigation Acres request. Jamie Buteau and Dean Martin have submitted an application to transfer 60 irrigation acres from Dean's SE 24-18-15 W4M to Jamie's NW 20-18-16 W4M. These acres were previously approved for a pivot, but the pivot was never installed. Jamie would also like to transfer 5 acres of his own from a pivot corner in SE 26-18-16 W4M to NW 20-18-16 W4M. All the acres in question are serviced off the river, and the transfer would not have a negative impact on the EID's operations. It is recommended that the transfer be approved.

- 2007-01-015** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 60 irrigation acres from SE 24-18-15 W4M, lands being owned by Dean Martin, to NW 20-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by Jamie Buteau. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED
- 2007-01-016** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SE 24-18-16 W4M to NW 20-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by Jamie Buteau. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

#### **6.03 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd.**

R. Matoba also presented a transfer request from Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. They wish to transfer 6 acres from the NW 09-20-17 W4M to the NW 32-20-17 W4M. They are not able to make use of these acres and wish to move them to a location where they can be used.

- 2007-01-017** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 6 irrigation acres from NW 09-20-17 W4M to NW 32-20-17 W4M, lands being owned by Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

#### **6.04 Irrigable Unit – Robbin Colbens**

Mr. Matoba informed that Robbin Colbens has converted from terminable acres in Pt. NW 24-16-14 W4M, Pt. SW 24-16-14 W4M and Pt. NW 13-16-14 W4M to irrigation acres, and now requires an Irrigable Unit.

- 2007-01-018** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW 24-16-14 W4M, Pt. SW 24-16-14 W4M, and Pt. NW 13-16-14 W4M, lands being owned by Robbin Colbens. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

**6.05 Gravel Stockpile Site for the County of Newell**

Mr. Matoba also presented a stockpile site request from the County of Newell. They are requesting to use the NW corner of NW 11-16-13 W4M, approximately 5 acres. It was suggested by a Director to add this item to the Joint EID/County Meeting agenda to address any potential traffic and dust concerns that surrounding residents may have.

- 2007-01-019 Moved by F. George that the Board approve a Gravel Stockpile Agreement for the County to use approximately 5 acres of EID land on the NW corner of NW 11-16-13 W4M for a 5 year term at an annual fee of \$150.00. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[10:53 a.m. – 10:57 a.m. A short break was taken. I. Friesen and R. Matoba exited the meeting, G. Redelback entered.]

**6.07 Oil & Gas – Landspreading Rate Review**

G. Redelback reported on average landspreading rates which he gathered. As most rates do not differentiate between deep and shallow wells, the Board moved to install a flat rate.

- 2007-01-020 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board set the Oil & Gas Landspreading rate for 2007 at \$1,000/well, effective January 23, 2007. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[11:07 a.m. G. Redelback exited the meeting, R. Martin entered.]

**6.08 Classroom Agriculture Program – Letter**

Prior to discussing the Classroom Agriculture Program's organization, R. Martin displayed a plaque given to the EID from Walleye Unlimited of Alberta. This plaque was in appreciation for the District's involvement in their "Fun Fishing Day" at Crawling Valley Reservoir and was presented at a following Walleye meeting.

The Classroom Agriculture Program's organizational status and requested survey was discussed. The Board directed Mr. Martin to reply to the survey indicating that the District will contribute \$3,500 and 15 days of staff time to assist with classroom presentations, but is not in favor of CAP becoming a stand-alone non-profit organization with its own board of directors.

- 2007-01-021 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve \$3,500 and 15 days of staff time to be donated to the Classroom Agriculture Program for 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.09 Kinsmen Pheasant Hunt – Ringneck Classic**

Mr. Martin relayed that the Kinsmen Club of Brooks is again requesting permission to use EID land for their Annual Ringneck Classic pheasant hunting derby. The event takes place on February 24<sup>th</sup> of this year.

- 2007-01-022 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve a one day winter pheasant hunt sponsored by the Brooks Kinsmen Club, on a total of five parcels of EID community pasture or private grazing leases (lease holder's permission required) with the requirement that the sites are not site/species sensitive and the Kinsmen be required to provide proof of \$5,000,000 liability insurance and have a release signed by those participating. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[11:32 a.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

**6.10 Sheepdog Trials – Request to Use Land**

E. Wilson presented a request from Ian & Jo Ann Zoerb for the use of the same field as last year for their EID Classic Sheepdog Competition. The event is planned for August 24, 25 & 26, 2007.

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**2007-01-023 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the use of EID land west of the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for a Sheepdog competition, with the stipulation of no random camping allowed. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.11 Crawling Valley Recreation Society - Request for Financing Swimming Area**

A letter was received from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society requesting assistance in reclaiming the swimming area at the campground. As various requests have been received over the years, it was agreed to have a delegation from the society present a long term plan to the Board at a future meeting. This item was also suggested to be added to the Joint EID/County Meeting agenda, as the campground land is leased to the County.

[11:38 a.m. R. Hayes entered the meeting.]

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

R. Hayes presented the EIDNet Report, stating that there are currently 648 customers on dial-up, 656 on wireless, and over 100 names on the waiting list. The installations of sectoral antennas in Gem were completed before Christmas, solving the connection problems in that area. Arrangements are being made to have this repeated on the Rosemary tower, and if necessary on the Rolling Hills tower. In the Duchess area all '900' channels are experiencing interference; IPPlus is trying to trace this and possible problem users plugging the sector with file sharing programs. Currently, an unusually high volume of messages caused a slow down in incoming and outgoing email. A temporary fix has been found but further modifications to the email server will be needed for the long term.

New installations can now begin in areas with VL equipment and on '900' sectors that are not full. Grasslands School Division has given the District the 100 foot towers at the Tilley and Rosemary Schools for removal. Mr. Chrumka requested a copy of the installation waiting list by the end of the day.

[11:53 a.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break; R. Hayes exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Other**

**9.01 Report on Fairmont Banff Springs Sports Invitational – Waterkeepers Alliance fundraiser**

B. Chrumka and N. Johnson reported on the event which they attended on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Directors were able to meet with Robert Kennedy Jr. and others who are involved in this advocacy group.

**9.02 AIPA**

The District did not attend the last AIPA Directors Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rather, a separate meeting has been scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, inviting Lethbridge Northern, Bow River and St. Mary's districts to discuss the possible direction of the organization.

**9.03 CRWUA Conference Report**

A short discussion was held highlighting conference matters for those who did not attend.

**8.0 General Manager's Report**

E. Wilson presented the General Manager's Report.

**8.01 Annual Report**

Highlights for the Annual Report book will include the closed basin and the water balance.

[1:05 p.m. C. Henrickson exited the meeting.]

**8.02 Spring Information Meeting Dates & Locations**

The main topics for the Information Meetings will be the closed basin, plan to save water, and information on a possible plebiscite regarding the District's water license and any future transfers. Other topics will include Private Grazing Leases and engineering projects. The Board approved meetings to be held in Rolling Hills, Duchess and Bassano, with a plan for supplemental meetings in the fall.

**8.04 AESA Conference**

The AESA (Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture) 2007 Conference will be held February 27 & 28 in Leduc. Two "Sharing of Resources: Water" topics are featured on the 27<sup>th</sup>. T. Livingston, F. George and A. Nielsen will attend.

**8.05 Luscar Update**

E. Wilson reported that there are presently negotiations to sell the Luscar project to a private individual. As the contract for the EID's study is non-transferable, Mr. Wilson will contact Luscar to ensure confidentiality.

[1:25 p.m. C. Henrickson rejoined the meeting.]

**8.06 Budget Discussion**

A Budget Meeting was set for Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., with the intentions of holding a Spring Information Meeting in Rolling Hills that evening. Dates were proposed for further meetings in February. The Board requested K. Bridges to research company credit cards which may have a point system for company flights.

**8.07 Springhill Pressure System**

E. Wilson reviewed the electrical charges for the Springhill pressure pipeline, noting that 4 meters on farm turnouts did not work properly. Although charges were recalculated by using water records, landowners were in need of an explanation of the high rates. Mr. Wilson met with the irrigators to explain the situation. Factors which involved the need for a high pump capacity, flow-through power and demand spikes contributed to the 2 or 3 times increase in some cases, monthly power bills.

Mr. Chrumka stressed that a localized solution needs to be found to solve this matter, and to not average these costs throughout the District. Mr. Wilson and the engineering department are to research options such as lower pump capacity, secondary pump(s), different irrigation systems, individual power, etc. which may reduce the high electrical charges.

**8.09 Equipment**

The District is currently renting two excavators, with the option to purchase. These hi-hoes are new models, and one has a problem with the final drive putting filings in the hydraulics system. There is one more month on contract and it is recommended to not purchase this machine after the rental period. E. Wilson and L. Cook will investigate a suitable replacement.

**8.10 Rolling Hills Fire Department – Leasing & Renovations of Shop Space**

Mr. Wilson met with the Rolling Hills Fire Department to finalize renovation costs of the Rolling Hills Shop. The renovation costs, financing, utility payments and lease arrangements will be put into writing.

**8.11 In-Camera Discussion****8.03 EID and County Joint Meeting Agenda**

Following are the suggested topics for the upcoming meeting:

- Water Treatment Plant
- Closed Basin, Water Supply, Water Transfers
- Individual Country Residential Lots

- Multi-Lot Subdivisions
- By-Law Officer (evening and weekend work)
- Update on Internet
- Drainage
- Lake Newell Utility Inc.
- HP & CR Refusals to Sign Agreements
- Gravel Stockpile Site for the County of Newell
- Crawling Valley Recreation Society
- Opening Up of Surface Rights Act

## 9.0 Other (cont'd.)

### 9.04 Fred Mandeville Letters

Letters from Fred Mandeville dated September 1 and 14, 2006 were received by the Directors and District regarding surface lease revenue sharing. A. Nielsen suggested that a letter of reply be written.

## 10.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 10.01 | EID / County Joint Meeting        | - Monday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. @ EID   |
| 10.02 | AIPA Direction Meeting            | - Tuesday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. @ EID<br>E. Wilson, B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen & P. Hemsing attending  |
| 10.03 | Private Grazing Lease Holders Mtg | - Tuesday, February 6, 1:30 p.m. @ Heritage Inn  |
| 10.04 | Special Board Meeting (Budget)    | - Wednesday, February 7, 1:00 p.m. ( <i>note time</i> )  |
| 10.05 | Spring Information Meetings       | - Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. @ Rolling Hills<br>Monday, February 12, 1:30 p.m. @ Duchess<br>Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. @ Bassano |
| 10.06 | Regular Board Meeting             | - Monday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>note date change</i> )  |
| 10.07 | AESA Conference                   | - Tuesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> @ Leduc<br>T. Livingston, F. George & A. Nielsen attending                         |
| 10.08 | Meeting with the Auditor          | - February 26 <sup>th</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 10.09 | Regular Board Meeting             | - Tuesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 10.10 | Annual General Meeting            | - Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 10.11 | Nominations Close                 | - Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>   |

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:37 p.m.**

### 8.08 In-Camera – General Manager's Contract Review

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Chairman

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General Manager

**February 7, 2007 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1:35 p.m. Presentation from Silver Sage Agricultural Society**

B. Chrumka welcomed to the meeting Tracey Fyfe, Bill Swenson, Margie Seaton, Clint Hamel and Vic Getz representing the Silver Sage Agricultural Society. Mr. Chrumka and E. Wilson advised the group of the City of Brooks' ice arena proposal which has been accepted by the EID. This facility is planned to be constructed on land donated by the EID west of the existing Silver Sage Arena. The group then proceeded with introducing their future plans for the Silver Sage. Discussion centered on the various site options, future plans and possible concerns which Silver Sage, the City of Brooks, or the District may have. A collaborative approach was stressed for the groups involved in this project. Further, the District said they are considering helping with land leveling on the Silver Sage existing parking lot and proposed expansion, and the site planned for the City's new arena, to correct or ensure proper drainage of the entire area. An amendment to the Silver Sage lease will be negotiated in light of these new plans. The Society was pleased and in agreement with the overall plan.

[2:13 p.m. – 2:21 p.m. The representatives exited the meeting and a short break was taken.]

**1.0 AIPA Conference – “Every Drop Counts: Watershed Management Realities”, March 4 – 6**  
The conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Calgary, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilson has been invited to speak on water conservation. All Directors, E. Wilson, K. Bridges, J. Meador and I. Friesen will be registered to attend.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 January 23, 2007**

The following items were noted for correction:

- 4.03 Investment Policy, motion 2007-01-006 – replace “the second sentence” with “For the portion of the portfolio allocated to any one investment advisor or manager, the maximum investment in Corporate securities shall not exceed \$5,000,000.00.”
- 6.08 Classroom Agriculture Program – Letter, – replace “non-profit organization” with “stand-alone non-profit organization with its own board of directors.”
- 9.01 Report on Fairmont Banff Springs Sports Invitational – Waterkeepers Alliance Fundraiser – replace “A. Nielsen” with “N. Johnson”.

**2007-02-024 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the January 23, 2007 regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by P. Hemsing CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Company Credit Card**

A Director inquired if information had been gathered on company credit card options. K. Bridges will report on this at a future meeting.

**3.02 Fred Mandeville Letters**

A Director inquired if a letter of reply had been sent to Fred Mandeville regarding his correspondence. E. Wilson or K. Bridges will draft a letter for the Chairman on behalf of the Board.

**4.0 Budget Discussion****4.01 2007 Budget**

E. Wilson presented the Draft 2007 Budget, based on a "\$0" Water Rate. Administration and the Board of Directors reviewed the budget at length, with E. Wilson noting that the final approval will be handled at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Mr. Wilson also noted several rates and fees to be set at that time.

[3:36 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. A short break was taken; N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

Administration to contact the Brooks and District Health Foundation to authorize public recognition of the District's donation towards the CT Scanner.

[4:03 p.m. N. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

**2007-02-025 Moved by A. Nielsen that the EID pay AIPA membership dues for the 2006/2007 fiscal year to end September 30, 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**5.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 5.01 | Spring Information Meetings         | - Monday, February 12, 1:30 p.m. @ Duchess<br>Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. @ Bassano                          |
| 5.02 | Regular Board Meeting               | - Monday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 5.03 | AESA Conference                     | - Tuesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> @ Leduc<br>T. Livingston & A. Nielsen attending         |
| 5.04 | Meeting with the Auditor            | - February 26 <sup>th</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 5.05 | AIPA Conference "Every Drop Counts" | - Sunday – Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> @ Calgary<br>Directors and Administration attending |
| 5.06 | Regular Board Meeting               | - Tuesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 5.07 | Annual General Meeting              | - Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 5.08 | Nominations Close                   | - Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>  |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:13 p.m.**

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 Chairman

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 General Manager

**February 26, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]	9:04	
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]	apologies	

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.05 Irrigation Application – George Murray V – Sec. 33-18-13 W4M
- 4.06 Crawling Valley Campground

**2007-02-026 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 February 7, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-02-027 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the February 7, 2007 special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Letter from Thackers**

A letter to the Board from George Thacker and Sons was received February 5, 2007. E. Wilson informed the Board that this has been turned over to the District's insurance company.

**3.02 Corporate Credit Card Options**

K. Bridges advised the Board of several different corporate credit card options. Mr. Bridges was directed to investigate further the 'cash back' options.

**4.0 2007 Budget**

E. Wilson presented the final 2007 Budget based on a "\$0" Water Rate. Mr. Wilson noted that adjustments had been made under salaries for a new staff member, and under capital purchases for a new generator.

**4.06 Crawling Valley Campground**

F. George requested that funds for the Crawling Valley Campground be budgeted. E. Wilson informed that this could be covered under the Lakeshore Development budget line if assistance was approved. Mr. George also indicated that the Society is looking at revising their policies and would like to make a presentation to the Board at a future meeting.

**4.01 Budget Approval**

After discussion on the 2007 Budget, the following motion was passed.

- 2007-02-028 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board of Directors approve the 2007 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**4.01.1 Carl Anderson Endowment Fund for Libraries**

In order to increase the short term spending amounts for the libraries benefiting from the Carl J. Anderson Endowment Fund for Libraries, it was decided to disperse the fund over the next 10 years.

- 2007-02-029 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Carl J. Anderson Endowment Fund for Libraries be distributed equally to the 8 municipal libraries located in the Eastern Irrigation District in equal annual installments of principal and interest over the next 10 years with interest calculated at the rate of 5% per year and annual payments made as of December 31<sup>st</sup> in each year. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**4.02 Set Rates**

Mr. Wilson noted that the following rates are required to be set by resolution.

**4.02.1 AUM Grazing Rate**

The current listing for 2007 is approximately 14,800. It was accepted that to cover the District's costs, an AUM rate of \$12.25 be set for 2007.

- 2007-02-030 Moved by A. Nielsen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2007 season be set at \$12.25/ AUM. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**4.02.2 Campground Rates**

In an effort to decrease multiple applications from a single party, the seasonal site application fee was increased to \$500. The remaining fees are kept at 2006 amounts, with the exception of the waterfront seasonal sites which were increased by \$100/season.

- 2007-02-031 Moved by N. Johnson that the rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2007 camping season be set at \$20/night on all daily sites, \$1,200/season for the Marina & Upper Tier seasonal sites, \$1,400/season for the Waterfront seasonal sites, and that the Seasonal Application Fee be \$500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**4.02.3 Capital Construction Charges – 2007 Financing Rate**

K. Bridges advised that financing agreements for capital construction charges typically have a term of up to 10 years with a fixed interest rate. Currently, the interest rate for this financing is prime plus 1% which presently equals 7%.

Similarly, the capital assets charge has a current rate of 5%; this is set by by-law periodically when the charge is changed. Mr. Bridges recommended setting the capital construction rate on an annual basis at the capital assets rate.

- 2007-02-032 Moved by A. Nielsen that effective February 27, 2007, the interest rate applicable to capital construction charges financing agreements be set at 5% per annum and that this rate be fixed for the first 5 years of the agreement; and,**

**That, in the event the term of the financing agreement is greater than 5 years, the interest rate for the next ensuing 5 years be set by resolution of the EID's Board of Directors, such resolution to be passed during the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the term; and,**

**That, in addition to any interest charges payable, a penalty of 8% be added to any amount that is past due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January and to any amount that is past due on the first day of July in each year.**

**Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**4.03 Rate By-Law**

E. Wilson presented the proposed by-law, which is based on a '0' water rate.

Eastern Irrigation District

**BY-LAW 854 (2007)**

Setting Rates for Annual Agreements, Irrigation Rates, Terminable Water Agreement Rates, Minimum Payment in Lieu of Irrigation Charge, Surcharges, Discounts and Penalties on Unpaid Amounts [Irrigation Districts Act, Sections 118, 121, 122, 131 and 132]

**WHEREAS**, the Irrigation Districts Act [c. I-11, RSA 2000] establishes the method for districts to set rates and charges for annual agreements, irrigation rates, terminable water agreement rates, a minimum payment in lieu of irrigation charges, surcharges, discounts and penalties on unpaid rates,

**AND WHEREAS** the District has, via motion **2007-02-028**, approved an operating budget for fiscal **2007** as stipulated in section 117 of the Irrigation Districts Act,

**AND WHEREAS**, this by-law complies with the provisions of the Irrigation Districts Act,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT**

1. The rate for all acres of land irrigated under an annual agreement in **2007**, excepting those to which a minimum payment or surcharge applies, is established at **\$0.00** per acre.
2. The rate for all acres of land assessed as irrigation acres in **2007**, excepting those to which a minimum payment or surcharge applies, is established at **\$0.00** per acre.
3. The rate for all acres of land irrigated under a terminable water agreement in **2007**, excepting those to which a minimum payment or surcharge applies, is established at **\$0.00** per acre.
4. The minimum payment in lieu of an irrigation charge for annual agreements, irrigation acres and terminable water agreements in **2007** is established at **\$0.00**.
5. A surcharge for all acres irrigated under a terminable water agreement, where the acres so assessed could be converted to irrigation acres, but have not been converted at the request of the agreement holder, is established at **\$15.00** per acre, which amount is in addition to the rate or minimum payment established for acres irrigated under a terminable water agreement.
6. A surcharge equal to the amount of the actual annual energy costs for pumping of water by the District into pressurized water conveyance systems, is assessed on a volume basis, against all acres so irrigated, as stipulated in the agreements pertaining to those acres.
7. A discount in the amount of **0%** is allowed against the payment of current annual agreement fees, current irrigation charges and current terminable water agreement charges and surcharges against those agreements, excepting any surcharges for the recovery of actual pumping costs, only when those payments are received by the District or postmarked not later than the third Friday of November.

8. A penalty in the amount of **8%** will be applied to all amounts shown on the collector's roll as not having been paid at the close of business of a calendar year on the next succeeding January 1 and every 6 months afterwards for so long as any part of the amount remains unpaid.

The within **By-Law 854 (2007)** is duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District in accordance with section 177 (5) of the Irrigation Districts Act as evidenced by the following readings of the said by-law:

**2007-02-033 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law #854 (2007) be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2007-02-034 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve By-Law #854 (2007) the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

#### **4.04 Fees By-Law**

E. Wilson presented the proposed by-law based on the current costs of conveying water. In discussion of the calculations, it was advised to take the "Average" heading off of Appendix A. The amended by-law is as follows:

Eastern Irrigation District  
**BY-LAW 855 (2007)**  
 Setting Fees for Household Purposes, Rural Water Use Purposes, Water Conveyance Agreements  
 and Interest Penalties on Unpaid Amounts  
 [Irrigation Districts Act, Section 115]

**WHEREAS**, the Irrigation Districts Act [c. I-11, RSA 2000] establishes the method for districts to set fees for household purposes, rural water use agreements, water conveyance agreements and penalties on unpaid amounts,

**AND WHEREAS** this by-law complies with the provisions as are set out in the Irrigation Districts Act,

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT**

1. The District has adopted a process to determine, on a fair and equitable basis, the fees to charge for the conveyance of water for household purposes, rural water use agreements and water conveyance agreements [the details of which are appended to this by-law as Appendix A].
2. The fee for conveyance of water for household purposes for **2007**:
  - (a) for parcels assessed with irrigation acres or subject to a terminable water agreement a fee of **\$0.00** in addition to the rates and charges assessed those parcels is established, or
  - (b) for any single parcel of land or single-lot country residential subdivision that is subject to a household purposes agreement and receives water through a non-pressurized water conveyance system, is established at **\$188.00**, or
  - (c) for any single parcel of land or single-lot country residential subdivision that is subject to a household purposes agreement and receives water through a pressurized water conveyance system, is established at **\$315.00**, or
  - (d) for a multiple-lot country residential subdivision containing 3 or more lots that are subject to household purposes agreements and receive water through a common storage reservoir, is established at **\$125.00** per lot.
3. The District has adopted a process to determine the fees to charge for the conveyance of water for rural water use purposes based on the following categories and description of use:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
Farmyard Water Use	refers to rural water use by an irrigator on a parcel of land with irrigation acres, where the annual water requirement, in addition to water supplied for household purposes, is limited to and does not exceed 5 acre feet
Livestock Watering Use	refers to rural water use on a parcel of land for the purpose of watering livestock, where the annual volume of water required does not exceed 20 acre feet
Agri-Business Use	refers to rural water use on a parcel of land for any agriculturally related and/or connected commercial activity, where the annual volume of water required does not exceed 20 acre feet
Country Residential Use (non-pressurized)	refers to rural water use on any parcel of land that is not classified by the District as having irrigation acres and that is generally determined to be a country residential property, where the annual volume of water required does not exceed 20 acre feet
Country Residential Use (served off pressure system)	refers to rural water use from a pressurized system on any parcel of land that is not classified by the District as having irrigation acres and that is generally determined to be a country residential property, where the annual volume of water required does not exceed 20 acre feet
Industrial Use	refers to rural water use for any non-agricultural commercial or industrial purpose not directly or indirectly related to the oil and gas industry or the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of infrastructure [such as highways], where the annual volume of water required does not exceed 20 acre feet

4. The fee for the conveyance of water for rural water use purposes for **2007** is referenced to a base per acre foot conveyance charge [**\$26.50**] rounded to the closest \$0.50 and takes into consideration the relationship with the categories of rural water use referenced in paragraph 3 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee Per Acre Foot</u>	<u>Minimum Charge Per Agreement</u>
Farmyard Water Use	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Livestock Watering	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$170</b>
Agri-Business	<b>\$26.50</b>	<b>\$210</b>
Country Residential – non-pressurized	<b>\$26.50</b>	<b>\$210</b>
Country Residential – served off pressurized system	<b>\$210 plus \$60/acre ft.</b>	<b>\$330</b>
Industrial	<b>\$31.80</b>	<b>\$300</b>

5. All fees charged for household purposes or for rural water use purposes shall be paid in full by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, **2007** or prior to any water being conveyed to the agreement holder if the agreement was entered into after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, **2007**.
6. Where a household purposes agreement or rural water use agreement is not paid for by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, **2007** or prior to any water being conveyed to the agreement holder and the District cancels or suspends the agreement, then a penalty of **\$250.00** plus the fees for the current [and any prior years if applicable] plus any costs to disconnect and/or reconnect the service must be paid prior to the agreement being reinstated.
7. The fees for conveyance of water under water conveyance agreements, excepting those subject to an existing agreement, for **2007** are established at:

- (a) the fee assessed for water conveyed for industrial purposes is set at 95% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed [ $\$26.50 \times 0.95 = \$25.18$ ], rounded to the nearest \$0.50 or **\$25.00**/acre foot, or
- (b) the fee assessed for water conveyed for municipal purposes is set at 85% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed [ $\$26.50 \times 0.85 = \$22.52$ ], rounded to the nearest \$0.50 or **\$22.50** per acre foot, or
- (c) the fee assessed for water conveyed for agricultural purposes is set at 75% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed [ $\$26.50 \times 0.75 = \$19.90$ ], rounded to the nearest \$0.50 or **\$20.00** per acre foot.
8. The fees for conveyance or supply of water under water conveyance agreements for licensees, permit or approval holders, whose primary water use is in support of, or connected with, oil and gas exploration activities, are set in mutually acceptable agreements or contracts with such parties and are based, only in part, on the costs of water conveyance.
9. A penalty in the amount of **1.5%** will be applied and compounded monthly [**19.56% APR**] on all amounts owing the District for all fees assessed under this by-law that are in arrears for one month or longer, unless existing agreements contain specific penalty provision to the contrary in which case the penalty provision in the agreement shall apply.
10. All billing notices for fees charged under the by-law shall contain a statement of the agreement holder's right to appeal to the Council under Section 167(1)(e) of the Irrigation Districts Act.

**Appendix A – Determination of Rates for Household Purposes Agreements,  
Use of Irrigation Works Agreements and Water Conveyance Agreements**

**1.0 Calculation of Cost of Administration, Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

[on a cost per acre foot basis]:

Description

Amortization/Required for Replacement of Irrigation Works \$700 million [ <b>1.5%</b> ]	<b>\$11,025,000</b>
plus Budgeted Operating Costs [net of land]	<b>\$5,786,175</b>
minus Funds Received under Alberta IREP	<b>(\$5,100,000)</b>
Net Annual Costs of Operations, etc.	<b>\$11,711,175</b>
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Average Net Annual Costs of Operations	<b>\$11,711,175</b>
Divided by Average Consumptive Use (18"/acre + 11,000 acre feet other licenses, + 5,000 acre feet Rural Water Use & Household Purposes)	<b>442,000</b>
Average Cost per Acre Foot of Water Delivery	<b>\$26.50</b>

**2.0 Calculation of Costs for Water Conveyance by Classification**

**2.1 Water Conveyed for Industrial Purposes**

The fee assessed for water conveyed for industrial purposes is set at 95% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed [ $\$26.50 \times 0.95 = \$25.17$ ], being **\$25.00** per acre foot [rounded to the nearest \$0.50].

**2.2 Water Conveyed for Municipal Purposes**

The fee assessed for water conveyed for municipal purposes is set at 85% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed [**\$26.50 x 0.85 = \$22.52**], being **\$22.50** per acre foot [rounded to the nearest \$0.50].

2.3 Water Conveyed for Agricultural Purposes

The fee assessed for water conveyed for agricultural purposes is set at 75% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed [**\$26.50 x 0.75 = \$19.90**], being **\$20.00** per acre foot [rounded to the nearest \$0.50].

**3.0 Calculation of Costs for Water Conveyance for Household Purposes**

3.1 The minimum fee for any agreement under household purposes has been determined to be **\$165.50** plus the cost of water for 1 acre foot at 85% of the actual per acre foot [**or \$22.50**] for a total of **\$188.00**.

The within **By-Law 855 (2007)** is duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District in accordance with Section 177 (5) of the Irrigation Districts Act as evidenced by the following readings of the said by-law.

**2007-02-035 Moved by A. Nielsen that By-Law #855 (2007) be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2007-02-036 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve By-Law #855 (2007) the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[10:00 a.m. – 10:06 a.m. Short break.]

**4.05 Capital Assets By-Law**

This by-law sets the Capital Assets Charge at \$300/acre, effective May 1, 2007.

Eastern Irrigation District

**BY-LAW 856 (2007)**

Setting a Capital Assets Charge for Parcels Approved for Increased/Added Irrigation Acres

[Irrigation Districts Act, Sections 125 and 177 (2)(d), (2)(j)]

**WHEREAS**, the Irrigation Districts Act [c. I-11, RSA 2000] authorizes the District to establish a capital assets charge respecting parcels that have irrigation acres added to the assessment roll,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT**

Capital Assets Charge

1.0 The capital assets charge for each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll commencing from the **1<sup>st</sup>** day of **May, 2007** shall be:

1.01 For terminable acres on the assessment roll on the **2<sup>nd</sup>** day of **March, 2006** that are converted to acres to be irrigated, the capital assets charge shall be **\$100.00** per acre,

1.02 For acres not on the assessment roll on the **1<sup>st</sup>** day of **May, 2007** the capital assets charge shall be **\$300.00** per acre,

1.03 In addition to the applicable capital assets charge set out in 1.01 or 1.02 above, the applicant shall pay the sum total of all of the costs required for the installation of any and all irrigation works required to provide for the diversion of water for irrigation purposes from the irrigation works of the District to the parcel of land or irrigable unit where irrigation acres are to be converted from terminable acres or added to the assessment roll.

- 1.04 The whole of each parcel in which the new irrigation acres are located is charged with the payment to the District of the amount equal to the total capital assets charge imposed on that parcel.

#### Payment of Capital Assets Charge

- 2.0 In each instance where new irrigation acres are approved to be added to the assessment roll of the District, the District is to be paid for the capital assets charge in the following manner:
- 2.01 In each instance where additional irrigation works are required to provide for the diversion of water for irrigation purposes from the irrigation works of the District the parcel of land or irrigable unit where irrigation acres are to be added to the assessment roll, the full and total amount, including all labour, material, plant and/or any other costs of that service shall be due and payable to the District upon receipt of an invoice for the same, and
- 2.02 In each instance where the capital assets charge is equal to or less than One Thousand Dollars [\$1,000.00], the capital assets charge must be paid in full in advance of the irrigation acres being added to the assessment roll, or
- 2.03 In each instance where the capital assets charge is greater than One Thousand Dollars [\$1,000.00], the capital assets charge may be repaid in up to ten [10] equal installments plus interest at the rate of five percent [5%] per annum [.04167% per month], accrued annually being added to the unpaid balance as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January each year until such amounts are paid in full, the first payment of which will be due and payable prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year in which the irrigation acres are added to the assessment roll.
- 2.04 In addition to any interest that may be added pursuant to clause 2.03, a penalty in the amount of 8% shall be added to any past due amount outstanding on the first day of January and on the first day of July in each year for so long as any past due amount remains outstanding.

#### Previous By-Laws Replaced

- 3.0 This by-law supersedes and replaces all previous by-laws for capital assets charges.
- 3.01 **By-Law 851 (2006)** is hereby repealed.

#### Definitions

- 4.0 Any terms used in this by-law shall have the meaning defined in the Irrigation Districts Act.

The within **By-Law 856 (2007)** is duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District in accordance with section 177 (5) of the Irrigation Districts Act as evidenced by the following readings of the said by-law:

- 2007-02-037** Moved by T. Livingston that the date “the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2007” be inserted into clause 1.0 and clause 1.02 in By-Law #856 and that By-Law #856 (2007) be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**
- 2007-02-038** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board read and approve By-Law #856 (2007) the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Seconded by A. Nielsen. **CARRIED**

#### **5.0 Financials**

##### **5.01 January 31, 2007 Financial Statements**

- K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to January 31, 2007, noting the following overall:
- YTD potential Transfer to the IWF is \$2.4 million.

- YTD Total Revenues are tracking 14.8% above prior YTD.
- YTD Total Net Expenses are tracking 10.5% less than prior YTD.

**2007-02-039** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2007, as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[10:35 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

**5.02 Fourth Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2006**

K. Bridges presented the Quarterly Accounts Receivable Report. EIDNet charges, credits, account follow-up and annual payments were discussed, with the following motion being approved.

**2007-02-040** Moved by T. Livingston that, effective February 27, 2007, EIDNet customers who prepay their subscription fee for 11 months be granted 1 additional month of service free of charge; and,

That, effective April 1, 2007, any EIDNet account that is disconnected due to an arrears balance be subject to a \$50.00 reconnection fee, in addition to being required to bring the account up-to-date, before service is reinstated.

Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

**2007-02-041** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2006 as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

**6.0 Operations Report**

**6.01 9 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the summaries on nine farm improvements.

**6.01.1 A. Beasley (Dennis Endersby) – SE 21-19-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 121 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 121 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The flood well will need to be changed to a riser at a cost of \$1,200. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,260 (121 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,200 = \$6,060.

**2007-02-042** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. Beasley for the conversion of 121 acres flood to pivot in the SE 21-19-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,260 less \$1,200 to change flood well to riser = \$6060.00. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 121 acres and the new pivot area being 132 acres, 11 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

**2007-02-043** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 121 acres to 132 acres on SE 21-19-13 W4M; 11 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$200/acre = \$2,200. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 121 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

**6.01.2 C. & T. Burton – SW 20-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 133 acres; new pivot area is 110 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 110 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water-User is

requesting that the legal delivery be moved from the NE corner to the NW corner of the quarter due to power running along the west side of this quarter. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600 (110 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,000 (delivery & pump well) = \$3,600.

- 2007-02-044 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for C. & T. Burton for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot, and for the installation of a new delivery and pump-well, on SW 20-16-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600 (110 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,000 (delivery & pump well) = \$3,600. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 133 acres and the new pivot area being 110 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 23 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-02-045 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of C. & T. Burton's 23 acres of water rights on SW 20-16-13 W4M, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 23 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$16,100. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**6.01.3 D. & R. Dafoe – N ½ 16-16-16 W4M**

Current assessment of 154 acres is 84 acres in the NE, and 70 acres in the NW. New wiper pivot areas of 184 acres will be 53 acres in the NW and 131 acres in the NW and NE. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 154 acres flood to low pressure pivots, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivots must be piped from delivery to pump site. A pump well will be needed at a cost of \$1,500. An Irrigable Unit will be needed. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$9,240 (154 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,500 = \$7,740.

- 2007-02-046 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for D. & R. Dafoe for the conversion of 154 acres flood to pivot in the N ½ 16-16-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$9,240 (154 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,500 (pump well) = \$7,740. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 154 acres and the new pivot areas being 184 acres, 30 additional acres area needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

- 2007-02-047 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 154 acres to 184 acres on N ½ 16-16-16 W4M; 30 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$200/acre = \$6,000. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 154 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

- 2007-02-048 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on N 1/2 16-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by D. & R. Dafoe. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.01.4 F. & F. Dyck – NE 20-20-15 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 1890 ft of gated pipe to irrigate 40 acres. A riser with tee and 2 valves is already in place. 600 ft of 12" pipe + 1,290 ft of 10" pipe = \$9,500 + GST. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from open ditch flood to gated pipe flood is \$2,500.

- 2007-02-049 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for F. & F. Dyck for the conversion of 40 acres flood to gated pipe (600' of 12" pipe, 1290' of 10" pipe = \$9,500 + GST) in the NE 20-20-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.01.5 John Lelek – NW 05-22-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 103 acres; new pivot area is 90 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 90 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,700.

- 2007-02-050 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for John Lelek for the conversion of 90 acres wheels to pivot on NW 05-22-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,700. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 103 acres and the new pivot area being 90 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 13 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-02-051 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of John Lelek's 13 acres of water rights on NW 05-22-12 W4M, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 13 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$9,100. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**6.01.6 A. & S. Quiring – SE 18-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 85 acres; new pivot area is 75 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 75 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,250.

- 2007-02-052 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. & S. Quiring for the conversion of 75 acres wheels to pivot on SW 20-16-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,250. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 85 acres and the new pivot area being 75 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 10 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-02-053 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of A. & S. Quiring's 10 acres of water rights on SE 18-15-15 W4M, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 10 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.01.7 B. Spragg – S ½ 18-21-15 W4M**

This Farm improvement calls for saving water by pipelining to a pivot. Currently, the water for the pivot comes off a delivery in the SW corner of Spragg's land, into an open head ditch, through another sub-division and into a dugout. This dugout has to be watched very carefully or it will over-flow if the pivot goes down. The Water User would like to pipeline from north of the delivery to pivot center, eliminating spill past the pump. An Irrigable Unit will be needed.

- 2007-02-054 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for B. Spragg for pipelining an open head ditch to an existing pivot in the S ½ 18-21-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

- 2007-02-055 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on S ½ 18-21-15 W4M, lands being owned by B. Spragg. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.01.8 J. & K. Van Wert – E ½ 16-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 202 acres; new pivot area is 165 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 165 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. A pump well will be needed at a cost of \$1,500. The landowner is choosing to keep the extra 23 acres in the SW

corner of SE 16-17-13 at a cost of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$9,900 (165 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,500 (pump well) - \$6,900 (23 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,500.

- 2007-02-056** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for J. & K. Van Wert for the conversion of 165 acres flood to pivot, and for the installation of a new pump-well on E ½ 16-17-13 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep 23 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$9,900 (165 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,500 (pump well) - \$6,900 (23 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,500. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 202 acres, the new pivot area being 165 acres, and 23 acres being kept, the landowner has requested to sell the remaining 14 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre. These acres consist of 8 acres in the NW corner of NE 16-17-13 W4M and 6 acres north of the yard site in the NE corner of SE 16-17-13 W4M.

- 2007-02-057** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the purchase of J. & K. Van Wert's 14 acres of water rights on E ½ 16-17-13 W4M, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 14 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$9,800. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

#### **6.01.9 Ray Verostek – SW 08-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 137 acres; new pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The landowner has revised his original request and is choosing to keep 8 of the 13 extra acres at a cost of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,720 (124 acres wheels to pivot) - \$2,400 = \$1,320.

- 2007-02-058** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Ray Verostek for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to pivot on SW 08-16-13 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep 8 acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,720 (124 acres wheels to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) = 1,320. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 137 acres, the new pivot area being 124 acres, and 8 acres being kept, the landowner has requested to sell the remaining 5 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-02-059** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of Ray Verostek's 5 acres of water rights on SW 08-16-13 W4M, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 5 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[11:10 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting, R. Matoba entered.]

## **8.0 Lands**

R. Matoba presented information on the following land requests.

### **8.01 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Lease # 8310 – Gordon & Christine Cook**

It is required to set the rate for this lease, located on SE 10-14-13 W4M and NE 03-14-13 W4M, for the 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> years inclusive.

- 2007-02-060** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Lease # 8310 on SE 10-14-13 W4M and NE 03-14-13 W4M at \$52.50/acre on 135 wetted acres plus

**\$6/acre on 40 dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2007 through 2011. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**8.02 Irrigable Unit – George Niznik – NE & SE 36-18-16 W4M**

Nizniks are putting up a pivot which covers parts of both NE and SE 36-18-16 W4M. An Irrigable Unit is required.

**2007-02-061 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on NE 36-18-16 W4M and SE 36-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by George Niznik. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.03 Applications for Alternate Parcel Agreements**

**8.03.1 Jamie Buteau NW 20-18-16 W4M & K. & A. Sharpe NE 20-18-16 W4M**

The District received a request to approve the use of 40 irrigation acres for pivot infill, from Ken Sharpe in the NE 20-18-16 W4M by James Buteau in the NW 20-18-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season.

**2007-02-062 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the use of 40 irrigation acres from Ken Sharpe in the NE 20-18-16 W4M by James Buteau in the NW 20-18-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.03.2 B. & L. Calvert SW 30-17-16 W4M & John Miller S ½ 23-17-17 W4M**

The District received a request to approve the use of 80 irrigation acres for pivot infill, from John Miller in the S ½ 23-17-17 W4M by Brad Calvert in the SW 30-17-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season.

**2007-02-063 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the use of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in the S ½ 23-17-17 W4M by Brad Calvert in the SW 30-17-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.03.3 Leo Wiebe SE 27-21-16 W4M & Karl Wiebe SW 21-21-16 W4M**

The District received a request to approve the use of 15 irrigation acres for a small windshield pivot in a section pivot corner, from Karl Wiebe in the SW 21-21-16 W4M by Leo Wiebe in the SE 27-21-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season.

**2007-02-064 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the use of 15 irrigation acres from Karl Wiebe in the SW 21-21-16 W4M by Leo Wiebe in the SE 27-21-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.03.4 Clearview Hutt. Breth. S ½ 23-23-18 W4M & Newell Hutt. Breth. E ½ 15-23-18 W4M**

The District received a request to approve the use of 80 irrigation acres to run a small pivot, from the Newell Hutterian Brethren in the E ½ 15-23-18 W4M by the Clearview Hutterian Brethren in the S ½ 23-23-18 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season.

**2007-02-065 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the use of 80 irrigation acres from the Newell Hutterian Brethren in the E ½ 15-23-18 W4M by the Clearview Hutterian Brethren in the S ½ 23-23-18, for the 2007 irrigation season. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**8.05 Irrigation Application – George Murray V – Sec. 33-18-13 W4M**

The District received an Irrigation Application from George Murray V to pivot irrigate approximately 185 to 235 acres in Section 33-18-13 W4M. This application was denied due to the pressure pipeline serving this area is at maximum capacity, and irrigation rotation is not a viable solution. As well, the applicant is near the maximum allowable acres granted for expansion; a pivot of that size would put him over.

[11:43 a.m. R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

#### **8.04 Oil & Gas Payout to Leases Report**

A table of payouts for oil and gas activity for Grazing Associations, EID ROW's and Private Leases for 2006 was submitted to the Board by G. Redelback. For the past year, new wells totaled 769 (372 new surface acquisitions + 397 twinned wells), new pipelines totaled 146 miles, and 4.47 miles of seismic activity occurred.

### **10.0 Public Relations**

#### **10.01 Classroom Agriculture Update**

An update on the Classroom Agriculture Program was submitted to the Board by R. Martin. The February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting resulted in the program staying status-quo as to structure, and the Alberta Beef Producers continuing to chair the steering committee and act as representative for grant applications, etc. They also continue to be the largest financial contributor to the program. There appeared to be renewed effort for cooperation and direction of the program. The steering committee will continue to pursue the possibility of working within the new Agriculture for Life educational initiative as it develops.

#### **10.02 Request from Rainier Cemetery Committee**

M. Jarvis Redelback passed on a request from Chris Schmidt for assistance in planting 700 caragana seedlings at the Rainier Cemetery. Estimated time of the project to auger holes, plant and mulch would be approximately 1 day utilizing the PHD crew.

**2007-02-066 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District's PHD program donate their time to plant and mulch caragana seedlings at the Rainier Cemetery. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

#### **10.03 Report on Southeast Alberta – Medicine Hat News Publication**

E. Wilson advised that a half page ad and article have been secured with the Medicine Hat News for their "Report on Southeast Alberta" spring magazine. Articles on commercial growth, industrial expansion and residential development, as well as advancements in education, health care, energy, transportation, agriculture and tourism will be highlighted. This publication has an expected distribution of 37,000 homes and businesses in southern Alberta and will be available on-line the following year.

#### **10.04 Arena Update**

Mr. Wilson informed the Board of a few options regarding placement of the future arena and Silver Sage expansion. The Board favored a plan where facilities are not compacted into too small of an area. Administration is to contact the City of Brooks regarding the exact area that is approved for their arena project to allow for the land use by-law, subdivision plan, and environmental and geotechnical studies to begin.

[11:56 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

### **7.0 Engineering Report**

E. Wilson presented the Engineering Report on behalf of I. Friesen.

#### **7.01 Project Status**

Overall construction is progressing smoothly and both pipeline crews are on schedule to be complete by earl/mid April.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
7 Bow Slope	- installation of pipeline commenced Feb 21 '07
G North Bantry	- pipeline is approximately 50% complete (11 km remain)
11 East Branch	- pipeline complete, structure being installed this week, stilling pond constructed after
02-03-12 Secondary 'A' Rolling Hills	- complete; clean-up remains
Secondary 'A' Springhill	- complete; clean-up remains
R-1 North Bantry	- complete; clean-up remains
03-02D Springhill	- complete; clean-up remains

### **7.02 C North Bantry**

This project is situated about 3 kms east of the City of Brooks on the One Tree Road, and is slated for the 2007/2008 construction year. The original canal crosses One Tree Road from SW 01-19-14 W4M into SE 02-19-14 W4M providing service for 212 irrigable acres, 21 of which are flood. The rehabilitation will consist of installing a new pipeline south of the original ditch crossing the highway just north of the speed corner, thereby reducing gasline crossings from 6 to 2. The existing deliveries will be met with no change in service. This project of installing approximately 400 m of 20" pipe and 100 m of 16" pipe is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$188,925.

**2007-02-067 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of C North Bantry by pipelining south of the original ditch from SW 01-19-14 W4M to SE 02-19-14 W4M, involving 2 gasline crossings, at an estimated cost of \$188,925, to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

### **7.03 15H West Bantry**

This project is located about 8 kms southwest of Tilley, and is slated for the 2007/2008 construction year. This canal crosses from Sec. 28-16-13 W4M into Sec. 29-16-13 W4M, providing service for 60 flood irrigation acres. The ditch at one time served quarters to the north and the south of itself but now only one delivery remains. To pipe to this last delivery would cost an estimated \$220,000 installing nearly 850 m of 24" pipe. A preferred alternative would be to install a booster pump in the SE corner of SE 29-16-13 W4M (Peter Nielson's property). This pump would serve the NE corner delivery through gated pipe, enabling the District to delete the legal delivery and the entire canal. This option would cost approximately \$46,240 plus the cost of pushing in the old ditch and removing old structures.

**2007-02-068 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 15H West Bantry at an estimated cost of \$46,240 by installing a booster pump in the SE corner of SE 29-16-13 W4M and gated pipe to serve the NE corner. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

### **7.04 12 Rolling Hills**

This project is located approximately 3 kms southwest of Rolling Hills and is slated for the 2007/2008 construction year. The existing canal comes east off the Rolling Hills Canal and continues through Sec. 27 & 26-14-14 W4M for approximately 2kms, currently serving 153 flood irrigation acres. The proposed rehabilitation would be to install 2800 m of 20" pvc pipe to rectify the seepage and erosion problems. The recommended alignment is to come off the Rolling Hills Canal down the existing canal, connecting the existing deliveries of 12 Rolling Hills and the last two of 03 Secondary A Rolling Hills. This new system would then supply 453 acres, 155 of which

are sprinkler. The project is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$691,000.

**2007-02-069 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 12 Rolling Hills by installing over 2800 m of 24" and 20" pvc pipe through Sec. 27 & 26-14-14 W4M, at an estimated cost of \$691,000, to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[12:57 p.m. R. Hayes entered the meeting.]

### 9.0 EIDNet Report

R. Hayes reported that the new 900 meg sectoral antennas have been installed at Rosemary and Rolling Hills towers with generally good results. However, IPPlus continues to work on solving slowdown issues at the Rosemary tower. New installations have begun and it is hoped to have the majority of the backlog done by the end of March. Some delays will happen when additional sectors need to be installed on the towers. New tower construction will be scheduled to start next month. Of the 1,307 currently connected customers, 654 are wireless and 653 are dial-up. It is perceived that the dial-up numbers are inflated in that half are likely inactive Water User accounts which haven't been canceled.

[1:04 p.m. R. Hayes exited the meeting.]

### 11.0 Upcoming Events

11.01	Meeting with the Auditor	- Wednesday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>
11.02	AESA 2007 Conference "Farm of the Future"	- Tuesday & Wednesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> , Leduc T. Livingston and A. Nielsen attending
11.03	AIPA 2007 Conference "Every Drop Counts"	- Sunday – Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary Directors, E. Wilson, K. Bridges, & I. Friesen attending
11.04	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>
11.05	Annual General Meeting	- Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>
11.06	Nominations Close	- Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>
11.07	AIPA Meeting	- Monday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
11.08	Irrigation Council Workshop	- Tuesday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
11.09	Elections (if necessary)	- Friday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>
11.10	Organizational & Reg. Brd Mtg	- Tuesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:10 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**February 28, 2007 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]		Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	apologies	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]		Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]	apologies		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]			
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]			
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]			

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

**1.0 Auditors' Report**

B. Chrumka welcomed the District's auditor, Mr. Daryl Halbert, C.A., of Bevan, Halbert, Gerrard and Mossey, Chartered Accountants, to the meeting.

Mr. Halbert reviewed his letter dated February 21, 2007 with the board and summarized by advising that the financial records were found to be in order and that there are no issues or concerns to report to the Board.

Mr. Halbert indicated that companies in general are being encouraged to implement corporate governance practices and suggested that the EID consider developing a systems and procedures manual for each of its accounting functions. This suggestion is intended to highlight a trend in corporate governance and is not made as a result of any identified weakness.

Mr. Halbert recommended to the District's management that a more detailed estimate of the gravel pit closure and post closure costs be prepared in 2007 so as to better support the provision set out in the District's financial statements.

A variety of other questions and comments from the Board members were responded to by Mr. Halbert. Mr. Halbert thanked the staff for their work on the financial statements and for their cooperation during the audit. The Board returned thanks to Mr. Halbert for his thorough audit and audit report and confirmed his attendance at the annual general meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

[10:04 a.m. D. Halbert exited the meeting]

Mr. Bridges briefly reviewed the 2006 financial statements with the Board, noting the following:

- cash and short term investments totaled \$1.7 million more at Dec 31/06 than a year earlier due to an increase in revenues in 2006 and because more money was held in short term investments due to favourable interest rates;
- the accounts receivable balance was \$757,000 more at Dec 31/06 primarily due to increases in oil & gas, community pasture and sundry debtor receivables;
- long term investments totaled \$2.0 million more at Dec 31/06 than a year earlier because \$600,000 more was invested in long term investments than the amount that matured and because of interest accruals in 2006;
- the net book value of property and equipment was \$220,000 less at the end of 2006. Capital additions in 2006 totaled \$600,000 while the 2006 amortization expense totaled \$820,000;
- the net book value of irrigation works increased by \$9.9 million in 2006. Capital additions in 2006 totaled \$19.8 million against an amortization expense of \$9.9 million;
- the accounts payable balance was \$680,000 less at the end of 2006;
- deferred oil and gas compensation increased by \$1.0 million in 2006;

- total revenue increased by \$4.0 million, made up of an increase in community pasture revenues of \$150,000, a \$3.0 million increase in oil and gas related revenues and a \$770,000 net gain on the sale of land, buildings and equipment;
- total expenses increased by \$1.45 million. Departmental expenses increased by \$743,000, community pasture expenses increased by \$224,000 and total amortization expenses increased by \$480,000.
- The transfer from the general fund to the irrigation works fund was \$14.7 million which is an increase of \$3.0 million over the prior year transfer.
- Changes to the Notes to the Financial Statements were highlighted and discussed. The Board requested that the note regarding the Lake Newell Resort land sale be retained and that the actual cost of water per acre be stated in the annual report. It was determined that a statement pertaining to the actual cost of water should be included in either the Chairman's or the General Manager's report. The contents of these reports were discussed and finalized.

It is Administration's recommendation to:

- Use \$1,657,475 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2006 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects.
- Transfer \$14,711,634 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future irrigation works additions and for the District's share of Province of Alberta cost share projects.
- Transfer \$39,150 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development.

- 2007-02-070 Moved by C. Henrickson that approval be granted to use \$1,657,475 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2006 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**
- 2007-02-071 Moved by N. Johnson that approval be granted to transfer, effective December 31, 2006, \$14,711,634 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future irrigation works additions and for the District's share of Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**
- 2007-02-072 Moved by C. Henrickson that approval be granted to transfer, effective December 31, 2006, \$39,150 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**
- 2007-02-073 Moved by P. Hemsing that the auditor's letter report to the Board dated February 21, 2007 be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**
- 2007-02-074 Moved by P. Hemsing that the auditor's report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2006 be approved as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:07 a.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**March 14, 2007 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager	(apologies)
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant Gen. Man.	
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]			
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]			
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]			
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]			

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1:30 p.m. Presentation from Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

B. Chrumka welcomed to the meeting Loretta McDonald – President, Lisa Grosh – Secretary, and Larry Schaffer – Past President of the Crawling Valley Recreation Society. The group then gave an overview as to the Crawling Valley campground's development, current state, and operation as a society. The campground runs as a society, and sub-leases the land from the County of Newell which has a lease with the District. Past funded projects and present grant requests were discussed, which include both government and municipal contributions. Short term projects for improvement consist of constructing a sheltered marina, repairing or replacing the boat launch, and improving the swimming area. The campground consists of 158 daily and 74 seasonal sites, none of which include power or water. It was noted that there still exists a problem with random camping around the reservoir. Mr. Schaffer stated that their Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and that they would welcome any District interest. Mr. Chrumka thanked the group for their presentation.

[2:35 p.m. L. McDonald, L. Grosh & L. Schaffer exited the meeting.]

N. Johnson, F. George and A. Nielsen will attend the campground's AGM April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**1.0 MLA Meeting**

T. Livingston informed the Board that he had been in contact with Lyle Oberg's office regarding a possible meeting between the District and Lyle Oberg, Minister of Finance, Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, and George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture & Food. The tentative date is Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in Edmonton. Administration is to confirm the meeting with Mr. Oberg's office, noting approximately 5 people from the EID will attend, and to later confirm an agenda.

[2:50 p.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

**2.0 Board In-Camera**


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Chairman

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General Manager

**March 27, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

**9:00 a.m. Board In-Camera**

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.03 Request to Pipeline Open Drain – Vince Fabian – SE 24-17-13 W4M
- 9.05 Remuneration By-Law

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 11:00 a.m. Pheasants Forever Presentation

(Due to inclement weather this presentation was canceled; it will be rescheduled at a later date.)

**2007-03-075 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 February 26, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-03-076 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the February 26, 2007 regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.02 February 28, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-03-077 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the February 28, 2007 special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2.03 March 14, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-03-078 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the March 14, 2007 special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

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### 3.0 Business Arising

#### 3.01 Rate By-Law – Third Reading

At the February 26, 2007 Board meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of By-Law 854 (2007) were conducted, setting rates for annual agreements, irrigation rates, terminable water agreement rates, minimum payment in lieu of irrigation charge, surcharges, discounts and penalties on unpaid amounts.

- 2007-03-079 Moved by A. Nielsen that By-Law #854 (2007), being a by-law to set the Rates for Annual Agreements, Irrigation Rates, Terminable Water Agreement Rates, Minimum Payment in Lieu of Irrigation Charge, Surcharges, Discounts and Penalties on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 3.02 Fees By-Law – Third Reading

At the February 26, 2007 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of By-Law 855 (2007) were conducted, setting fees for household purposes, rural water use purposes, water conveyance agreements and interest penalties on unpaid amounts.

- 2007-03-080 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law #855 (2007), being a by-law to set Fees for Household Purposes, Rural Water Use Purposes, Water Conveyance Agreements and Interest Penalties on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 3.03 Capital Assets By-Law – Third Reading

At the February 26, 2007 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-Law 856 (2007) were conducted, setting a capital assets charge for parcels approved for increased/added irrigation acres. This by-law sets the Capital Assets Charge at \$300/acre, effective May 1, 2007.

- 2007-03-081 Moved by T. Livingston that By-Law #856 (2007), being a by-law to Set a Capital Assets Charge for Parcels Approved for Increased/Added Irrigation Acres, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 4.0 Financial Report

#### 4.01 February 28, 2007 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to February 28, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are slightly above YTD budget and are \$433,000 higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 32% less than YTD budget and \$10,000 less than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$3.9 million.

Board members questioned the status of a few matters which were responded to by staff.

- 2007-03-082 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2007, as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

Mr. Bridges reported that to ease the overload in the internet department, Lorna Smith will temporarily be handling EIDNet administrative tasks. Mr. Chrumka requested that a report from L. Smith regarding EIDNet installs be presented to the Board in the near future.

[10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

#### 4.02 Opening and Operating a US Chequing Account

K. Bridges outlined current requirements and inconveniences for payments by US Bank Draft, while also noting that not all suppliers will take payment by Master Card. Thus, in an effort to

streamline the process for payment of US suppliers, Mr. Bridges recommended to open a US chequing account through ATB Financial.

**2007-03-083 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the establishment and operation of a U.S. chequing account through ATB Financial. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2007-03-084 Moved by F. George that the authorized signing officers for the EID's U.S. chequing account be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Manager and Assistant General Manager, that 2 signatures be required on each cheque or other instrument and, of the 2 signatories, one shall be either the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the other shall be either the General Manager or the Assistant General Manager. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED**

**5.0 Engineering Report**

**5.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the project status as follows and summarized that this year's construction season has gone very well and is slightly ahead of schedule. C North Bantry pipeline (approximately 600 m long) will be added to this construction season. Even with this added both crews should be completed pipeline construction by early/mid April.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
7 Bow Slope	- pipeline complete, structures are being installed
G North Bantry	- pipeline is approximately 90% complete (2 km remain)
11 East Branch	- complete; clean-up remains
02-03-12 Secondary 'A' Rolling Hills	- complete; clean-up remains
Secondary 'A' Springhill	- complete; clean-up remains
R-1 North Bantry	- complete; clean-up remains
03-02D Springhill	- complete; clean-up remains
C North Bantry	- scheduled start of construction March 29, 2007 (600 m pipeline)

**5.02 10 Bow Slope**

This rehabilitation is located approximately 4 kms north of Scandia and is slated for the 2007/08 construction year. The existing canal comes off the Bow Slope Canal and continues west for approximately 5 kms; the last 2.5 kms has no deliveries. The system currently irrigates 703 acres, all of which is pivot. The current system has seepage and erosion problems.

Three viable options were presented and discussed:

- 1) Line and armour the first 2.5 kms, trim and armour the bottom 2.5 kms at an estimated cost of \$565,000.
- 2) Gravity pipeline system off the Bow Slope Canal down the existing canal and connecting the existing deliveries. The first delivery would need a sump because there is not enough head. This system will supply 703 acres, all of which are pivot and consist of installing 2,400 m of pipe at an estimated cost of \$880,000.
- 3) Pumped pipeline system with the same alignment as 2), with the addition of a pipeline feeding SE 07 if it were ever to go to pivot, at an estimated cost of \$760,000. The upper 800 m would be

sized to accommodate this pivot. This system could potentially supply 855 acres and consist of installing 2,400 m of pipe this year, with the remaining 800 m lateral installed later if a pivot is put up.

**2007-03-085 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 10 Bow Slope by installing a gravity pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$880,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. DEFEATED**

**2007-03-086 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 10 Bow Slope by installing a pumped pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$760,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[10:51 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

## **6.0 Operations**

### **6.02 Letter from Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages**

A letter addressed to the Board and Management of the District was received from Lawrence Adams, Gerald Adams and Thomas Adams in regards to excessive water damage on NE 26-20-14 W4M. The John Ware Canal borders this parcel to the east and serves as a drain for District water. Some flooding occurs when the drain has excessive water which overflows and runs down to the low areas of the parcel. Other flooding appears to be due to the area being naturally low. Staff is requested to investigate possible solutions for improving the drainage and bring them back to the Board.

### **6.03 Request to Pipeline Open Drain – Vince Fabian – SE 24-17-13 W4M**

Mr. Fabian has requested if the District could pipeline an open drain that runs past his yard in SE 24-17-13 W4M due to safety concerns and possible water in their basement. Staff is requested to investigate the possibility and costs to the landowner for pipelining the drain.

[11:15 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

### **6.01 8 Farm Improvements**

In reply to an inquiry, it was confirmed that staff is tracking the amount and location of water rights when purchasing acres back from the landowners. These acres are categorized as below Lake Newell Reservoir, below Crawling Valley Reservoir, or directly off the Bow River. E. Wilson also advised that a website page will be set up in the future for District landowners to advertise water rights for sale or for purchase. This public posting would be located on the District's website and would foster the private sale of water rights, and yet the landowner would still have the option of selling acres back to the District.

J. Meador presented the summaries on 8 Farm Improvements.

#### **6.01.1 Warren Hendrickson – NE 31-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 140 acres; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site; and a pump well will be needed at a cost of \$1,200.

**2007-03-087 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Warren Hendrickson for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot, and for the installation of a pump well in the NE 31-16-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740 (129 acres flood to pivot) less \$1,200 (pump well) = \$6,540.00. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 140 acres and the new pivot area being 129 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 11 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-03-088 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of Warren Hendrickson's 11 acres of water rights on NE 31-16-13 W4M to the District, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 11 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,700. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.01.2 Warren Hendrickson – SE 31-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 142 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. Delivery site remains the same off of 14 H West Bantry, but a pump well will be needed at a cost of \$1,200.

- 2007-03-089 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Warren Hendrickson for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot, and for the installation of a pump well in the SE 31-16-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,920 (132 acres flood to pivot) less \$1,200 (pump well) = \$6,720.00. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 142 acres and the new pivot area being 132 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 10 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-03-090 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the purchase of Warren Hendrickson's 10 acres of water rights on SE 31-16-13 W4M to the District, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 10 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**6.01.3 R. Housenga & M. Wickenheiser – E ½ 22-21-18 W4M (2 pivots)**

Current assessment is 133 acres in the NE 22-21-18 W4M and 27 acres in the SE 22-21-18 W4M. New pivot areas are 85 acres in the NE and 28 acres in the NE & SE. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 113 acres wheels to low pressure pivots, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivots must be piped from delivery to pump site; and an Irrigable Unit will be needed.

- 2007-03-091 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for R. Housenga & M. Wickenheiser for the conversion of 113 acres wheels to 2 pivots in the E ½ 22-21-18 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,390. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 160 acres and the new pivot areas being 113 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 47 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-03-092 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of R. Housenga & M. Wickenheiser's 47 acres of water rights on E ½ 22-21-18 W4M to the District, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 47 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$32,900. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

- 2007-03-093 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on E ½ 22-21-18 W4M, lands being owned by R. Housenga & M. Wickenheiser. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.01.4 Orlita Farms Ltd. – SE 33-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 121 acres; new pivot area is 115 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 115 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold

weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same. The landowner is choosing to keep the extra 6 acres at a cost of \$300/acre.

- 2007-03-094** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Orlita Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 115 acres wheels to pivot in the SE 33-19-14 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,450 (115 acres wheels to pivot) - \$1,800 (6 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,650. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

**6.01.5 Max Tateson – SW 26-16-13 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 143 acres flood to Hallman gates and permanent head ditch, with the delivery site remaining the same. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to Hallman gates is \$2,500.

- 2007-03-095** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Max Tateson for the conversion of 143 acres flood to Hallman gates and permanent head ditch in the SW 26-16-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

**6.01.6 A. & C. Walde – E ½ 25-22-17 W4M (2 pivots)**

Current assessment is 90 acres in the NE 25-22-17 W4M and 101 acres in the SE 25-22-17 W4M. New pivot areas are 49 acres in the NE and 115 acres in the NE & SE. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 164 acres wheels to low pressure pivots, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivots must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same off of 11 NB pipeline. An Irrigable Unit will be needed.

- 2007-03-096** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. & C. Walde for the conversion of 164 acres wheels to 2 pivots in the E ½ 25-22-17 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,920. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 191 acres and the new pivot areas being 164 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 27 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-03-097** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of A. & C. Walde's 27 acres of water rights on E ½ 25-22-17 W4M to the District, subject to confirmation of ownership, and receipt of mortgagee consent if applicable. Payment of 27 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$18,900. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

- 2007-03-098** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on E ½ 25-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by A. & C. Walde. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[11:34 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting, R. Matoba entered.]

**7.0 Lands**

**7.01 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Lammert Lyzenga – S ½ SW 31, N ½ 30, SW 30-20-15**

R. Matoba informed that an irrigable unit registered in 1972 tied together 3 parcels of land:

- 1) S ½ of SW 31-20-15 W4M
- 2) N ½ 30-20-15 lying to the west of Matziwin Creek
- 3) SW 30-20-15 lying to the west of Matziwin Creek

The canal servicing these parcels was replaced with a pipeline a few years ago, with deliveries installed for each parcel off of the pipeline. The irrigable unit must stay on the first 2 parcels due to a pivot which covers both. The third parcel can be serviced independently. The current

landowner, Lammert Lyzenga, is requesting that the irrigable unit notation be removed from this parcel.

**2007-03-099 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the discharge of the irrigable unit on the S ½ of SW 31-20-15 W4M, N ½ 30-20-15 W4M and SW 30-20-15 W4M. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.02 Irrigable Unit – Gordon, James, George Graham & Graham Feeders – Sec. 11-17-16**  
In 2003 a section pivot proposal by Grahams involving transfers of unused water rights was approved by the Board. The pivot is now up and an irrigable unit resolution must be registered on the 4 parcels.

**2007-03-100 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on NW, Pt. NE, SW, SE 11-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by George R. Graham, James H. Graham Jr., Graham Feeders Inc. and Gordon L. Graham. Seconded by P. Hemsing**

**7.03 Request to Transfer Grazing Lease - # 7187, M. & P. Smit to Larry Hirsch**  
Marinus & Phyllis Smit have sold the parcel of land adjacent to this lease to Larry Hirsch. They would like to transfer the private grazing lease to him as well. Mr. Hirsch is a resident of the EID, does not have any other grazing leases, and has the required water rights.

**2007-03-101 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7187 to be transferred from Marinus & Phyllis Smit to Larry Hirsch. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[11:40 a.m. R. Matoba and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

## **9.0 Other**

### **9.04 Staffing Update**

[11:46 a.m. W. Enns, D. Bobinski and M. Philipsen entered the meeting.]

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Donna Bobinski and Maria Philipsen as new staff members, and they in turn introduced themselves and gave a short background to their employment with the EID. Mrs. Bobinski is taking over the Administrative Assistant duties in the Engineering and Operations department as R. Fenez has retired; and Ms. Philipsen is currently covering T. Jensen's maternity leave as Land Administrator in the Oil & Gas department.

[11:49 a.m. D. Bobinski and M. Philipsen exited the meeting.]

[11:49 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break.]

## **7.0 Lands (cont'd)**

### **7.04 Brooks Motorcycle Club Lease**

K. Bridges advised that the current Brooks Motorcycle Club Lease is for one year and will expire on April 30, 2007. Administration advised that the District does not require the leased land and that the lease can be renewed. The rent of \$500 has not changed since the lease's inception in 1993.

**2007-03-102 Moved by F. George that approval be granted to enter into a one year Land Use Permit agreement effective May 1, 2007 with the Brooks Motorcycle Club for the Club's track site in SW 29-18-14 W4M at an annual rental of the greater of \$550.00 plus GST or 20% of the annual gate receipts. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**7.05 Brooks & District Fish & Game Association – Request to Replace Signs**

E. Wilson presented a request from the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association regarding the proposed replacement of “Use Respect” signs at major entrances to District grazing leases. The sign program began in the late 1980’s and many are in need of replacement. The Association has requested the District’s consideration in sharing the cost of this project over the next five years, with the Association erecting the signs on a volunteer basis.

- 2007-03-103 Moved by N. Johnson that the District fund the costs for 22 “Use Respect” signs for the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association, at an approximate cost of \$371/sign, to be installed over a five year period on EID lands. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[12:38 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**7.06 Report on Condition of Private Grazing Leases**

B. Hale was in attendance to present a list of assessed grass and fence conditions and payment history on all private grazing leases. Discussion was held on various leases, with overall agreement that letters specifying the conditions and requirements be sent out to all private grazing lease holders with invoices at the end of the month.

- 2007-03-104 Moved by T. Livingston that a letter specifying the condition of fences and grass, and payment history, be sent to every private grazing lease holder. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

In regards to a delinquent payment issue, a registered letter will be sent to the applicable lease holder.

As to a current annual private lease that is not proving to be sustainable, the following motion was passed.

- 2007-03-105 Moved by T. Livingston that Annual Private Grazing Lease # 7029 (320 acres) – Jake Veenstra, be canceled. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.07 Letter from Robert Simpson re Private Grazing Leases**

This letter was discussed and taken as consideration for the revised Private Grazing Lease Policy to be developed for the renewal of leases.

**7.08 Request to Break Kitsim Flood Field**

Mr. Hale presented the cost breakdown to reseed the Kitsim 200 acres of flood land as approximately \$27,000 to \$28,000. Estimated revenue based on 3.5 tonne/acre is \$50,000 to \$55,000. The condition of the land was discussed by the Board, with the following motion being passed.

- 2007-03-106 Moved by T. Livingston that the Kitsim Flood Field consisting of 200 acres located on the west side of Highway 36 in 18-17-15 W4M, be farmed for 2 years to eradicate weeds, and evaluated on the second year as to the suitability for reseeding. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.09 Rolling Hills Grazing Association Corrals**

B. Hale also presented a cost breakdown for the replacement of corrals in the Rolling Hills Community Lease which were burnt in August of 2006:

Materials (posts, boards, gates)	= \$5,400
Labour & Equipment (not including bobcat rent):	= <u>\$4,500</u>
Subtotal:	\$9,900

An insurance payment of \$5,000 will go towards the cost, with the District covering the remainder.

### 7.10 Crawling Valley Campground

The Board discussed the March 14<sup>th</sup> presentation from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society and confirmed that N. Johnson, F. George and A. Nielsen would attend the Society's annual general meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

[1:29 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

### 1:34 p.m. S. & K. Farms – Request to purchase small amount of land to allow pivot to be moved

B. Chrumka welcomed Stephen Anderson to the meeting. Mr. Anderson is requesting to purchase or lease a portion of the bordering quarter section(s) to the north/west to allow the existing pivot to be moved. The pivot in question was in place when Mr. Anderson purchased the SE 28-15-15 W4M [land location corrected from SE 23-15-15 W4M Nov.20'07] quarter section. Reasons for this request are to avoid the canal and saturated ground on the south end, and to have better access. Suggested advantages to the District could be savings in rehabilitation to the canal, and the development of otherwise unproductive land. Mr. Anderson would prefer to expand his pivot, and also to purchase the land, but is also willing to keep the pivot the same size, and lease the land. He is planning on replacing the fencing, but will wait until a decision is made. E. Wilson will investigate possible options and bring them back to the Board.

[2:02 p.m. S. Anderson exited the meeting.]

## 8.0 Equipment Report

### 8.01 Offers to Purchase Hi Hoes & Trucks

Mr. Wilson presented the quotes received for the 2002 230 JD Hi Hoe, 2003 330 Hitachi Hi Hoe, one ton truck, and 7 half ton trucks.

2007-03-107 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the acceptance of:

- Canadian Public Auction's offer to purchase the 2002 230 JD Hi Hoe, in the amount of \$70,400.00;
- Brooks Asphalt's offer to purchase the 2003 330 Hitachi Hi Hoe, in the amount of \$127,000.00; and
- Regal Auction's offer to purchase the one ton and 7 half ton trucks, in the amount of \$29,800.00.

Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

### 8.02 Purchase of Hi Hoe

Mr. Wilson gave background on the 350 LC Hi Hoe's maintenance and recommended purchasing this hoe which the District is currently renting.

2007-03-108 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of the rental 350 LC Hi Hoe. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

### 8.03 Quotes on Gravel Pup

Quotes received for the purchase of a gravel pup trailer were presented.

2007-03-109 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a gravel pup trailer from Countlathom Construction, if it is painted as per EID's specs by the current owner, for \$27,400. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

### 8.04 Quote on D6

Mr. Wilson presented a quote from Finning Canada for the purchase of a new D6 which includes the trade-in of the District's old D6.

**2007-03-110 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of a D6 from Finning Canada in Calgary for \$305,917.00. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[2:34 p.m. – 2:44 p.m. Short break.]

**9.0 Other (cont'd)**

**9.01 AIPA Conference – March 4 – 6, Calgary**

The recent AIPA Conference in Calgary was discussed, with Mr. Wilson highlighting water quality testing which was done throughout the districts.

**9.02 AIPA Directors Meeting – April 2, Strathmore**

The agenda was reviewed, and E. Wilson, B. Chrumka, C. Henrickson and F. George agreed to attend.

**9.03 Irrigation Council Workshop**

The agenda was reviewed and E. Wilson, A. Nielsen and P. Hemsing agreed to attend.

**9.05 Remuneration By-Law**

The by-law establishing the rate of remuneration and expenses for directors was presented, effective January 1, 2007.

Eastern Irrigation District  
**BY-LAW 857 (2007)**  
 By-Law Establishing the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors  
 [Irrigation Districts Act, Section 177]

WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act requires a district to enact a by-law to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses to be paid to members of the board of directors,  
 NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District hereby enacts as follows:

1. This by-law is effective **January 1, 2007**.
2. The rate of remuneration to be paid to a member of the Board for attendance at a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized shall be:

**\$375.00** per full day, or  
**\$187.50** if the meeting lasts less than 4 hours.

3. The expenses to be paid to a member of the Board shall be:

Mileage:

Fifty (**\$0.50**) cents per kilometer as reimbursement for the use of a personal vehicle to attend a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized.

Meals:

For reimbursement of meal expenses while attending a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized:

- the amount actually spent by the Board member as shown on the receipt for the meal, or
- a flat rate reimbursement (no receipt required) of:
  - o **\$10.00** for breakfast
  - o **\$20.00** for lunch, and
  - o **\$30.00** for dinner.

- a meal reimbursement claim shall not be submitted where the District has paid for the member of the Board's meal as part of the meeting registration or otherwise.

Other Expenses:

Reimbursement for all other expenses, including but not limited to accommodation, travel, parking and registration, shall be in the amount of the expense actually incurred as shown on the receipt for the expense.

4. Claims for remuneration and expense reimbursement will normally be submitted to the Eastern Irrigation District on a quarter year basis for the periods ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. **By-law 852 (2006)** is hereby repealed.

The within **By-Law 857 (2007)** is duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District in accordance with the provisions of the Irrigation Districts Act as evidenced by the following readings of the By-Law.

**2007-03-111 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law #857 (2007) being a by-law to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses for Directors, be introduced and read the first time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2007-03-112 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law #857 (2007) be read the second time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2007-03-113 Moved by P. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, that consent be granted to give third reading to By-Law #857 (2007) this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2007-03-114 Moved by T. Livingston that By-Law #857 (2007) be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

## 10.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|---------------------------------|--|
| 10.01 | Annual General Meeting          | - Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup><br>12:00 noon – Lunch at the Heritage, 1:30 p.m. – AGM |
| 10.02 | Nominations Close               | - Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 10.03 | Crawling Valley Rec. Assoc. AGM | - April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1:00 pm, Elks Hall, (Neil, Floyd, Allen)                         |
| 10.04 | AIPA Meeting                    | - April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Strathmore, (Earl, Bob, Clint, Floyd)                            |
| 10.05 | Irrigation Council Workshop     | - Tuesday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Earl, Allen, Pat)  |
| 10.06 | Elections (if necessary)        | - Friday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 10.07 | CWRA Conference                 | - April 22 -24, Red Deer (Earl, Clint, Bob, Neil)  |
| 10.08 | Organizational & Reg. Brd Mtg   | - <u>Wednesday</u> , April 25 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>note date change</i> )                    |
| 10.09 | Rolling Hills Campground Draw   | - Wednesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 10.10 | MLA Meeting                     | - <u>Friday</u> , May 4, Edmonton ( <i>note date change</i> )                              |

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:36 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**April 25, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING****1.0 Elections****1.01 Election of Chairman**

Earl Wilson took the chair and called for nominations for Chairman.

**2007-04-115 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bob Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by T. Livingston.**

Mr. Chrumka accepted the nomination.

**2007-04-116 Moved by C. Henrickson that nominations cease.**

As no further nomination was placed, Bob Chrumka was elected Chairman by acclamation.

**1.02 Election of Vice Chairman**

B. Chrumka took the chair and called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

**2007-04-117 Moved by T. Livingston that Allen Nielsen be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by P. Hemsing.**

Mr. Nielsen accepted the nomination.

**2007-04-118 Moved by C. Henrickson that nominations cease.**

As no further nomination was placed, Allen Nielsen was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.

**2.0 Appointments****2.01 Appointment of AIPA Directors (4)**

A. Nielsen, C. Henrickson, F. George, E. Wilson appointed, with all Directors as alternates.

**2.02 Chamber of Commerce Director (1)**

C. Henrickson appointed.

**2.03 Prairie Conservation Action Committee Representative (1)**

T. Livingston continues to represent.

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**REGULAR MEETING****1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.08 Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages
- 6.09 Request to Pipeline Open Drain – Vince Fabian
- 7.02 X Tilley
- 7.03 Request for Extension of Pipeline – Tom Grove
- 8.04.3 Letter from Grant Armstrong
- 8.04.4 Letter from Eyremore Grazing Association
- 8.04.5 Cattle Turn-Out Date
- 8.09 Crawling Valley Campground

**2007-04-119 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 March 27, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-04-120 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the March 27, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Stephen Anderson – Request to Lease or Purchase Additional Land**

E. Wilson presented the options for accommodating Mr. Anderson's pivot to be moved, avoiding the saturated ground, giving better access, and gaining District right-of-way adjacent to the canal. It was deemed most reasonable to allow the pivot to be moved straight north into the northeast section only, with the District leasing or selling the required acres to Mr. Anderson, and purchasing a ROW on the south end of Mr. Anderson's quarter adjacent to the canal. Mr. Wilson will contact Stephen Anderson with this proposal.

**2007-04-121 Moved by C. Henrickson that the District leases or sells the required acres in NE 28-15-15 W4M to Stephen Anderson to enable him to move his pivot north; and purchases a 100' ROW on the south end of SE 28-15-15 W4M [land location corrected from SE 18-15-15 W4M Nov.20'07] from Mr. Anderson for future canal rehabilitation; with legal survey costs being split and Mr. Anderson paying \$2,000/acre for the additional land. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[10:16 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. Short break.]

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 March 31, 2007 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to March 31, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are slightly above YTD budget and are \$601,700 higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 22% less than YTD budget but are \$117,500 more than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$4.7 million.

K. Bridges noted that the accounts that were subject to rate enforcement proceedings have been brought up to date and that the proceedings have been canceled.

**2007-04-122 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2007, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**4.02 Quarterly Investment Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report.

**2007-04-123 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**4.03 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed. L. Smith is continuing to bring the EIDNet accounting system up to date.

**2007-04-124 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented R. Hayes' report, noting that there haven't been any major outages lately, and few customer complaints. Antenna work was carried out in Bassano to improve the signal; and new installations are continuing as deposits come in. Mr. Bridges commented that the recent Trade Show in Brooks was a good forum for the EIDNet, with crowds of over 10,000 and adequate staffing at the EID booth to cover the weekend.

[10:51 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

**6.0 Operations**

**6.01 Snow Pack Report**

E. Wilson reported that Lake Louise, Sunshine and Three Isle snow packs all show above or well above normal; with Little Elbow and Odium showing somewhat below average. The online data sites also show that all snow packs are melting sooner in spring over the years.

**6.02 Diversion and Reservoir Report**

Mr. Wilson advised that the District is currently diverting 400 cfs and slowly filling the reservoirs.

**6.03 Set Date for Earliest Water Delivery**

Due to recent precipitation, E. Wilson believes that there is little demand for water, and that an earliest water delivery date of May 10<sup>th</sup> would be suitable, but does not expect much demand before May 14<sup>th</sup>. J. Meador informed that Operations staff will begin charging some pipelines.

**2007-04-125 Moved by N. Johnson that the earliest date for Water Delivery Date be set at May 14, 2007. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**6.04 Selling of Water Rights - Warren Hendricksen – SE 06-17-13 W4M**

With Mr. Hendricksen's current assessment on SE 06-17-13 W4M being 138 acres and the existing pivot area being 129 acres, the landowner has requested to sell the extra 9 acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

**2007-04-126 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of Warren Hendricksen's 9 acres of water rights on SE 06-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 9 acres water rights at \$700/acre = \$6,300. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.05 Farm Improvements****6.05.1 Jake De Jager – W ½ 09-14-13 W4M**

A 123 acre existing pivot was moved to the north boundary line to accommodate a new 60 acre wiper pivot directly south on this irrigable unit. There was 73 acres of flood in the NW 09-14-13 W4M; the new pivot irrigates 60 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 60 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery remaining the same off of the Rolling Hills Canal. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,600.

**2007-04-127 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Jake De Jager for the conversion of 60 acres flood to pivot in the W ½ 09-14-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,600. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**6.05.2 N. & D. Dyck – SE 18-23-16 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 146 acres flood to gated pipe, with the delivery site remaining the same. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-04-128 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for N. & D. Dyck for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the SE 18-23-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.05.3 Johnson Farms – NW 03-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 111 acres; new pivot area is 127 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 111 acres wheels to corner arm, low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. At least 12 crossings will be needed at a cost to be decided when crossing lengths are determined. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,300.

**2007-04-129 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Johnson Farms for the conversion of 111 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 03-19-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,300. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 111 acres and the new pivot area being 127 acres, 16 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot.

**2007-04-130 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 111 acres to 127 acres on NW 03-19-14 W4M; 16 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$200/acre = \$3,200. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 111 acres wheels to low pressure pivot. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.05.4 John Lawson – SE 03-21-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 129 acres; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same in the NW corner of the quarter off of 20 Springhill pipeline. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,740.

**2007-04-131 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for John Lawson for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in the SE 03-21-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**6.05.5 G. & J. Niznik, B. & K. Niznik, B. & J. Niznik – NE 36-18-16 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain on NE 36-18-16 W4M from within the pivot area to outside the pivot area. The total for labour, equipment and GST is \$3,694.00, to be cost-shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID. A Farm Improvement of \$3,000 has already been done on this quarter.

**2007-04-132 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Niznik's for the drain relocation on NE 36-18-16 W4M at a cost of \$3,694.00, to be cost-shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.05.6 Eric Pedersen – SE 24-15-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 133 acres; new pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The landowner is choosing to keep the 9 extra acres outside of the pivot circle at \$300/acre. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,740.

**2007-04-133 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Eric Pedersen for the conversion of 124 acres flood to pivot in the SE 24-15-16 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep the 9 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,440 (124 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,740. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.05.7 Chris Schmidt & Ron Schmidt – NW 33-16-16 (1 Farm Imp.) & NE 33-16-16 (2 Farm Imp.)**

**NW 33-16-16 W4M:** A pivot was installed on the north side of the 80 acre line on this quarter in 2005. Since that time the water user has also bought 40 acres on the south side, so the pivot can now extend almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a circle. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$690 for 23 acres wheels to pivot. A farm improvement of \$2,884 has already been done on this quarter.

**2007-04-134 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Chris Schmidt & Ron Schmidt for the conversion of 23 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 33-16-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$690. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

The Schmidt's are requesting to transfer 3 acres from NW 33-16-16 W4M to NE 33-16-16 W4M to supplement a new pivot area.

**2007-04-135 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the transfer of 3 irrigation acres from NW 33-16-16 W4M to NE 33-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Chris Schmidt & Ron Schmidt. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**NE 33-16-16 W4M:** Current assessment is 116 acres plus 3 acres moved from NW 33-16-16 W4M = 119 acres; new pivot area is 122 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion

of 50 acres flood and 66 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, and the water user is requesting a new riser to be installed off of the 01-06 Bow Slope pipeline at a cost of approximately \$4,600. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,980 (\$3,000 flood + \$1,980 wheels to pivot) minus \$4,600 (cost of new riser) = \$380.

The new assessment for both quarters will be 87 acres in the NW 33-16-16 W4M and 122 acres in the NE 33-16-16 W4M.

- 2007-04-136** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Chris Schmidt & Ron Schmidt for the conversion of 50 acres flood and 66 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 33-16-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,980 (\$3,000 flood + \$1,980 wheels to pivot) minus \$4,600 (cost of new riser) = \$380. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

**NE 33-16-16 W4M:** This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain from within the pivot area to outside the pivot area. The total for labour, equipment and GST is \$6,630.00, to be cost-shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID. This Farm Improvement on this quarter is in addition to the one approved above.

- 2007-04-137** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Chris Schmidt & Ron Schmidt for the drain relocation on NE 33-16-16 W4M at a cost of \$6,630.00, to be cost-shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 119 acres and the new pivot area being 122 acres, 3 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood and wheels to pivot.

- 2007-04-138** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 119 acres to 122 acres on NE 33-16-16 W4M, 3 acres being gained through efficiency; 3 acres at the capital asset charge of \$200/acre = \$600. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

**6.05.8 Richard & Esther Wiens – NE 11-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 137 acres; new pivot area is 119 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 119 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The landowner is choosing to keep the 18 extra acres outside of the pivot circle at \$300/acre. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,140 (119 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,400 (18 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,740.

- 2007-04-139** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for Richard & Esther Wiens for the conversion of 119 acres flood to pivot in the NE 11-21-16 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep the 18 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,140 (119 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,400 (18 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,740. Seconded by T. Livingston. **CARRIED**

**6.05.9 Ron Schmidt – SW 34-16-16 W4M**

This Farm Improvement being applied for calls for the relocation of a drain on SW 34-16-16 W4M from the quarter boundary lines, in to the edge of the pivot area to allow for a site to stockpile manure. The total for labour, equipment and GST would be \$5,803.00, proposed to be cost-shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID. As retaining the District's infrastructure along ¼ section boundary lines is optimal, this request was denied.

**6.06 North Rolling Hills Drain**

E. Wilson advised that additional flushing of this drain will be needed before water delivery to farms is approved. Alberta Environment had given approval for the County to dump excess sewage water into this drain in October, 2006 after the District's water shut down date. It is anticipated that Alberta Environment will no longer approve such practices.

**6.07 Email from Doug Jensen**

An email addressed to B. Chrumka was received from Doug Jensen requesting a pipeline extension in NE 27-20-14 W4M and SE 34-20-14 W4M. This request was denied as all rehab projects are rated and scheduled by engineering and operations staff as per policy in long term plans. This portion of this canal is not on the current 3 Year Plan because it is already lined. Mr. Chrumka will respond in letter.

**6.08 Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages**

As a follow up to last month's meeting, J. Meador advised to offer EID equipment at the current rate, and that any line locating, etc. be at the landowner's expense.

**6.09 Request to Pipeline Open Drain – Vince Fabian – SE 24-17-13 W4M**

In addition to last month's request, the landowner has requested that this project be cost-shared. This matter is to be investigated further to identify possible solutions and their feasibility.

[11:54 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

[11:54 a.m. – 12:53 p.m. Lunch; I. Friesen & R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering Report****7.01 U02 Tilley**

R. Gagley presented the U02 Tilley synopsis. Priority # 8 for the 2007 construction year is a rehabilitation project located about 5 kms south of Tilley off the Tilley Canal. U02 crosses Secondary Highway # 876 and serves the NW and SW quarters of Sec. 31-16-12 W4M providing service for 284 irrigable acres, all of which are flood. The ditch is in a fill situation and is leaking on both sides with tree roots protruding through the banks. This rehabilitation would consist of installing 300m of buried liner to the existing deliveries, and is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

**2007-04-140 Moved by P. Helsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of U02 Tilley by installing a buried liner, at an estimated cost of \$100,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.02 X Tilley**

R. Gagley also presented the X Tilley synopsis. Lateral X Tilley is the furthest downstream lateral on the Tilley canal located 9 kms south of Tilley, currently serving 417 acres of flood, with one pivot planned for the future. The existing ditch is overgrown with vegetation and the banks are in poor shape. Several options were investigated including lined canals, pipelines and pumping stations. Alternative # 6 was recommended which involves installing buried liner from W Tilley through the east/west portion of X Tilley, including the west lateral and leaving the east lateral, at an estimated cost of \$650,000. There is potential for infrastructure savings on the west lateral that is dependent on what the landowner decides.

**2007-04-141 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of X Tilley by installing a buried liner from W Tilley through the east-west portion of X Tilley, including the west lateral and leaving the east lateral at an estimated cost of \$650,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.03 Request for Extension of Pipeline – Tom Grove**

E. Wilson and T. Livingston passed on a request from Tom Grove for an extension of a proposed pipeline. Engineering is to investigate this matter further regarding upsizing and extension costs.

[1:17 p.m. I. Friesen and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

[1:19 p.m. R. Matoba and B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Lands****8.01 Request for Alternate Parcel – Schaffer to Graham**

R. Matoba presented the Alternate Parcel request of 200 irrigation acres from E. A. Shaffer & Sons Farms Ltd. in Sec. 28-21-18 W4M by the Graham family for use in Sec. 11-17-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season. Schaffer's 501 acres of water rights were granted in 1991, but not used thus far. Both parcels are served off the river; the alternate parcel will enable the Grahams to fully utilize their section pivot.

**2007-04-142 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the use of 200 irrigation acres from E. A. Schaffer & Sons Farms Ltd. in Sec. 28-21-18 W4M by the Graham family in Sec. 11-17-16 W4M, for the 2007 irrigation season. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**8.02 Irrigable Unit - Cumming**

Mr. Matoba also presented the Irrigable Unit request for Carey & Linda Cumming. The landowners were granted new acres if they agreed to service both parcels from one delivery and abandon the delivery to the east. By doing so, the EID has abandoned ½ mile of canal and there may be a potential of abandoning a further mile in the future.

**2007-04-143 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on Pt. SE 14-16-16 W4M and SW 14-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Carey & Linda Cumming. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[1:24 p.m. R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

**8.03 Letter from Nels Pedersen – Request to Purchase Land**

A letter addressed to the General Manager and the Board was received from Nels Pedersen asking to purchase District land in the Scandia area. Mr. Pedersen already has available water rights that could be applied. After discussion it was concluded that the most impartial course of action could consist of putting both Mr. Pedersen's water rights and the District's land up for public tender. This proposal is to be presented to Mr. Pedersen and brought back to a later meeting.

**8.04 Grazing Report**

Bob Hale was in attendance to present the Grazing Report.

**8.04.1 Enerplus Land**

Five and a half quarter sections of land lie within the Patricia Grazing Lease which were sold to Enerplus from Chevron. E. Wilson will endeavor to negotiate a lease with the option to buy back the portion situated north of Secondary Highway # 544, approximately 4 quarters.

**8.04.2 Request from Duchess GA for EID to Cover Mineral Costs at Rock Lake**

Mr. Hale passed on a request from the Duchess Grazing Association for the District to cover the costs of mineral for cattle at the Rock Lake lease. The Board denied this request.

**8.04.3 Letter from Grant Armstrong**

A letter and invoice addressed to the Board was received from Grant Armstrong in regards to trespassing on private and EID lands. Discussion took place on measures that are already in

place and what can be done to increase these efforts. B. Chrumka will respond to Mr. Armstrong in writing. As well, an article in the local papers will be submitted by administration regarding motorcycles and ATV's on District land; and measures will be taken to increase patrol and/or enforce trespassing laws.

#### **8.04.4 Letter from Eyremore Grazing Association**

A letter was received from Blake Mulvey, President of the Eyremore Grazing Association regarding trespassing damage to the lease. E. Wilson will respond in writing as above.

#### **8.04.5 Cattle Turn-Out Date**

Mr. Hale advised that cattle turn-out dates of May 1<sup>st</sup> for native pasture and 12<sup>th</sup> would be appropriate.

**2007-04-144 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Cattle Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 1<sup>st</sup> and for Native Pasture May 12, 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[2:10 p.m. – 2:17 p.m. Short break.]

#### **8.05 Private Grazing Leases – Policy on what to do at end of lease**

The proposed renewal clause of the Private Grazing Lease Policy as outlined at the annual retreat was brought forward by Mr. Wilson. After further discussion and review of input received the revision was adopted as follows. This revised policy supersedes the 1994 Grazing Lease Policy.

**2007-04-145 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the revision to the Private Grazing Lease Policy as follows:**

- **On leases that are proposed to be 15 years if the current lease holder is in good standing, he/she be given 3 choices:**
  - a new 15 year non-transferable lease (for a fee of 15% of the 2007 lease); or
  - to let the lease go (the District will evaluate the fences and offer to purchase; the lease holder can sell the fences to the new lease holder or remove); or
  - to ask that a 15 year transferable lease be put up for bid and to have the right to match the high bid; the EID would set a minimum bid price of 15% of the 2007 lease fee plus the price agreed to for fences).

**This revision supersedes the 1994 policy and is effective as of January 1, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

B. Hale was requested to follow up on the Mindorff residency claim.

B. Hale was also requested to advertise Private Grazing Lease # 7169 (Sec. 20-18-14 W4M & Pt. Sec. 17-18-14 W4M) for tender for the 2007 grazing season.

[2:40 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting, M. Porter entered.]

#### **8.08 The Board Shop Lease**

K. Bridges advised that the current one year lease is expiring May 31, 2007. Due to environmental issues and the prospect of development, it is recommended to limit a new lease to one year or include a 90 day cancellation clause.

**2007-04-146 Moved by A. Nielsen that a one year lease, be offered to The Board Shop, at a monthly rental rate of \$945. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.06 Canadian Wheat Board's Weather Station Proposal**

M. Porter, Information Services Technologist, was in attendance to present his findings regarding the Canadian Wheat Board's Weather Stations Proposal. Mr. Porter attended a meeting in Bassano where it was explained that Environment Canada has cut their program and the Canadian Wheat Board was picking it up. Personal (\$900 - \$1,500) and commercial (\$3,500 - \$7,000) weather station options were proposed, with the owner paying for the equipment costs and the Wheat Board paying for the installation. A computer with high speed internet and left running at all times would allow the owner and public varying levels of information via a live web browser. Direct advantages to individual farms could include tie-ins to pivots, and specific agricultural and forecast data. Reference was made for the desire to situate weather stations on the District's internet towers. It was noted that Alberta Agriculture also has extensive information through their weather stations. E. Wilson / M. Porter are to discuss this matter with Alberta Agriculture before committing to a trial weather station.

[3:05 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**8.07 PHD Annual Report**

The Southern Alberta Partners in Habitat Development 2006 Annual Report was received as information. There were a total of 47,616 trees and shrubs planted in 2006. This included 31,190 trees and shrubs planted by PHD staff on 27 sites (13 of which were developed with the assistance of the County of Newell Conservation Technician). Spring and fall replacements on previous sites included 2,606 trees and shrubs. 13,820 trees and shrubs were ordered by PHD staff and planted by 10 landowners. The PHD program installed 5,669 meters of drip tape on 7 projects; and assisted with the purchase of 8.5 km of fencing materials to protect 8 newly planted sites. 400 meters of 4" pipeline and a service were installed at the front end of an existing canal to allow water management through the growing season. This canal would have otherwise been filled in.

Approximately 45,725 trees and shrubs have been ordered for planting this spring in conjunction with 27 landowners. The County Rural Conservation Technician was responsible for ordering and designing 10 of these sites. Approximately 7 kms of fencing materials will be supplied to landowners to protect newly planted sites. 7,870 shrubs have been ordered for use as spring replacements; which reflects the poor performance of chokecherry stock in 2006. 4,045 trees and shrubs have been ordered for landowner plantings; and approximately 900 trees and shrubs will be potted at the Crop Diversification Centre – South to examine the quality of stock and for use later as fall replacements. Other plans include continued cooperation with the Engineering Department to save or enhance habitat during canal rehabilitation projects. Feed barrels will continue to be placed in important wintering areas and input costs of food plots will be paid to landowners who leave standing grain for wildlife. As well, the education component will be continued by planting and mulching a project site with a local Grade 4 class and also by planting a site with the aid of the Brooks & District Scouts.

**8.09 Crawling Valley Campground**

E. Wilson and Construction Superintendent D. Lindsay did a general overview of the Crawling Valley Campground to assess what could be done to upgrade the facility. Mr. Wilson reported that any major improvements would be very disruptive to the existing grounds. E. Wilson and Engineering are to come up with various options of possible development.

**9.0 Other****9.01 Report on CWRA Conference – April 22-24, Red Deer**

E. Wilson, B. Chrumka, C. Henrickson, N. Johnson and F. George reported on various presentations at the recent conference they attended. The conference proved to reflect the current academic and municipal viewpoints on water issues.

**9.02 Ministers Meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup>, Edmonton**

A meeting with Lyle Oberg, Minister of Finance, Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, and George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food is planned for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Legislature in Edmonton. Agenda items were discussed, with T. Livingston, B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, and E. Wilson planning on attending.

**9.03 Public Relations**

E. Wilson and K. Bridges commented on the recent Brooks & District Trade Show, noting that the internet side of the booth is typically well utilized. The annual float for the Brooks and Bassano parades was discussed, with the consensus that entering a District float be kept up. In regards to print media, the article in the 2007 Report on Southeast Alberta that was written by Medicine Hat News staff was somewhat disappointing. As well, the chairman noted that the corresponding ad did not mention recreation as one of the benefits of irrigation and requested that it be included the next time a similar ad is run. Mr. Wilson advised that he would like to submit an article to the local newspapers regarding the snow pack. P. Hemsing enquired if District brochures could be handed out or made available at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground.

**10.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 10.01 | Campground Draw           | - Wednesday, April 25   |
| 10.02 | MLA Meeting               | - Friday, May 4, Edmonton<br>Attending: T. Livingston, B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, E. Wilson<br>Alternates: C. Henrickson, P. Hemsing |
| 10.03 | Irrigation Council Tour   | - Thursday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.   |
| 10.04 | Regular Board Meeting     | - Tuesday, May 29   |
| 10.05 | EID Staff Rodeo Breakfast | - Friday, June 8 <sup>th</sup> , beginning at 6:30 a.m., EID shop   |
| 10.06 | Regular Board Meeting     | - Tuesday, June 26 (date may need to change due to Canadian CWRA Conference)  |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:52 p.m.**

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 Chairman

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 General Manager

**May 29, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.03 Crawling Valley Campground
- 6.05 Update on Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages
- 6.06 Austin Beasley – Request for Irrigation Acres on SW 27-21-14 W4M
- 8.07 Bridge Access – Center of West Boundary of 09-19-13 W4M
- 8.08 Claude Mindorff Residency Claim
- 8.09 Grazing Land – Pt. W ½ 11-15-15 W4M
- 8.10 Regrass Projects
- 8.11 Plans for New Duchess Shop
- 8.12 Irrigation Development on EID Land
- 10.01 Paul Bohnert – Request for Article on Irrigation
- 10.02 Rolling Hills Drain/Canal
- 10.03 Land Use Framework Public Session
- 10.04 CWRA Conference

**2007-05-147 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 April 25, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-05-148 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the April 25, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Stephen Anderson – Request to Lease or Purchase Additional Land**

Mr. Wilson advised that Stephen Anderson has accepted the District's offer to sell EID land to the north to allow his pivot to be moved and to purchase a strip of land from him on the south end of the quarter to allow for a District ROW.

**3.02 Nels Pedersen – Request to Purchase Land (Transfer of Irrigation Acres)**

Mr. Wilson advised that Nels Pedersen is currently considering the District's offer of public tendering District land and Mr. Pedersen's water rights.

**3.03 Crawling Valley Campground**

Administration was asked to proceed with Crawling Valley Campground plans to present to the Board for consideration.

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 April 30, 2007 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to April 30, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are 3% above YTD budget and are \$896,700 higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 15% less than YTD budget but are \$63,700 more than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$6.5 million.

Mr. Bridges responded to various questions put forward by the Board

**2007-05-149 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2007, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[9:28 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

**4.02 Private Grazing Leases Accounts Receivable**

K. Bridges presented a list of Private Grazing Lease payments which were outstanding as of May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bridges is to give final notice to the above account holders.

**2007-05-150 Moved by T. Livingston that Final Notice for immediate payment be given to all Private Grazing Leaseholders with outstanding accounts; and that if payment is not received, to cancel the lease by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented R. Hayes' report, noting that the VL cluster antennas previously placed in Bassano have not improved the connections, so these will be replaced with the original sectoral antennas. The amount and configuration of antennas has yet to be finalized. Problems with the email server this past week resulted in interrupted email delivery. The problem appears to have been a growth issue with the software. A fix has been found and is being implemented.

**6.0 Operations****6.01 Water Use**

E. Wilson reported that very little water is being used in the EID: 22 farmers are currently irrigating, with 7 having put orders in for water. 52,000 acre feet have been taken from the river with 400 cfs currently being drawn and 8,470 cfs going over the dam. Reservoirs are at 94% capacity, with Tilley B and Cowocki being the only reservoirs not at maximum.

**6.02 Snow Pack**

The mountain snow pack had increased with recent snowfalls, but is now decreasing with the warmer weather.

**6.03 3 Farm Improvements****6.03.1 Rasmussen Holdings Inc. – N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-19-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 159 acres; new pivot area is 122 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 122 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,600.

- 2007-05-151** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Rasmussen Holdings Inc. for the conversion of 122 acres flood to pivot in the N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-19-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,600. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

The landowner has requested to sell 16 of the 37 extra acres of water rights to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-05-152** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of Rasmussen Holdings' 16 acres of water rights on N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-19-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 16 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$11,200. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

**6.03.2 I. & E. Schroeder – E ½ 02-17-13 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 52 acres flood to gated pipe, with the delivery site remaining the same off of U Tilley pipeline. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

- 2007-05-153** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for I. & E. Schroeder for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the E ½ 02-17-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

**6.03.3 Scott Tateson – NW 19-16-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 127 acres; new pivot area is 116 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 116 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The landowner is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres outside of the pivot circle. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$6,960 (116 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,660.

- 2007-05-154** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Scott Tateson for the conversion of 116 acres flood to pivot in the NW 19-16-12 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$6,960 (116 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,660. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

**6.04 Update on Vince Fabian's Request to Pipeline Drain**

J. Meador to contact Mr. Fabian denying this request due to grade, silt and pipeline problems.

**6.05 Update on Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages**

Mr. Meador advised that he will be meeting with Adams shortly to confirm earthwork.

**6.06 Austin Beasley – Request for Irrigation Acres on SW 27-21-14 W4M**

A request has been received from Austin Beasley for the District to guarantee irrigation water on this quarter section to enable him to install a pivot. Currently, spill water flows into a small lake, and about 2 cfs may be available from the drain. E. Wilson will contact A. Beasley advising that the District will not approve this request at this time due to pending rehabilitation of the system that may eliminate the current spill.

[10:04 a.m. – 10:12 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen and K. Green entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering Report**

**7.01 09 & 15 North Branch Structures**

Mr. Wilson introduced Kimberly Green, EIT who has recently begun employment with the EID. I. Friesen gave an overview on the North Branch structures project informing that the current rock

weirs at these points in the system are installed each spring and taken out at high flow and put back for low flow. A minimum number of check structures were installed in the original rehab, but it was found that these weren't enough. It is expedient to install 2 cast-in-place check structures to replace the 2 rock weirs.

**2007-05-155 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the installation of the 09 North Branch and 15 North Branch check structures, at an estimated cost of \$653,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.02 07-08 A Springhill**

07-08 A Springhill is located approximately 8 km west of Rosemary and 1.5 km north of the 550 highway. The head end starts in the SW 19-21-16 (off 08 'A' Springhill canal) and meanders east and ends in the SW 21-21-16, serving 665 acres. Severance and seepage are major problems; the canal is overgrown with large trees in many areas, and the banks are cattle beaten making it difficult for operations and maintenance.

It is recommended this system be pipelined with a proposed alignment breaking the system into 3 pipelines. The first pipeline starts at the head end of 07-08 A Springhill and ends 2.1 km east in the NE 17-21-16. The other 2 pipelines will come off an existing 08 B Springhill pipeline; one off the SE 16-21-16 and running for 1 km to the NW and the other off the NW 15-21-16 and running for 1.2 km to the west. This additional water can be added to 08 B Springhill as there is additional capacity in this line from landowners converting from flood to pivot over the past number of years. It is recommended that this rehabilitation be funded under the Capital Works' program at a total cost of \$1,000,000.

**2007-05-156 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 07-08 A Springhill by pipelining 3 canal sections at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

[10:35 a.m. N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

**7.03 16 & 02-16 Springhill**

The reach of 16 Springhill and 02-16 Springhill to be rehabilitated is immediately south of Duchess, serving 3,401 acres. Some major problems with this canal is severance and seepage. The recommended rehabilitation consists of two pipelines replacing these canals. Excess water will be diverted north into the existing 02-16 lateral and continue east where it will discharge into the John Ware drain. It is recommended that this rehab be funded through the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program at an estimated cost of \$4,750,000.

Mr. Wilson advised that the initial estimate of \$4,750,00 be increased by \$100,000 to include auto alarm warning systems with emergency shuf-offs and an increase in pipe size and length at the bottom end of the system.

**2007-05-157 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 16 & 02-16 Springhill by pipelining 2 canal sections at an estimated cost of \$4,850,000; to be funded through the Irrigation Rehabilitation program. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[10:42 a.m. N. Johnson rejoined the meeting, I. Friesen and K. Green exited, G. Redelback & B. Hale entered.]

**8.0 Lands**

**8.07 Bridge Access – Center of West Boundary of 09-19-13 W4M**

B. Chrumka reported that problems with unauthorized access across an old County bridge located at the center of the west boundary of 09-19-13 W4M are urging adjacent landowners to request that it be removed. The EID still requires access twice a day. The District is going to

have to gravel the other canal bank, install Texas gates and cross the canal on foot over a structure.

[10:55 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

**8.01 Oil & Gas Activity Report**

G. Redelback presented his report, noting that will all the rain this spring activity has been low.

**8.01.1 Letter from Carl Chomistek re EnCana Wellsite**

A letter addressed to the Board was received from Carl Chomistek regarding a proposed EnCana wellsite on 7-25-14-14 W4M. Mr. Redelback reviewed C. Chomistek's issues of location, odour, noise and traffic and the action taken by EnCana and the District. As the issues brought up have been dealt with accordingly, a letter of reply will be sent to Mr. Chomistek.

**8.03 Letter from Carl Chomistek re Private Grazing Leases**

An additional letter to the Board was received from C. Chomistek asking that private dry land grazing leases be offered for sale when the lease terms ends. As the District has had strong support to not sell private grazing lease land option for lease renewal was not the way the Board wished to proceed. A letter will be sent to Mr. Chomistek informing him of the renewal policy set at last month's meeting.

**8.02 Results of Bids of Private Grazing Lease # 7169**

B. Hale presented the results of Lease # 7169, tendered for the 2007 grazing season.

**2007-05-158 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve Dale Torkelson's highest bid of \$6,650.00 for Private Grazing Lease # 7169 for the 2007 grazing season. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED**

**8.08 Claude Mindorff Residency Claim**

Mr. Hale informed that this landowner has been confirmed by the Tilley Grazing Association as being a resident.

**8.09 Grazing Land – Pt. W ½ 11-15-15 W4M**

B. Hale to investigate the possibility of tendering for lease the portion of land between the old and new canal on the W ½ 11-15-15 W4M. Any leases connected to this land need to be addressed.

**8.10 Regrass Projects**

Mr. Hale was asked to look into accelerating the regrass projects as current conditions allow, and to report back at the June Board Meeting.

[11:32 a.m. G. Redelback and B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**8.04 Irrigable Unit Registration – Jason Marquess – NW 18-23-16 W4M & NE 18-23-16 W4M**

Jason Scott Marquess has a pivot which covers 111 acres in the NW quarter and 11 acres in the NE quarter. When the 14 North Branch canal was pipelined the landowner was provided with a turnout off of the pipeline. They were asked to convert the terminable assessment to irrigation acres, at which time they chose to pay the surcharges instead. The landowner has finalized the conversion now and an irrigable unit is required for the 2 quarters.

**2007-05-159 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on NW 18-23-16 W4M and NE 18-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Jason Marquess. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**8.05 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Pt. NW 25 & Pt. SW 36-18-15 W4M**

Three small country residential parcels (Plan 0710915, Block 1, Lots 1, 2 & 3) owned by AltaLink Management Ltd. were subdivided out of a larger parcel (Pt. NW 25 & Pt. SW 36-18-15 W4M) which has an irrigable unit resolution registered on title.

**2007-05-160 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the discharge of an irrigable unit on Plan 0710915, Block 1, Lots 1, 2 and 3 on NW 25 & SW 36-18-15 W4M, lands being owned by AltaLink Management Ltd. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[11:33 a.m. A. Nielsen exited the meeting.]

**8.06 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Chris Vermeeren to Allen Nielsen**

Chris Vermeeren is requesting to transfer 20 irrigation acres from NW & NE 33-14-15 W4M, to SW 36-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Allen Nielsen.

**2007-05-161 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 20 irrigation acres from NW & NE 33-14-15 W4M, lands being owned by Chris Vermeeren, to SW 36-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Allen Nielsen. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:37 a.m. A. Nielsen rejoined the meeting.]

**8.11 Plans for New Duchess Shop**

E. Wilson was asked how plans for a new shop in Duchess are coming. Mr. Wilson replied that they are at the very preliminary stages; one potential obstacle is a lack of sufficient power.

**8.12 Irrigation Development on EID Land**

E. Wilson to develop a plan for irrigation development, consisting of several proposed quarter sections which prove to be the most feasible for the District. This plan is to focus in the Gem area initially, with other areas to follow; with consideration towards leasing or selling the irrigated land.

[12:00 – 12:50 p.m. Lunch break.]

**12.0 In-Camera****1:30 p.m. Presentation from Ray Juska & Jon Nesbitt re Land for Expansion of RV Storage Compound**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Ray Juska and Jon Nesbitt to the meeting to give further information on their RV Storage Compound. Ray and Jon reviewed their proposed plans for expansion to accommodate larger and additional units, citing fencing and ground prep as prohibitive costs if they were not to own the land.

[1:53 p.m. R. Juska and J. Nesbitt exited the meeting.]

As the District still is not interested in selling the described land, a 20 year long term lease will be offered.

**2007-05-162 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve a 20 year Transferable Lease for 2 acres at \$1,000/acre and 5 year rate reviews, with Blue Heron Storage. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2007-05-163 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board rescind Motion 2006-09-195. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

The rescinded motion reads as follows:

2006-09-195 *Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve a 10 year Lease for 2 acres at \$1,000/acre per year with Blue Heron Storage. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED*

**2:08 p.m. Presentation from Paul Seaton re Water Ski Course**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Paul Seaton to the meeting to give further information on a proposed Water Ski Course on the north end of Greenwald Inlet, which is on the north end of Lake Newell. A previous application was denied in December 2005. P. Seaton is proposing a managed water ski course with an emphasis on teaching and coaching. Basic requirements would be for the course to extend 600-800 m long and 75 m wide; with restricted access, removable dock and parking. Mr. Seaton perceives the course to be compatible with shore fishing, can be run with quiet boats, does not cause bank erosion, would be added recreation to the resort and can be set up as a one season trial. E. Wilson noted that the water level could pose a problem later in the summer, and informed Mr. Seaton that the District only owns a ROW around the reservoir, not the adjoining land that would have to be accessed to approach the inlet.

[2:40 p.m. – 2:46 p.m. Short break; P. Seaton exited the meeting.]

**2:46 p.m. Presentation from WeatherBug re Canadian Wheat Board promotion of Weather Stations**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed James Anderson and Ryan Furtis to the meeting. J. Anderson proceeded to give an overview of the WeatherBug weather stations and network. By partnering with the Canadian Wheat Board, a network of 600+ commercial and personal weather stations in western Canada are hoped to be in place within two years. Data is updated every 2 seconds, would be “user friendly” and accessible to the public via the internet. Besides current conditions, weather forecasts and archive information, it would also provide GIS services, custom reports and compiled information from other weather networks. Stations could be mounted on District internet towers, and a branded District weather page set up. One weather station per 20 sq km area is preferred, if not more. The estimated cost of one commercial weather station and installation would be \$7,000 plus \$100/year network access and support.

[3:45 p.m. J. Anderson and R. Furtis exited the meeting.]

The Board moved to purchase 3 commercial weather stations.

**2007-05-164 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the installation of 3 commercial WeatherBug weather stations to be located strategically throughout the District. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**Presentation from Paul Seaton re Water Ski Course (revisited)**

The Board moved to allow a 2 month trial water ski course for this summer. Adequate signage regarding restricted access to the course is to be installed by Mr. Seaton. As well, Mr. Seaton is to cover all liability issues regarding the water ski course and school.

**2007-05-165 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board give approval for Paul Seaton to use the north end of the north inlet on Lake Newell for a water ski course for a 2 month trial period this year. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**9.0 General Manager’s Report**

**9.01 Presentation made to Ministers – May 4<sup>th</sup>, Edmonton**

E. Wilson reported that this was a worthwhile meeting; Directors endorsed the content of the presentation.

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- 9.02 Letter from AIPA re Surface Rights Act Review**  
In response to a request for comments on the Surface Rights Act from the Alberta Government via AIPA, Mr. Wilson will draft a letter highlighting T. Livingston's and other District concerns. An emphasis will be placed on not opening up the Act, but giving information for consideration of amendments only.
- 9.03 Luscar Coal**  
E. Wilson advised that a legal matter involving the Permission to Access and Confidentiality Agreement previously signed by Luscar Coal will be followed through.
- 9.04 Water License – Change in Wording**  
Mr. Wilson recommended that the District proceed with a request to have the wording in the District's license amended to be used for other purposes besides irrigation.
- 2007-05-166 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the change in wording for the EID's license to include delivering water for the following purposes:**  
a) municipal  
b) agricultural  
c) irrigation  
d) commercial  
e) industrial  
f) management of fish  
g) management of wildlife  
h) habitat enhancement  
i) recreation  
**Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**
- 9.05 WID Lawsuit**  
Mr. Wilson updated the Board in this matter.
- 9.06 Letter from County of Newell Economic Development**  
A letter addressed to the Board was received from the County of Newell Economic Development / Tourism Advisory Committee requesting a letter of support for a research initiative in bio-fuel production and appropriate crops.
- 2007-05-167 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board send a letter of support for the County of Newell's research initiative in bio-fuel production and appropriate crops. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**
- 9.07 Letter from Irrigation Council to AIPA**  
Included as information, was a letter from Irrigation Council written to AIPA asking to be put on the agenda of all AIPA Directors Meetings to help improve communication.
- 9.08 Staffing**  
Mr. Wilson reported that Kimberly Green, Engineer in Training, has begun employment with the District this month; and Brian Shepherd, Wildlife Habitat Technician will begin early next month.
- 10.0 Other**
- 10.01 Paul Bohnert – Request for Article on Irrigation**  
P. Hemsing passed on a request for an article on irrigation, from Paul Bohnert of the Southern Alberta Community of Environmental Education. K. Bridges will contact Mr. Bohnert.

**10.02 Rolling Hills Drain**

Mr. Wilson advised that an incident of unauthorized dumping of contaminated water into the Rolling Hills drain has just been reported to the District. Appropriate measures will be taken.

**10.03 Land Use Framework Public Session**

A Government of Alberta Land Use Framework Public Session in Lethbridge was attended by A. Nielsen and P. Hemsing. Directors were informed that they can provide input by completing the booklet survey online or mailing it in.

**10.04 CWRA Conference**

E. Wilson will be attending the CWRA national conference in Saskatoon, June 25-28.

**11.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 11.01 | EID Rodeo Breakfast (beginning at 6:30 a.m.)                   | - Friday, June 8, EID Shop                     |
| 11.02 | CWRA "Science & Technology: Implications for Water Management" | - June 25-28, Saskatoon<br>E. Wilson attending |
| 11.03 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Friday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>                |
| 11.04 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>               |

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:34 p.m.**

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 Chairman

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 General Manager

**June 26, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Paul Bohnert – Request for Article on Irrigation
- 4.02 Rolling Hills Drain
- 4.03 Rolling Hills Lease Fires
- 4.04 Weatherbug Weather Stations
- 4.05 Crawling Valley Campground
- 7.03 Vince Fabian's Request to Pipeline Drain
- 7.04 Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages
- 7.05 Potential Illegal Irrigation
- 7.06 Culligan Stock Water
- 9.03.4 Community Grazing Round Up Date
- 9.04 Country Residential Subdivisions
- 12.05 Letter from EID Historical Park

**2007-06-168 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 May 29, 2007**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 61, just prior to motion 2007-05-165, insert "As well, Mr. Seaton is to cover all liability issues regarding the water ski course and school."

**2007-06-169 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the May 29, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.0 Per Diem Expense Sheets****3.01 Mileage Rate**

After reviewing the current mileage rate the following resolution was carried. This rate applies to both Directors, and employees who casually use a private vehicle for EID business purposes.

**2007-06-170 Moved by N. Johnson that the current District mileage rate be increased from .50¢/km to .55¢/km, and that a revised by-law be brought forward for reading. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

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A revised by-law establishing the rate of remuneration and expenses for directors was presented, effective July 1, 2007.

Eastern Irrigation District  
**BY-LAW 858 (2007)**  
By-Law Establishing the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors  
[Irrigation Districts Act, Section 177]

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WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act requires a district to enact a by-law to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses to be paid to members of the board of directors,

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District hereby enacts as follows:

1. This by-law is effective **July 1, 2007**.
2. The rate of remuneration to be paid to a member of the Board for attendance at a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized shall be:

**\$375.00** per full day, or  
**\$187.50** if the meeting lasts less than 4 hours.

3. The expenses to be paid to a member of the Board shall be:

Mileage:

Fifty (**\$0.55**) cents per kilometer as reimbursement for the use of a personal vehicle to attend a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized.

Meals:

For reimbursement of meal expenses while attending a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized:

- the amount actually spent by the Board member as shown on the receipt for the meal, or
- a flat rate reimbursement (no receipt required) of:
  - o **\$10.00** for breakfast
  - o **\$20.00** for lunch, and
  - o **\$30.00** for dinner.
- a meal reimbursement claim shall not be submitted where the District has paid for the member of the Board's meal as part of the meeting registration or otherwise.

Other Expenses:

Reimbursement for all other expenses, including but not limited to accommodation, travel, parking and registration, shall be in the amount of the expense actually incurred as shown on the receipt for the expense.

4. Claims for remuneration and expense reimbursement will normally be submitted to the Eastern Irrigation District on a quarter year basis for the periods ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. **By-law 857 (2007)** is hereby repealed.

The within **By-Law 858 (2007)** is duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District in accordance with the provisions of the Irrigation Districts Act as evidenced by the following readings of the By-Law.

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- 2007-06-171 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law #858 (2007) being a by-law to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses for Directors, be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED
- 2007-06-172 Moved by N. Johnson that By-Law #858 (2007) be read the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED
- 2007-06-173 Moved by A. Nielsen that with all Directors being present, that consent be granted to give third reading to By-Law #858 (2007) this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2007-06-174 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law #858 (2007) be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

#### 4.0 Business Arising

##### 4.01 Paul Bohnert – Request for Article on Irrigation

E. Wilson reported that this was actually a request for sponsorship of the magazine and not a request for an article on irrigation. Sponsorship was declined by administration.

##### 4.02 Rolling Hills Drain

Mr. Wilson updated the Board regarding action taken for the unauthorized dumping of contaminated water into the Rolling Hills drain.

##### 4.03 Rolling Hills Lease Fires

Mr. Wilson also updated the Board regarding the status of claims on these fires.

##### 4.04 WeatherBug Weather Stations

E. Wilson advised that confirmation is being sought regarding the utilization of existing Alberta Agriculture weather stations, before committing to purchasing the three EID weather stations.

##### 4.05 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George requested that District Staff talk with the Crawling Valley Campground caretaker as to any improvements they are doing that may impact the reservoir and/or future campground plans.

#### 5.0 Financial Report

##### 5.01 May 31, 2007 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to April 30, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are 7% above YTD budget and are \$995,700 higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 14% less than YTD budget but are \$65,800 more than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$8.1 million.

- 2007-06-175 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2007, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

#### 6.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented R. Hayes' report, noting antenna and radio replacement work which was completed in Bassano to rectify service in that area. Currently, the email server is experiencing problems with large files. Computer equipment has been ordered and will be replaced within 2 – 3 weeks.

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[9:34 a.m. – 9:39 a.m. Short break; J. Meador & I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

## 7.0 Operations

### 7.01 Water Use

Mr. Wilson reported that the District is only diverting 1,700 cfs, and spilling 10,000 cfs over the dam. Yesterday and today have been the busiest, with 384 farmers irrigating yesterday and 407 irrigating today. Reservoir storage is at 95%. The snow pack is gone on the lower pillows, with about 2-3 weeks left of run off from the higher areas. Water quality is an issue due to extremely low flow through reservoirs and infrastructure. The algae problem has been noted all over Alberta.

### 7.02 4 Farm Improvements

#### 7.02.1 Ella Beasley – NE 17-20-13 W4M

A farm improvement on this quarter was taken to the Board on September 20, 2006 as part of the G North Bantry pipeline project. The Board approved an increase from 47 acres to 121 acres pending soils. Soils did not pass, so the most this quarter can be increased by is 7 acres.

Current assessment is 47 acres; new pivot area is 54 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 47 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$2,820.

**2007-06-176 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Ella Beasley for the conversion of 47 acres flood to pivot in the NE 17-20-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,820. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 47 acres and the new pivot area being 54 acres, 7 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. Since this Farm Improvement was applied for prior to May 31, 2007, a capital assets charge of \$200/acre will apply.

**2007-06-177 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 47 acres to 54 acres on NE 17-20-13 W4M; 7 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$200/acre = \$1,400. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 47 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

#### 7.02.2 A. & L. Stewart – N ½ 30-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 145 acres; new pivot area is 108 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 108 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. An Irrigable Unit is already in place. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$6,480.

**2007-06-178 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. & L. Stewart for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot in the N ½ 30-22-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$6,480. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

The landowner has requested to sell the remaining 37 acres of water rights back to the EID at \$700/acre.

**2007-06-179 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of A. & L. Stewart's 37 acres of water rights on N ½ 30-22-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 37 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$25,900. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.02.3 A. Walde – SW 04-23-16 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 900' of 10" gated pipe at \$5.00/ft. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-06-180 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. Walde for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the SW 04-23-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**7.02.4 A. & C. Walde – NE 31-22-16 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 210' of 10" gated pipe at \$5.00/ft, and 1,400' of 7" gated pipe at \$2.50/ft. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-06-181 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. & C. Walde for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the NE 31-22-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.03 Vince Fabian's Request to Pipeline Drain**

J. Meador reported that he has spoken with Mr. Fabian informing him that pipelining this drain is not practical due to silting issues.

**7.04 Lawrence, Gerald & Thomas Adams re Flooding Damages**

Mr. Meador advised that the Adams were installing a small berm on their land to prevent further drainage overflow problems.

**7.05 Potential Illegal Irrigation**

E. Wilson advised that there is a potential of illegal irrigation with certain landowners where only partial pivot rotation has been approved by the District. The course of legal action against any substantiated cases was reviewed, as well as possible impacts on the District if this regulation is not enforced. Mr. Wilson will write letters to water users who are suspected of potentially irrigating illegally to make them fully aware of the consequences.

**7.06 J. & J. Culligan – Stock Water – SW 28-21-14 W4M**

T. Livingston requested that District staff confirm whether J. & J. Culligan's stock water comes from District works or underground-spring filled dugouts, and to invoice accordingly.

**8.0 Engineering Report****8.01 9 & 10 East Branch**

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 2 km southwest of Brooks and is slated for the 2007/08 construction year. The existing canals come off the East Branch Canal. 9 East Branch is approximately 2 km long and currently irrigates 521 acres, all sprinkler. 10 East Branch is approximately 6 km long and currently irrigates 1,209 acres, 97% which is sprinkler. The current systems have seepage and capacity problems.

The recommended rehabilitation is to combine both systems into one gravity pipeline system, supplying 1,730 acres, 97% of which is sprinkler. The recommended alignment is to come off the existing inlet of 9 East Branch, hit the existing deliveries of 9 East Branch, continue east to tie in with the existing 01-10 EB pipeline and continue along the existing bank to tie in with 03-10 EB existing pipeline. This project consists of installing over 7,200 m of PVC pipe and is recommended that it be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$2,356,000.

**2007-06-182 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 9 and 10 East Branch by installing a gravity pipeline system; to be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$2,356,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

Administration is to consider purchasing water rights on small inefficient parcels of land when the impact to the cost of a rehabilitation project could be quite favorable. This was also suggested to be a topic at the next water user information meetings.

[10:36 a.m. N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

**8.02 Infrastructure Savings – 16 Springhill**

E. Wilson presented two Infrastructure Savings Grants on the 16 Springhill rehabilitation project.

**8.02.1 Lawrence & Nancy Adams – SW & SE 20-20-14 W4M**

Adams are willing to move their pump sites to the EID’s pipeline that will save the District \$40,000; therefore they are eligible for a \$20,000 Infrastructure Savings grant.

**2007-06-183 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant of \$20,000 for Lawrence & Nancy Adams, SW & SE 20-20-14 W4M, for moving their pump site locations to the District’s new line, saving the District \$40,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**8.02.2 Robert Trimmer/Johnson Farms – NE, SW & SE 21-20-14 W4M, NE 16-20-14 W4M**

Trimmer/Johnsons are converting all four quarters from flood to pivot, reducing the number of turnouts from 6 to 4, saving the District \$120,000; therefore they are eligible for a \$60,000 Infrastructure Savings grant.

**2007-06-184 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant of \$60,000 for Robert Trimmer/Johnson Farms, for converting 4 quarters from flood to pivot (NE, SW, SE 21-20-14 W4M & NE 16-20-14 W4M) and reducing the number of deliveries from 6 to 4, saving the District \$120,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[10:41 a.m. N. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

**8.03 Tender Results for Springhill and North Branch Check Structures**

Mr. Wilson reviewed that last fall the Springhill structure was tendered but was not awarded due to inflationary bidding. The low bid for this one structure was \$607,000. Tenders this spring for this structure and two on the North Branch canal are as follows.

<b>Springhill &amp; North Branch Check Structures</b>	
Engineer’s Estimate	\$980,000
Charmar Enterprises	\$811,000
Robin Hanson Construction	\$832,000

Charmar Enterprises has been awarded the contract.

[10:43 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Lands**

**9.01 Request to Purchase Part of SW 11-15-15 W4M**

A letter addressed to the District was received from Bruce Takeda requesting to purchase a small parcel of land in SW 11-15-15 W4M.

[10:50 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

This portion of land, approximately 12 acres, and a piece in the NW consisting of 26 acres are currently isolated between the old and new Bow Slope canal. It was decided to tender for sale both parcels as one, with the required minimum bid being subdivision costs plus \$750/acre.

**2007-06-185 Moved by A. Nielsen that the portion of land between the old and new Bow Slope canals on W ½ 11-15-15 W4M be tendered for sale as one parcel, with the required minimum bid being subdivision costs + \$750/acre. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.03 Grazing Report**

B. Hale reported a good grazing start with most areas receiving between 1 and 3 inches of rain the last month. An oil spill occurred in the Newell Grazing lease, LSD 6-06-15-14 W4M from an EnCana wellsite, apparently leaking through the night and the following day. Fortunately the spill followed the contours of the road ditch, but will still take a while to clean up. It is suspected that a cow got under the tech fence and bumped the valve. Mr. Hale also circulated a picture of a calf up in the Finnegan area that was missing half its front leg, probably due to a large predator.

**9.03.1 Results of Leasing Part of NW 11-15-15 W4M**

Mr. Hale charged Chris Vermeeren \$35/animal unit for 20 days of grazing.

**9.03.2 Private Grazing Lease Accounts Update**

One outstanding private grazing account was reviewed. Notification has been sent and this lease will be canceled July 30<sup>th</sup>. Future membership with the community grazing association will not be allowed until this account is cleared up. It was requested that policy be revised to no longer allow sub-leasing for long term private grazing leases, and that all new agreements reflect this change.

**9.03.3 Regrass Program**

With the good moisture this spring, a 2008 regrass project was proposed by B. Hale to be done a year ahead of schedule. Approximately 2,400 acres in the Rolling Hills grazing lease is proposed at an estimated cost of \$240,000.

**2007-06-186 Moved by P. Hemsing that the 2,400 acre regrass project in Rolling Hills be done this year. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.03.4 Community Grazing Round Up Date**

Mr. Hale requested that the Board consider setting an extended Round Up date for community grazing to give members adequate time to book sales and the option to stay out later.

**2007-06-187 Moved by A. Nielsen that Community Grazing Associations be given the option of extending their Round Up Date from October 15<sup>th</sup> to October 31, 2007, weather permitting. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:14 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**9.04 Country Residential Subdivisions**

E. Wilson reviewed the requirements for country residential subdivisions. A ratio of 3:4, or approximation, will be used for all new subdivisions. For example, when a subdivision owner is:

- requesting 3 acre feet of water, 4 irrigation acres must be purchased or given up and transferred to the EID.
- requesting 2 acre feet of water, 3 irrigation acres must be purchased or given up and transferred to the EID.
- requesting 1 acre feet of water, 2 irrigation acres must be purchased or given up and transferred to the EID.

**9.02 Request to Lease or Purchase Part of One Tree Reservoir ROW**

A request has been received from John Dyck to lease or purchase a portion of the One Tree Reservoir right-of-way in NE 14-19-14 W4M to enable a proposed windshield pivot to operate. Mr. Wilson suggested the District offer an irrigated farm lease for a slightly smaller pivot to operate, so as not to encroach on too much of the right-of-way.

**2007-06-188 Moved by P. Hemsing that a portion of the One Tree Reservoir ROW on NE 14-19-14 W4M be leased to John Dyck as an irrigated farm lease. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[11:32 a.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch break.]

**10.0 Equipment****10.01 550 Diesel Trucks**

As two of the 550 diesel trucks have been having considerable trouble, E. Wilson proposed to trade them in earlier on new models. Lighter weight, gas models are anticipated to meet the current needs.

**2007-06-189 Moved by T. Livingston the District trade two 2004 550 diesel trucks on the purchase of two 2008 450 gas trucks from Harwood Ford. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**10.02 Trailer**

E. Wilson requested that a small tilt trailer be purchased for the bobcat, ensuring safer loading and unloading, and freeing up the current trailer to be used for hauling hi-hoe buckets, etc.

**2007-06-190 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase a small tilt trailer for transporting the bobcat, at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**11.0 Public Relations****11.01 Parade Float, Bassano Dam Tours, Walleye Video**

Mr. Wilson noted that once again this June the District float ran in the Brooks and Bassano parades under the organization of Darlene Fisher. Rick Martin made several Classroom Agriculture Program presentations in various schools; and several presentations to other groups. Mr. Martin and Margo Jarvis-Redelback also conducted 10 Bassano Dam tours, with more scheduled to follow. A copy of the "Fishing Alberta" television show filmed at Crawling Valley Reservoir last August was viewed after the meeting. Mr. Wilson indicated that an article on the mountain snow pack was not submitted as there was significant rainfall this spring.

**11.02 Request for Financial Support – Bow River Basin Council**

E. Wilson inquired if the District would be willing to make a donation to the BRBC; specifically towards their water quality study. The District has donated money previously. Directors concluded that a significant amount should be contributed to promote the importance of water quality. Mr. Wilson was recognized for his considerable time spent on one of the BRBC committees and as vice-chair of their board.

**2007-06-191 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District donate \$25,000 to the Bow River Basin Council to be used towards their water quality study. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**12.0 Other****12.01 Response to SRB re Surface Rights Act Review**

A letter drafted by E. Wilson was presented and approved for sending.

**12.05 Letter from EID Historical Park**

A letter to the Board was received from the EID Historical Park requesting free internet service. Internet service is required for them to be an approved Alberta Visitor Information Provider. Their request for free internet was declined as similar requests from other non-profit groups have also been declined.

**12.02 AIPA – Report of Meeting with Executive**

Bob Chrumka reported on the AIPA Executive meeting he attended, noting that a Water Conservation Policy Handbook is being developed for release by the March 2008 convention. The EID will contribute its policies towards this handbook. As well, Irrigation Council has gotten the approval to attend future AIPA meetings.

**12.03 Letter from Silver Sage Community Corral**

Mr. Wilson met with the Silver Sage committee regarding their long term plans. The amount of land desired for expanded services was discussed, as well as the necessary land leveling. To enable the organization to access government grants, and for the Kinsmen to consider moving their amenities, it is required that their leases be long term. Currently one lease is long term and the newer one is annual. E. Wilson will contact other construction companies regarding possible involvement in leveling this area.

**2007-06-192 Moved by T. Livingston that the Silver Sage Community Corral's current leases be combined into 1 long term lease with the same term as the original, and with the option to expand. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**12.04 Irrigation Expansion Plan Update**

Mr. Wilson presented preliminary plans to date for irrigation development on District land. Four different locations are being considered in the Gem area. Size, quantity and arrangements of pivots are some of the considerations at this point. Estimated costs will be reported at the next meeting.

[2:12 p.m. – 2:18 p.m. Short break.]

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 13.01 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, July 16    |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, July 24   |
| 13.03 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, August 28 |

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:02 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**July 24, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.03 Power Hook Ups
- 10.10 AIPA

**2007-07-193 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 June 26, 2007**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 68, 7.03, replace "feasible" with "practical due to silting issues".

**2007-07-194 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the June 26, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 WeatherBug Weather Stations**

Mr. Wilson has received confirmation that the Alberta Agriculture and Environment Canada weather station data will be included with the WeatherBug weather station data. In consideration of these four existing sites in the Bassano, Rosemary, Rolling Hills and Brooks areas and historical weather patterns, three weather stations will be purchased and set up on District internet towers in Gem, Rainier and Tilley.

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 June 30, 2007 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to Jun 30, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are 12% above YTD budget and are \$1.38 million more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 8% less than YTD budget but are \$93,700 more than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$9.7 million.

- The sale agreement for the Lake Newell Resort water and sewer systems has been finalized, along with the land transfer, and the documents are ready for signing by Lake Newell Utility Inc.'s directors
- The District received a \$24,554 rebate from WCB this month. These funds were applied to reduce the current year's WCB expenses.
- The District also received a \$66,144 federal fuel tax rebate. These funds will be applied to reduce the current year's fuel expenses.

**2007-07-195 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2007, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**4.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed.

**2007-07-196 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**4.03 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report, noting the following:

- The market value of the District's investments at June 30, 2007 is \$6.5 million more than at December 31, 2006.
- As interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income investments declines. The market value of some of the District's investments is being suppressed and, in some cases, is less than book value; this is a normal market fluctuation. The District will realize the full value of each investment as it matures.

**2007-07-197 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[9:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Short break.]

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented R. Hayes' report, noting that a new email server was ordered and installed along with the new office networking equipment. Over the last month there had been continual random problems with email service which forced a change earlier than had been planned. Previous plans had replacements budgeted for fall; the web server will still be replaced at that time. All three new towers are erected with power connected. This month will see tower equipment and cabinets installed on the new towers, and the taking down of the two towers donated from Grasslands Regional School Division. Installations on the new towers are hoped to begin in early August.

**6.0 Operations**

**6.01 Water Use**

Mr. Wilson reported that the District is currently diverting 3,100 cfs and spilling 2,500 cfs. The spill is predicted to fall by 1,000 cfs by tomorrow night, and we will likely have to reduce our diversion within a week. We should be able to stay well above the 400 cfs minimum spill and still meet our demand.

[9:55 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

With the crops ripening early, a water shortage is not foreseen. Reservoirs are at 91% storage capacity, and the demand for water will drop dramatically in about 2 weeks. This month had a

peak of 954 farmers irrigating in the middle of the month, with that number holding strong to this date. Historically, a peak of well over 1,000 was realized in really dry years. Also of note, were damages incurred by the June 29<sup>th</sup> storm affecting electrical work at some of the District pump stations.

## **6.02 3 Farm Improvements**

### **6.02.1 J. Chesney – NW 16-20-13 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 1,290' of 12" gated pipe at a cost of \$5,310. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-07-198 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for J. Chesney for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the NW 16-20-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

### **6.02.2 H. & B. Seely – NW 12-20-14 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 900m of 8" gated pipe at a cost of \$6,600. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-07-199 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for H. & B. Seely for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the NW 12-20-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

### **6.02.3 W. & F. Tobler**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 1,200' of gated pipe at a cost of \$6,000. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-07-200 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for W. & F. Tobler for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the Sw 21-20-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[10:11 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

## **6.03 Power Hook Ups**

B. Chrumka presented the concept of the District acting as a middle man to achieve consistent quotes on power supply to pump sites. J. Meador and I. Friesen are to look into this possibility.

## **7.0 Engineering Report**

### **7.01 22 Bow Slope**

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 7 kms southeast of Scandia and is slated for the 2007/08 construction year. The existing canal comes off the Bow Slope Canal and continues west for approximately 3 kms; currently irrigating 459 acres, 80% which is sprinkler. There are erosion and flow control problems with this system.

The proposed rehabilitation consists of replacing the existing works with 3,000 m of PVC gravity pipeline. The recommended alignment is to come off the Bow Slope Canal further upstream of the existing inlet and hit the center of Pederson's pivot he will be putting up in the SW 02; continue along and hit the existing deliveries of the 22 Bow Slope system. This new system will supply

516 acres, 100% which is sprinkler; and is recommended that it be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$615,000.

**2007-07-201 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 22 Bow Slope by installing a gravity pipeline system; to be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$615,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.02 03-02-05C East Branch**

This rehabilitation project is located directly north of Highway # 1 and east of Inter Lake and Jamison Lake. The current system serves 2 parcels (167) acres off of Inter Lake, 3 parcels (336 acres) off of Jamison Lake, 10 parcels (751 acres) off the canal, and 56 acreages that will be expanding to 70 in the future. Severance, flooding, seepage, drainage and water stagnation are problems with the existing system.

The proposed rehabilitation consists of tying in with the existing pipeline south of Highway # 1, installing a vault structure, open overflow pipeline to Inter Lake, closed pipeline to serve the 6 quarters and acreages, relocating landowner pumps, and installing a larger control structure between Inter Lake and Jamison Lake. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,300,000.

**2007-07-202 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 03-02-05C East Branch by installing control structures and a closed pipeline; to be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$1,300,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

The proposed design is only feasible if the landowner agrees to move his legal deliveries and pump sites to Jamison Lake for three parcels. Doing these relocations at the time of the rehabilitation results in the following Infrastructure Savings Grant.

**2007-07-203 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant of \$25,000 for Johnson Farms, E ½ 16-19-14 W4M and Parcel D NW 15-19-14 W4M, for relocating the deliveries and pump sites in all 3 quarters at the time of the 03-02-05C East Branch rehabilitation. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**7.03 AH North Bantry**

This canal rehabilitation project is located 8 kms SE of Patricia running through Sec. 34-19-12 W4M and Sec. 03, 04, 09, 10 and 11-20-12 W4M. This canal provides service for 4,057 irrigable acres of which about 30% is pump and sized for 90 cfs. Bank erosion from cattle and overgrown vegetation are a problem.

The proposed rehabilitation consists of rebuilding the existing 6,500 m canal and installing buried liner. A slight change in alignment will allow a landowner's pivot to run full circle without running on the canal bank. This project is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$2,550,000.

**2007-07-204 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of AH North Bantry by rebuilding the canal and installing buried liner; to be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$2,550,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[10:40 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Equipment**

**8.01 Quotes on Hi Hoes**

Mr. Wilson presented quotes received on the 350 and 240 class excavators commenting on the equipment and service levels for each brand.

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**2007-07-205** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rental and option to purchase of a John Deere 350 Excavator for \$314,900 and a John Deere 240 Excavator for \$247,500 from Brandt Tractor Ltd. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

## **9.0 Lands**

### **9.01 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Newell Hutterian Brethren**

E. Wilson presented a transfer request from the Newell Hutterian Brethren. They wish to transfer up to 160 acres from E ½ 15-23-18 W4M to the E ½ 08 or N ½ 05-23-18 W4M. They will be pumping and pipelining this water directly from the Crawling Valley Reservoir at their cost.

**2007-07-206** Moved by F. George that the Board approve, subject to soils and the legal water delivery remaining at Crawling Valley, the transfer of 160 irrigation acres from E ½ 15-23-18 W4M to E ½ 08 or N ½ 05-23-18 W4M, lands being owned by the Newell Hutterian Brethren. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

### **9.02 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Grant Juss to Cory Baksa to be held for future CR Develop.**

Cory Baksa and Grant Juss have submitted an application to transfer 6 irrigation acres from Grant's land by the overpass to Cory to be held for future Country Residential development. The existing irrigation acres must be transferred within the year.

This item was tabled to next month's meeting. Further consideration to the current policy of granting water agreements for Country Residential subdivisions was deemed necessary.

[11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch break. Bob Hale entered the meeting.]

### **9.03 Grazing**

The Rolling Hills regrass project is approximately 2 weeks into the job. The rebuilding of the Rolling Hills corrals will be complete in a couple of days at an approximate cost of \$12,000 – \$14,000 for labour and materials. \$5,000 of the expenses will be offset from the Rolling Hills Grazing Association's insurance.

A couple incidents of dust control with oil & gas activity were addressed in the Rosemary and Tide Lake areas. With the high temperatures the last week and a half, cattle are found standing in water holes. The Tilley Grazing Lease is needing additional water in the Tide Lake Ducks Unlimited area for cattle access.

#### **9.03.1 Request to use EID Land to Host Sheepdog Trial Competition**

Mr. Hale advised that Ian Zoerb is once again requesting permission to use EID lands to host a Sheepdog Trial Competition, slated for August 23 – 27, 2007. It was noted that last year's trials went well, and there would be no problem for the organization to use the same portion of land for their event.

**2007-07-207** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the use of EID land west of the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for a Sheepdog competition, and for participant camping. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

[1:14 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

### **9.04 Irrigation Development on EID Land Update**

A development location, and proposed project plan with estimated cost, was selected in the Gem area. Mr. Wilson will present options for the disposal of this District land at next month's meeting.

**9.05 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Larger Boat Dock**

Mr. Chrumka advised that the boat dock at the Rolling Hills Reservoir marina is inadequate in serving the present demand. As enforcing a limited time stay may prove to be quite unmanageable, the Board approved the expansion of the boat dock.

**2007-07-208 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the expansion of the boat dock at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground to accommodate camper's use, day use and seasonal lease spots. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[3:36 p.m. – 3:44 p.m. Short break.]

**10.0 General Manager's Report****10.01 Duchess Shop Update**

E. Wilson presented a proposed shop design and cost estimates, with the suggestion of building adjacent to the present shop on the Duchess yard. In discussion of usage, shop location, and shop and crane size, the following motion was passed.

**2007-07-209 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the construction of a new Duchess shop, approximately 50' x 100' with additional office space. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[3:04 p.m. P. Hemsing exited the meeting.]

**10.02 Request from Joe Chomistek to have EID Financially Support Research of BioFuel Produc.**

An email was received from Joe Chomistek requesting financial support from the District for a private research project on bio-fuel production. Administration is to draft a letter of response from the Board declining this request.

**10.03 Boat Lifts at Lake Newell**

Mr. Wilson reviewed recent administrative correspondence sent to homeowners at Lake Newell Resort regarding personal boat lifts and docks. As the District owns a 50' to 100' right-of-way bordering the reservoir, and as it was clearly indicated to developers that personal boat lifts and docks are not allowed, this regulation will be upheld. A delegation of homeowners has been given the option to present their concerns to the Board.

**10.04 Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Bend, Oregon, Oct. 1-4**

A. Nielsen, T. Livingston and P. Hemsing are considering attending this tour.

**10.05 International Conference on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID) – Sacramento, CA, Oct 3-6**

The General Manager and the Engineering Manager are considering attending this tour.

**2007-07-210 Moved by F. George that the Board approve Earl Wilson, Ivan Friesen and any Directors to attend the International Conference on Irrigation & Drainage in Sacramento, California on October 3-6, 2007. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**10.06 Irrigation District Infrastructure Management System Report (IDIMS)**

E. Wilson presented the all districts and EID infrastructure data summary, noting that the ratings have seen definite improvement over the years.

**10.07 Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP) Formula**

Irrigation Council has requested input for review of the current IRP allocation formula. Mr. Wilson will respond with the suggestion that 95% of the total IRP funding be allocated 50% on irrigated acres and 50% on replacement cost of eligible infrastructure; and the remaining 5% be allocated by Irrigation Council as either by the formula or in another manner if they see the need. Further,

the EID would like Council to raise the dollar amount on eligible major structures, as it is eliminating too many.

**10.08 Water for Life Strategy Renewal (Workbook)**

Directors are encouraged to submit their questionnaires on line or by mail so that adequate irrigation sector input is given to this provincial strategy.

**10.09 Review of Algae and Aquatic Weeds in EID**

Mr. Wilson advised that regular aquatics are seen throughout the District, but that a few areas are experiencing significant problems. Ron Zurawell, Algae Specialist, and Jay White, private consultant, were requested to assess some of these areas to give input on possible solutions for control. Green algae, though a nuisance, is harmless and appears as slimy growth on rocks or sits on the surface of the water. Blue-Green algae is of greater concern as it is toxic when dying. This algae is aggressive and is suspended throughout the water. All algae propagates quicker in stable, slow flowing or shallow water thus systems with these conditions are highly affected. Deeper areas with no oxygen and phosphorous leaching from the ground also promotes Blue-Green algae growth. Mr. Wilson will seek approval to use Blue Stone in moving water on a study basis, to address some of the algae problems. The District will also need to switch some of the solar powered screen cleaners over to electricity in order for the cleaners to keep up with the demand.

**10.10 AIPA**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the District's satisfaction with progress made through AIPA, and possible alternative options. A letter notifying AIPA of the following decision is to be sent at the beginning of September.

**2007-07-211 Moved by N. Johnson that the Eastern Irrigation District take a year's absence from AIPA and focus on other avenues in promoting the interests of the District. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**11.0 Other**

**11.01 Trip to Montana**

Alternatively to the Montana trip suggested by Irrigation Council, Mr. Wilson offered to set up various tours on the Bow River of more interest to the EID.

**11.02 Tim Ball**

T. Livingston mentioned that there may be corporate interest in bringing in this speaker to the area again.

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 12.01 | Regular Board Meeting                                  | - Tuesday, August 28                   |
| 12.02 | EID Staff Golf Tournament                              | - Wednesday, September 12              |
| 12.03 | Regular Board Meeting                                  | - Tuesday, September 25                |
| 12.04 | Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Bend, Oregon     | - Oct. 1-4, Allen, Tom, Pat may attend |
| 12.05 | Inter. Conf. on Irrigation & Drainage – Sacramento, CA | - Oct 3-6, Earl & Ivan attending       |

**T. Livingston moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:15 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**August 3, 2007 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]		
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 In-Camera**

The Board convened in an in camera session.

**2.0 Crab Lake Spillway ROW (Jake Doerksen) Update**

[9:20 a.m. Earl Wilson, Kevin Bridges and Gary Redelback joined the meeting].

Mr. Chrumka informed the Board regarding a telephone conversation he had with Jake Doerksen where Mr. Doerksen raised concerns about a conflict with EID staff. Mr. Wilson updated the Board on a meeting he had with both Jake and Arno Doerksen regarding the Doerksens' adverse possession claim against a portion of the EID's land in the NW 34-22-16 W4M and regarding access by water haulers to a water source on that land. Mr. Redelback updated the Board on communications he has had with water haulers and oil and gas companies. As the EID owns the easterly portion of the NW 34-22-16 W4, the EID directs oil and gas companies to this location to access water. Water haulers and oil and gas companies have reported to Gary that the Doerksens have told them not to access water in this location and have directed them to an alternate location. Gary was also advised that a sign had been posted enroute to the water source advising people to call the phone numbers on the sign in order to obtain permission to enter the site. The phone numbers on the sign are not the EID's but rather are reported to be for the Doerksens. Preventing access to this water source and redirecting these companies to an alternate source is creating confusion, unnecessary delays and, in some cases, extra expense due to the increased distance to the alternate location.

The Board reviewed the situation and discussed a few alternatives. The Board decided that the conflict caused by the interference by the Doerksens must end and, as written correspondence, telephone conversations and in-person meetings have not been successful, legal counsel would be retained to take the steps necessary to stop the interference.

**2007-08-212 Moved by T. Livingston that Dennis Roth of Ackroyd LLP law firm be retained to firstly contact Mr. Jake Doerksen in writing requesting that he and his family discontinue interfering with the EID's use of its land and, more particularly, access to the water source in the NW 34-22-16 W4 and further, if the written request does not produce satisfactory results, to obtain a court order and to take any further steps that may be necessary to ensure that the EID's title to and use and enjoyment of its land is preserved. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:55 a.m. G. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**3.0 Other**

**3.01 Potential Illegal Irrigation Update**

There was a brief discussion and question and answer period regarding illegal irrigation and the steps taken to correct that situation.

**3.02 Staffing**

Lastly, recruitment and staffing changes in Water District Supervisor positions was discussed.

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:17 a.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**August 28, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.08 Request to Transfer & Increase Irrigation Acres – Robert McKnight
- 8.05 District Managers Meeting
- 8.06 Staffing
- 8.07 2007 Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting
- 8.08 2008 Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting
- 8.09 Irrigation Council Workshop
- 8.10 Application for License Amendment
- 9.0 Other
- 9.01 Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) Meeting

**2007-08-213 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**9.0 Other****9.01 Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) Meeting**

T. Livingston reported on the EPAC meeting he attended, where the value and storage of water, protection of wildlife and environment, and economic development were discussed.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 July 24, 2007**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 77, 9.02, replace the last sentence with “The existing irrigation acres must be transferred within the year.”

**2007-08-214 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the July 24, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.02 August 3, 2007**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Page 81, 2.0, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, replace the first and second sentences with “Mr. Chrumka informed the Board regarding a telephone conversation he had with Jake Doerksen where Mr. Doerksen raised concerns about a conflict with EID staff. Mr. Wilson updated the Board on a meeting he had with both Jake and Arno Doerksen regarding the Doerksens’ adverse possession

claim against a portion of the EID's land in the NW 34-22-16 W4M and regarding access by water haulers to a water source on that land."

- Page 81, 2.0, second paragraph, prior to "interference by the Doerksens" insert "conflict caused by the".

**2007-08-215 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the August 3, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

A variety of questions were responded to by Administration.

### **4.0 Financial Report**

#### **4.01 New Investment Dealer**

K. Bridges presented an overview of research regarding investment opportunities with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. In order to ensure competitive investment proposals for the District, Mr. Bridges recommended that an account be opened with this company.

**2007-08-216 Moved by C. Henrickson that an account in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with:**

**Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.**

**And That any 2 of the following:**

- a) Robert Chrumka, Chairman, Board of Directors,**
- b) Allen Nielsen, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors,**
- c) Earl Wilson, General Manager, or**
- d) Kevin Bridges, Assistant General Manager**

**Be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District to enter orders, give instructions, sign documents, buy, sell, withdraw assets and trade in bonds, stripped coupons, debentures, guaranteed investments, corporate securities and any other investments and/or securities and/or contracts relating thereto having a minimum investment grade rating as set out in the District's Investment Policy, by exchange or otherwise, for the account and risk of the Eastern Irrigation District and the Eastern Irrigation District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of this authorization;**

**And That any withdrawals from the said account shall be made payable only to the Eastern Irrigation District;**

**And That all of the above-listed actions carried out on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District shall be valid and binding on the Eastern Irrigation District;**

**And That this authorization shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of revocation thereof shall have been filed by the Eastern Irrigation District with the appropriate branch of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report. Recently, the Jenner and Rosemary towers have been experiencing problems. In both cases new equipment is on order and should be installed near the end of August. The new tower completion has been delayed due to Fortis labour and IPPlus equipment delays. This is also anticipated to be rectified at the end of the month when the equipment is expected to arrive. Wireless accounts are currently at 787 customers, and dial-up at 642 customers.

[9:42 a.m. – 9:48 a.m. Short break; B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Lands****7.04 Grazing Report**

B. Hale reported that the Bantry Grazing Association discovered 5 calves which died due to being inadvertently locked into one of their corrals, presumably for several days. He was not sure if the calves forced entry and then could not leave, or if the corral gate was left open and then swung shut. It was noted that a similar incident involving bulls occurred at the Rosemary lease some years ago. As the individual associations do not carry insurance for this type of occurrence, the following motion was passed.

**2007-08-217 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District reimburse \$500/calf for the 5 calves that died from being trapped in the Bantry Grazing Lease corral. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2007-08-218 Moved by P. Hemsing that a letter be sent to all grazing associations requesting them to remove gates from corrals or lock corrals shut when not in use. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

B. Hale added that the reseeding projects are going well and the recent rains helped out considerably. The Kitsim field barley crop is quite varied in its maturity and will pose harvesting difficulties. It appears to Mr. Hale that some oil and gas companies may have been lax in their weed spraying as lots of weeds have entered some native grass areas. There has been fairly good response to dust control issues. The waterline in the Bassano grazing lease is finished. Secondary Highway # 535 east of Highway # 36 past the Rolling Hills Reservoir, will eventually need to be fenced due to traffic. There is the possibility of this highway being paved in the future. WCB insurance has covered a lease rider's fall involving a broken ankle. Finally, though an extended Round-Up date has already been approved, Mr. Hale will find out when associations are actually coming off the leases.

[10:15 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**6.0 Operations****6.01 Water Use to Date**

E. Wilson reported that diversion off the Bow River is down to 700 cfs this morning. There are still no issues in supply meeting demand. Reservoirs are being intentionally drawn down somewhat.

**6.02 Parcels at or near 24"**

Approximately half a dozen water users have been recorded for being over their allotted 24" of water. As these water users were not irrigating responsibly, they have been shut off. However, there are legitimate water users getting close to 24". Mr. Wilson recommended increasing the water allocation for the duration of this year's season.

**2007-08-219 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the temporary increase in water allocation per acre from 24" to 30" for the duration of the 2007 irrigating season. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**6.03 3 Farm Improvements**

E. Wilson presented the farm improvements on behalf of J. Meador.

**6.03.1 Fred Conners – NE 29-20-12 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing a line of gated pipe directly north and a line directly west of the existing delivery off of AH North Bantry pipeline. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-08-220 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Fred Conners for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the NE 29-20-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.03.2 H. & F. Norden – NW 30-17-13 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing a line of gated pipe south, with a secondary line off that one to the west, from the existing delivery site off the G-West Bantry pipeline. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-08-221 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for H. & F. Norden for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the NW 30-17-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.03.3 A. & C. Walde – NE 31-22-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 151 acres; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 151 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. 130 acres flood to pivot = \$7,800. \$2,500 was already awarded to this quarter June 26, 2007 for the installation of gated pipe. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$5,300.

**2007-08-222 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. & C. Walde for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in the NE 31-22-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$5,300. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

The landowner has requested to sell the remaining 21 acres of water rights back to the EID at \$700/acre.

**2007-08-223 Moved by P. Helsing that the Board approve the purchase of A. & C. Walde's 21 acres of water rights on NE 31-22-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 21 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$14,700. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.04 Water Shut Off Date**

After discussing the proposed October 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> dates, the Board approved October 12<sup>th</sup> as the shut off date for 2007.

**2007-08-224 Moved by F. George that the Board set the Shut Off date for irrigation water at October 12, 2007. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

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**7.0 Lands (cont'd)****7.01 Hamlet Status at Lake Newell Resort**

Mr. Bridges presented a report on the Lake Newell Resort meeting which he attended, along with representatives from both condominium associations, Lake Newell Resort Developers Ltd. and the County of Newell. The prerequisites for hamlet status and information on grant programs were discussed. The pros and cons of the EID's undeveloped land becoming part of the hamlet were also discussed. Although the Board has no objections at this time to consenting to hamlet status, it was deemed less influential to let the other parties indicate their preference initially.

**7.02 WDS Acreage on Lake Road – NE 05-18-14 W4M**

The current renter of this acreage, an EID employee, will be retiring this fall. He has enquired to either purchase the entire quarter section or just the existing yard site, or remain as a renter. The Board decided that this EID residence will not be sold at this time and will remain on a rental basis. The employee may continue renting from the District if he wishes to do so.

**7.03 Land Sale of Part W ½ 11-15-15 W4M**

E. Wilson asked the Board to revisit their discussion on the sale of the above stated land. Traditionally, when a canal severance occurs isolating a small portion of land, in this case approximately 10 acres, it is offered for sale to the adjacent landowner. As this portion of land has no legal access, it can either be sold to the adjacent landowner or combined as one parcel with the portion to the north. The following motion was passed by the Board.

**2007-08-225 Moved by T. Livingston that Pt. SW 11-15-15 W4M be offered for sale to the adjacent landowner for \$1,500/acre and if it is not accepted, be put up for sale with Pt. NW 11-15-15 W4M as one parcel, with the District covering the survey costs in either case. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED**

**7.05 Request to Transfer Grazing Lease # 7051 – Henrickson Farming to Henrickson Ranching**

A request has been received for Private Grazing Lease # 7051 to be transferred from Henrickson Farming to Henrickson Ranching. These companies are comprised of different individuals. Henrickson Farming also currently holds an Annual Private Grazing Lease of 400 acres which was divided out of this lease a few years ago.

**2007-08-226 Moved by P. Helsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7051 to be transferred from Henrickson Farming to Henrickson Ranching; and that Annual Private Grazing Lease # 7247 remain as a separate lease. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.06 Irrigated Lease # 8141 – Henrickson Farming**

This irrigated lease agreement will expire at the end of 2007. A letter will be sent to the lessees informing them of their options to either: a) extend the lease 10 years; b) terminate the lease; or c) terminate the Lease and have the District put the land up for sale for a minimum price with them having the right to match the high bidder. A minimum price that the Board is willing to accept must be set.

**7.07 Irrigated Lease # 8137 – Joe Drotos Jr.**

This irrigated lease agreement will expire at the end of 2007. A letter will be sent to the lessee informing him that it will not be renewed due to poor soil conditions and difficulty in supplying water. Mr. Chrumka requested that a copy of prior correspondence to the leaseholder indicating the eventual cancellation be included in the final termination notice.

**2007-08-227 Moved by T. Livingston that Irrigated Farm Lease # 8137 - Joe Drotos Jr. be canceled at the end of its term this year due to poor soil and the removing the need to keep Tilley A Reservoir full at all times. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED**

**7.08 Request to Transfer & Increase Irrigation Acres – Robert McKnight**

T. Livingston passed on a request from Robert McKnight to transfer irrigation acres from land in 21-14 W4M to a location in 20-13 W4M, and to increase acres. This request will be considered in November when the other Increase in Irrigation Acres applications are handled.

**8.0 General Manager's Report****8.04 AIPA Draft Letter**

The Board approved the drafted letter to be sent to AIPA Executive and copied to all irrigation districts.

**2007-08-228 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board send the drafted letter to the AIPA Executive informing them of the District's decision to not renew their membership for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.05 District Managers Meeting**

Mr. Wilson reported on the recent District Managers Meeting which he attended. Each district is working on correcting numbers in the "Full Cost Accounting for Irrigation District Management Infrastructure" prepared by AMEC Earth & Environmental for Alberta Environment. They are also working on a Water Conservation Plan. Discussion at the meeting centered on Rural Water Use Purposes agreements and other usages. Districts are being approached for water by golf courses, etc. that fall into this category. The general water license transfer plebiscite is supported as a better approach than specific plebiscites. It was also noted that districts need to work with Alberta Environment jointly a little more in setting appropriate diversion rates.

[11:28 a.m. – 1:09 p.m. Lunch break.]

**8.01 Irrigation Development on EID Land Update – Land Disposal**

Preliminary land disposal suggestions were presented for consideration for the Gem area project. Discussion ensued regarding soil composition and quality, with the following motion being passed.

**2007-08-229 Moved by T. Livingston that the District proceed with soil testing for the Gem area irrigation development project. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.02 Country Residential Rural Water Use Agreements**

Mr. Wilson asked for a review on the policy affecting new Country Residential Subdivisions. As the present policy works well where the parcel currently has irrigation, it does not where the parcel is dry and landowners have difficulty finding potential sellers of irrigation water rights. The current policy also has the potential to distort the actual value of the water rights, preventing most farm-to-farm sales from happening. The previous policy reads as follows:

*9.04 Country Residential Subdivisions*

*June 26, 2007*

*E. Wilson reviewed the requirements for country residential subdivisions. A ratio of 3:4, or approximation, will be used for all new subdivisions. For example, when a subdivision owner is:*

- requesting 3 acre feet of water, 4 irrigation acres must be purchased or given up and transferred to the EID.*
- requesting 2 acre feet of water, 3 irrigation acres must be purchased or given up and transferred to the EID.*
- requesting 1 acre feet of water, 2 irrigation acres must be purchased or given up and transferred to the EID.*

E. Wilson recommended changing the policy to when a landowner wishes to obtain a Country Residential water agreement, he/she turns back 1 acre of irrigation water rights per acre foot required, or pays the EID \$1,500 per acre foot required for the agreement.

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**2007-08-230** Moved by T. Livingston that the current Country Residential Subdivision policy be amended to:

- When a landowner wishes to obtain a Country Residential Rural Water Use Agreement, he/she turns back 1 acre of irrigation water rights per acre foot required, or pays the EID \$1,500 per acre foot required for the agreement.

Seconded by P. Hemsing. DEFEATED

**2007-08-231** Moved by N. Johnson that the current Country Residential Subdivision policy be amended to:

- When a landowner wishes to obtain a Country Residential Rural Water Use Agreement, he/she turns back 1 acre of irrigation water rights per acre foot required, or pays the EID \$2,500 per acre foot required for the agreement.

Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

### **8.03 Pressurized Systems**

Mr. Wilson also asked for a review on power charges for pressurized systems. There are presently 3 pressurized systems where the landowners pay the electrical bill. They paid a capital cost up front and pay a \$2.00/acre maintenance surcharge as well. When the District decided to become a self-retailer of power it proved to be quite volatile in price and farmers didn't know if they should irrigate due to the great fluctuations in power costs. As the Board did not want to consider subsidizing a small group of water users, they suggested the District go back to purchasing power through the retail system.

### **8.06 Staffing**

E. Wilson informed that one hi-hoe operator has been hired, and no suitable electrician applications have been received. Administration is in the midst of interviewing for the WDS positions, and the receptionist position will be advertised shortly due to Myrna Trimmer's resignation.

### **8.07 2007 Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting**

Irrigation Council is asking for input on how the tour and meeting could be revised in future years to be more valuable for districts. Mr. Wilson will respond and include any comments from the Board.

### **8.08 2008 Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting**

Irrigation Council is considering organizing special one-day tours of interest to the Bow River Headworks, St. Mary – Milk River Diversion Works (Western Montana), and Eastern Montana Irrigation Development (Reservoirs, Irrigation Works, Havre, Chinook, Malta areas). Mr. Wilson asked the Board to consider these options.

### **8.09 Irrigation Council Workshop – Final Report**

E. Wilson presented the Final Report from April 13, 2007 Irrigation Council Workshop with the 13 districts. The purpose of the workshop was to identify the key issues facing Alberta's irrigation industry currently and in the near future and to identify effective strategies to address those issues. Mr. Wilson will look into this document further.

### **8.10 Application for License Amendment**

For the District to be able to provide for other purposes, its water licenses need a change in wording. The application has been submitted, and the public notice of application for amendment will be advertised in all 4 local papers next week.

**10.0 Upcoming Events**

- 10.01 EID Staff Golf Tournament - Wednesday, September 12
- 10.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 25
- 10.03 Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Bend, Oregon - Oct. 1-4, Allen, Tom, Pat attending
- 10.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 23

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:19 p.m.**

**11.0 In-Camera**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**September 25, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.04.5 Robin Simpson – Pt. S ½ 31-16-12 W4M
- 9.05 Irrigated Lease # 8141 – Henrickson Farming
- 9.06 Hamlet Status at Lake Newell Resort
- 10.03 AIPA
- 10.04 Wetland Policy
- 10.05 Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Bend, Oregon
- 10.06 TransAlta Tour
- 10.07 2007 Gala – Afternoon of Food for Thought
- 10.08 Carbon Credit Trading 101 Workshop

**2007-09-232 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 August 28, 2007**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Page 85, 7.04, second sentence, replace “It” with “He”.
- Page 87, motion 2007-08-227, replace “and the difficulty in supplying water.” with “and removing the need to keep Tilley A Reservoir full at all times.”

E. Wilson is to investigate hook up fees for individual country residential agreements in other areas, as a starting point in developing a formula for the EID.

**2007-09-233 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the August 28, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Land Sale of Pt. W ½ 11-15-15 W4M – Bruce Takeda**

Mr. Wilson updated the Board regarding the EID’s offer to sell approximately 10 acres in Pt. W ½ 11-15-15 W4M to the adjacent landowner, and Mr. Takeda’s response. E. Wilson is to present Bruce Takeda with the District’s counter offer.

**2007-09-234** Moved by C. Henrickson that, in lieu of putting the combined parcel of 36 acres on Pt. SW 11-15-15 W4M up for public sale, a counter offer of \$1,125/acre be presented to Bruce Takeda for the 10 acres adjacent to his land; and that the acres to the north remain as District owned land until it is determined whether this offer is accepted. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

#### **4.0 List of Electors By-Law**

In order for a List of Electors to be prepared by the District for any election or plebiscite, a by-law is required by the Local Authorities Election Act. This by-law will remain in effect for all future elections or plebiscites, unless repealed.

Eastern Irrigation District  
**BY-LAW 859 (2007)**  
 By-Law Authorizing Preparation of List of Electors  
 [Local Authorities Election Act, Section 50(1)]

WHEREAS Section 50(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, RSA 2000, c. L-21, enables an elected authority to direct the secretary or returning officer to prepare a list of electors who are entitled to vote in an election;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors desires that a list of electors be prepared;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This by-law may be cited as the "List of Electors By-Law".
2. In the event an election, vote on a by-law or vote on a question is to be held, the returning officer shall prepare a list of electors who are entitled to vote.
3. This By-Law will come into force and take effect on the date it is adopted.

The within **By-Law 859 (2007)** is duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities Election Act as evidenced by the following readings of the By-Law.

**2007-09-235** Moved by C. Henrickson that **By-Law #859 (2007)** being a by-law authorizing the preparation of a list of electors, be introduced and read the first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**2007-09-236** Moved by C. Henrickson that **By-Law #859 (2007)** be read the second time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**2007-09-237** Moved by P. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to **By-Law #859 (2007)** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2007-09-238** Moved by P. Hemsing that **By-Law #859 (2007)** be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

#### **5.0 Financial Report**

##### **5.01 August 31, 2007 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to August 31, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are 8% above YTD budget and are \$1.05 million more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 13% less than YTD budget but are \$110,600 more than prior YTD.
- YTD potential Transfer to the IWF is \$11.0 million.

**2007-09-239 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2007, as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

## **6.0 EIDNet Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report. In regards to service issues, a portion of the equipment that was ordered for the Jenner and Rosemary Tower repairs has come in, apparently delayed due to supplier problems. This equipment is to be installed this week. Otherwise, there have just been the usual random problems scattered across the network. In regards to the new towers, the equipment needed to finish the projects is to come with the other ordered equipment. When it arrives the new towers can be completed and installs started.

## **7.0 Operations**

### **7.01 Water Use to Date**

Mr. Wilson reported that the current number of farmers irrigating is very low, due to the cold, wet weather the area is currently experiencing. At this point in time, the District has used approximately 400,000 acre feet of water, about two thirds of its license, this year. Reservoirs are at winter levels; and there will be some dumping at the Rolling Hills Reservoir and the north end of the system to keep flows going. It is anticipated that the dam diversion will end at the same time as the system shut down.

[9:41 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

### **7.02 New Water District Supervisor Boundaries**

E. Wilson reviewed the new WDS boundaries, reassessed due to two forthcoming retirements. The three current S2 (Kitsim), S3 (Bow Slope) and S4 (Ross/Scandia) areas will be changed to two areas with a dividing line roughly east-west past Rainier. Eliminating one position by dividing the three areas into two, balances out the supervisory workloads. The S5 (Aqueduct/Bantry), S6 (Elizabeth), and S7 (Tilley) areas will be adjusted according to system demands. Reconfiguring these areas enables each WDS to oversee their entire system.

### **7.03 Staffing Update**

Denis Jackson and John Harink will be retiring, and Garnet Neufeld has given notice. Newly hired staff are: Stuart Cleland – S7 Tilley, Jesse Odland – S3/4 Rainier/Scandia, and Brent Kroschel – S8 Rolling Hills. Also hired, is Jim Olund, as maintenance (backup WDS and backup machine operator).

### **7.04 4 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented four farm improvements for consideration by the Board.

#### **7.04.1 C. & W. Chomistek – NW 19-14-13 W4M**

A drain relocation on NW 19-14-13 W4M was negotiated between the landowner and the County of Newell. The County has relocated the drain for dirt to upgrade the road. They will remain responsible to maintain this portion of the drain. The cost to the EID for relocating this drain would have been approximately \$40,000.00. This Farm Improvement calls for the filling in of the old drain at an estimated cost of \$13,000.00, to be cost shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID.

**2007-09-240 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for C. & W. Chomistek for the drain relocation on NW 19-14-13 W4M at a cost of \$13,000; to be cost-shared 50/50 between the landowners and the EID. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**7.04.2 Johnson & Son Ranches – SW 15-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 139 acres; new pivot area is 131 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 131 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The landowner is choosing to keep the extra 8 acres outside the pivot circle at a cost of \$300/acre; and is requesting the flood well be changed to a riser at approximately \$1,200. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,860 (131 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) - \$1,200 (flood well to riser) = \$4,260.

**2007-09-241 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Johnson & Son Ranches for the conversion of 131 acres flood to pivot in the SW 15-15-15 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,860 (131 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) – approx. \$1,200 (flood well to riser) = \$4,260. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.04.3 Vern Parker – Pt. N ½ 19-15-13 W4M**

Current assessment on Part N ½ 19-15-13 W4M is 113 acres total (85 pivot, 28 flood). New pivot area is 30 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 28 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$1,680.

**2007-09-242 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Vern Parker for the conversion of 28 acres flood to pivot in Pt. N ½ 19-15-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,680. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment under the proposed pivot area being 28 acres and the new pivot area being 30 acres, 2 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

**2007-09-243 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 28 acres to 30 acres on Pt. N ½ 19-15-13 W4M, 2 acres being gained through efficiency; 2 acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$600. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

An Irrigable Unit is already in place. New assessment for the Irrigable Unit will be changed from 113 acres (85 pivot, 28 flood), to 115 acres (one 85 acre pivot, one 30 acre pivot).

Additional discussion took place regarding water users pipelining across adjacent land to pivot points. In this case, the EID gave permission to do so to avoid current contamination problems in that area. It is a temporary solution, and the cause of the contamination problem is under investigation.

**7.04.4 T. & G. Sigurdson – Pt. N ½ 27-14-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 229 acres (83 acres on Pt. NW, 146 acres on NE 27-14-14 W4M); new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user is requesting work done on the delivery site to accommodate the new pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$8,040 (134 acres flood to pivot) – approximately \$1,500 (delivery site) = \$6,540.

**2007-09-244 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for T. & G. Sigurdson for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in the N ½ 27-14-14 W4M. The**

**farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$8,040 (134 acres flood to pivot) – approx. \$1,500 (delivery site) = \$6,540. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

The water user is requesting to sell 22 acres of water rights in the four pivot corners, as well as 4 additional acres in the NE corner of NE 27-14-14 W4M back to the EID at \$700/acre.

**2007-09-245 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of T. & G. Sigurdson’s 22 acres of water rights on the 4 pivot corners in N ½ 27-14-14 W4M, and 4 acres in the NE corner of NE 27-14-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 26 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$18,200. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.04.5 Robin Simpson – Pt. S ½ 31-16-12 W4M**

Mr. Wilson asked for input on a preliminary Farm Improvement. As this parcel is an odd shape, the amount of acres required in this case to be docked from the grant if the landowner were to keep the water rights outside the pivot area, is in question.

[10:07 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; J. Meador exited the meeting, I. Friesen entered.]

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status to date.

PROJECT NAME	DETAILED DESIGN COMPLETE	RIGHT OF WAY SIGNED	COMMENTS
X Tilley	√	√	- construction started September 7, 2007
U-02 Tilley	√	0%	- issues have been resolved - ready for signing
AH North Bantry	√	0%	- no issues - agreements ready for signing
Springhill Structures	√	n/a	- contractor
North Branch Structures	√	n/a	- contractor
Bassano Dam	√	n/a	- contractor
16 Springhill	√	√	- no issues - acreage holders to be contacted
12 Rolling Hills	√	√	---
10 Bow Slope	√	√	---
22 Bow Slope	Not complete	0%	---
07-08 A Springhill	√	80%	- no issues
9 & 10 East Branch	Not complete	0%	---
03-02-05 C East Branch	√	80%	- no issues
01-16 Springhill	---	---	- project not approved
Antelope Creek	---	---	- project not approved

**8.02 Bassano Dam – Results of Electrical & Controls Upgrade Tenders**

E. Wilson presented the results of the tenders for the electrical and controls upgrades at the Bassano Dam. As the lowest bid did not meet several of the requirements laid out by MPE in the contract, MPE recommended accepting the lowest complete bid, from United Utility Services Ltd. Mr. Wilson agreed with MPE's recommendation.

**2007-09-246 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the lowest complete bid of \$355,500.00, from United Utility Services Ltd., for the Electrical and Controls Upgrade at the Bassano Dam. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[10:23 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Lands****9.01 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Jakob & Jo-anne Veentstra**

A linear irrigation system has been used to irrigate SW 10-18-14 W4M and SE 09-18-14 W4M. The landowner has extended the use of this system to include SW 09-18-14 W4M. The irrigable unit resolution registered on the original 2 parcels must be discharged and a new irrigable unit resolution must be registered on the 3 parcels.

**2007-09-247 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the discharge of an irrigable unit on SW 10-18-14 W4M and SE 09-18-14 W4M, lands being owned by Jakob and Jo-anne Veenstra. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2007-09-248 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on SW 10-18-14 W4M, SE 09-18-14 W4M and SW 09-18-14 W4M, lands being owned by Jakob and Jo-anne Veenstra. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**9.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Johnson Farms (Brooks) Ltd.**

As part of the rehab of 03-02-05C East Branch, the delivery point to service these 2 parcels (E ½ NE 16-19-14 W4M and E ½ SE 16-19-14 W4M) will be in NE 16-19-14 W4M off of Jamison Lake.

**2007-09-249 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on E ½ NE 16-19-14 W4M and E ½ SE 16-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Johnson Farms [Brooks] Ltd. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.03 Irrigable Unit Registration – Bearspaw Management Ltd.**

As part of the rehab of 03-02-05C East Branch, the delivery point to service these 2 parcels (NE 09-19-14 W4M and Pt. E ½ NW 09-19-14 W4M) will be in NW 09-19-14 W4M off of Inter Lake.

**2007-09-250 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on NE 09-19-14 W4M and Pt. E ½ NW 09-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Bearspaw Management Ltd. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[10:27 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**9.05 Irrigated Lease # 8141 – Henrickson Farming**

In following policy to sell all irrigated leases when their terms end, E. Wilson requested input on how to put this particular lease up for sale. The irrigated lease consists solely of 2 pivot circles, 212 acres and 219 acres each, located within the boundaries of a two section dry land grazing lease. Options for determining the boundaries were discussed, with a final decision being deferred to October's meeting.

**9.04 Grazing Report**

B. Hale presented the Grazing Report. Both the Gem lease rider and the Rosemary lease rider were injured from falls while riding in the lease this summer. WCB coverage, which is renewed annually by every grazing association, is covering these incidents.

**9.04.1 Report on GAC Meeting**

The majority of the grazing associations are coming off the lease somewhere between October 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, with three associations opting for the full extended round up date at the end of the month. Approximately 14,700 cattle are estimated for the 2008 grazing season. As there is good grass carry over, and some members are pulling out of their associations, the GAC recommended full members be allowed to list 50 head. This number will be reviewed in spring. The GAC also made the following recommendation to the Board of Directors:

*GAC07-03 Moved by B. Christensen that the EID set compensation for cows hit and killed on community grazing leases at \$750/cow and \$500/calf. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED*

**2007-09-251 Moved by A. Nielsen that compensation for cows hit and killed on community grazing leases be set at \$750/cow and \$500/calf, effective January 1, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[10:41 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**9.06 Hamlet Status at Lake Newell Resort**

K. Bridges updated the Board on the status of this application. As the other involved parties have given their intentions, the District has been asked to respond as well. The developer and both blocks 1 and 4 have requested to be included in the hamlet.

**2007-09-252 Moved by C. Henrickson that the EID advise the County Of Newell that the EID supports the formation of a hamlet at Lake Newell Resort, and that the EID requests that the EID land noted as Pt. N ½ 01-18-15 W4M, Pt. SW 07-18-14 W4M and Pt. NW 06-18-14 W4M be included in the Lake Newell Resort Hamlet, and that the County of Newell be advised that the EID's preference for the hamlet's name is Lake Newell Resort. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**10.0 General Manager's Report****10.01 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**

E. Wilson reviewed the status of this claim with the Board.

**10.02 Amendment to EID Water License Update**

Mr. Wilson informed the Board of meetings he has had with various groups and individuals explaining the District's water license amendment application. He recommended that a letter to the editor be submitted to the local newspapers, and also a newsletter to all water users be sent out to inform the public accurately regarding the amendment.

A revised "Letter to Water Users" was approved to be mailed the next day. A revised "Letter to the Editor" is to be submitted as a full size advertisement instead, to all 3 newspapers for next week's issue.

**10.03 AIPA**

A letter to the EID Chairman was received from the Taber Irrigation District asking the EID to reconsider its membership with the AIPA for the following year. The Board reaffirmed their decision to withdraw from AIPA for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

**10.04 Wetland Policy**

T. Livingston reported on Alberta Environment policy development regarding the restoration of wetlands. The District should be aware of the recommendations being put forward as they could impact landowners both where wetlands exist (green zones) or have been taken out (white zones). They currently distinguish between natural and created bodies of water and are targeting large urban sprawl; but either could change. There is a recognized push for government drainage grants to be discontinued. Missing from the proposal to have wetlands restored was an explanation of where the water would come from. Workbooks, also accessible online, are available to give input and were recommended to the Directors.

**10.05 Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Bend, Oregon**

Mr. Livingston will be unable to attend this tour due to unforeseen circumstances. There were no available Directors to take his place. P. Hensing and A. Nielsen will attend as planned.

**10.06 TransAlta Tour**

In conversation with Mr. Wilson, TransAlta has expressed a desire to tour the EID and also offered a tour of their facilities to the District. The Board agreed mutual tours would be beneficial; E. Wilson will book the visits.

**10.07 2007 Gala – Afternoon of Food for Thought – October 9<sup>th</sup>, Calgary**

Mr. Wilson explained that the “2007 Gala – Afternoon of Food for Thought” is a new series for 2007-2008 with various prominent speakers, topics and dates. This first event will host the Hon. George Groeneveld, Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Food at Calgary Stampede Park.

**2007-09-253 Moved by F. George that 4 tickets be purchased for Directors or Administration to attend the “2007 Gala – Afternoon of Food for Thought” in Calgary on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**10.09 Carbon Credit Trading 101 Workshop**

B. Chrumka presented information on the “Carbon Credit Trading 101” workshops being offered at various locations. The workshops are designed to increase understanding of rules, solutions, and opportunities within the Alberta carbon offset trading system. The Board requested that 2 Directors be registered for the Airdrie workshop on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**11.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 11.01 | Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Bend, Oregon | - Oct. 1-4, Allen and Pat attending |
| 11.02 | 2007 Gala – Afternoon of Food for Thought          | - Tuesday, Oct. 9, Calgary          |
| 11.03 | Carbon Credit Trading 101                          | - Wednesday, Oct. 17, Airdrie       |
| 11.04 | Regular Board Meeting                              | - Tuesday, October 23               |
| 11.05 | Regular Board Meeting                              | - Tuesday, November 27              |

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:50 a.m.**

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 Chairman

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 General

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 Manager

**October 23, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.05 Kitsim Irrigated Pasture
- 12.10 Crawling Valley Campground Boat Launch
- 12.11 2007 Cactus Pheasant Classic World Curling Tour

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 12.01 Country Residential Hook Up Fee Formula

**2007-10-254 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions and deletions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 September 25, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-10-255 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the September 25, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Bruce Takeda – SW 11-15-15 W4M; and Parcel NW 11-15-15 W4M**

E. Wilson informed that Mr. Takeda accepted the counter offer from the District for the SW parcel. The Board moved that the remaining land in the NW quarter be tendered for sale with a minimum bid of \$1,125/acre.

**2007-10-256 Moved by T. Livingston that the portion of land between the old and new Bow Slope canals on NW 11-15-15 W4M consisting of approximately 23 acres be tendered for sale, with the required minimum bid being \$1,125/acre. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**4.0 New Items****4.01 Report on Northwest Irrigation Operator's 2007 Tour**

A. Nielsen and P. Hemsing reported on the Northwest Irrigation Operator's 2007 Tour in Bend, Oregon which they attended from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Several differences were noted in the area

such as size of farms, commodity grown, water/acre, water rate, and problems with removing infrastructure due to removing water rights from parcels. It was noted that Bend is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, mostly due to tourism.

#### **4.02 Report on Carbon Credit Workshop**

B. Chrumka and N. Johnson reported on the Carbon Credit Workshop they attended in Airdrie on October 17<sup>th</sup>. As native prairie and forage crops do not apply, it appears that with the limitations and paper work involved the average farmer would not benefit from this program, let alone the District.

#### **4.03 Discussion on TransAlta Tour**

The Board and administrators appreciated the TransAlta tour on October 15<sup>th</sup>. They benefited from viewing TransAlta's systems and storage upstream, from Canmore to Calgary. A spring tour will be arranged for representatives from TransAlta to tour the District.

### **5.0 Financial Report**

#### **5.01 September 30, 2007 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to September 30, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are 8% above YTD budget and are \$905,600 more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 8% less than YTD budget but are \$40,500 more than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$11.9 million.

B. Chrumka requested from K. Bridges a total amount invested in community grazing water lines so far.

**2007-10-257 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to September 30, 2007, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### **5.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed.

**2007-10-258 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

#### **5.03 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report, noting the following:

- The market value of the District's investments at September 30, 2007 is \$8.8 million more than at December 31, 2006.

**2007-10-259 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[9:52 a.m. – 10:03 a.m. Short break; J. Meador and I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

### **6.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report. Currently, 627 dial-up customers and 796 wireless customers are connected. The work on the Jenner tower as well as all of the new towers is scheduled for the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Installs can then begin at the end of October or start of November. No other major issues have arisen in the last month.

## 7.0 Operations

### 7.01 5 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

#### 7.01.1 T. & Y. Doerksen – SE 33-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 63 acres; new pivot area is 68 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 63 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The delivery site is off of 12 North Branch pipeline and a riser will be installed at a cost of approximately \$1,200. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,780 (63 acres flood to pivot) – approximately \$1,200 (install riser) = \$2,580.

**2007-10-260 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for T. & Y. Doerksen for the conversion of 63 acres flood to pivot in the SE 33-22-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,780 (63 acres flood to pivot) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$2,580. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 63 acres and the new pivot area being 68 acres, 5 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

**2007-10-261 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 63 acres to 68 acres on SE 33-22-16 W4M, 5 acres being gained through efficiency; 5 acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$1,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

#### 7.01.2 R. Simpson – S ½ 31-16-12 W4M

Current assessment is 208 acres; new pivot area is 178 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 178 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site; this will be fed off of U Tilley which will be rebuilt this winter. This is a corner-arm pivot that picks up acres in both the SW & SE 31-16-12 W4M; an Irrigable Unit is already in place. The water user is choosing to keep the 10 extra acres in the NW, SW and SE corners at a deduction of \$300/acre. At a previous Board meeting, the Board agreed to not deduct for the large 20 acre piece in the NE corner. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$10,680 (178 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,000 (10 acres at \$300/acre) = \$7,680. The assessment will remain at 208 acres.

**2007-10-262 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for R. Simpson for the conversion of 178 acres flood to pivot in the S ½ 31-16-12 W4M. The landowner is choosing to keep the 10 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$10,680 (178 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,000 (10 acres at \$300/acre) = \$7,680. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

#### 7.01.3 H. & A. Torkelson – E ½ 02-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 153 acres (30 flood, 85 wheels); new pivot area is 115 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 30 acres flood and 85 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$1,800 (30 acres flood to pivot) + \$2,550 (85 acres wheels to pivot) = 4,350.

**2007-10-263 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for H. & A. Torkelson for the conversion of 30 acres flood to pivot and 85 acres wheels to pivot in the E ½ 02-20-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,800 (30 acres flood to pivot) + \$2,550 (85 acres wheels to pivot) = \$4,350. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 153 acres and the new pivot area being 115 acres, the landowner has requested to sell 11 extra acres of water rights in the N & S corners of the pivot, to the EID at \$700/acre. The new assessment will be 115 acres pivot and 27 acres wheels.

**2007-10-264 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of H. & A. Torkelson's 11 acres of water rights on the north and south pivot corners in E ½ 02-20-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 11 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,700. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.01.4 D. & I. Gray – SW 20-20-12 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing a line of gated pipe south from the NE corner of SW 20-20-12 W4M, with the delivery site remaining the same. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-10-265 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for D. & I. Gray for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the SW 20-20-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**7.01.5 Doug Gray – SW 06-20-13 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing a combination of gated and solid pipe in a step formation through SW 06-20-13 W4M, with the delivery site remaining the same. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-10-266 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Doug Gray for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood in the SW 06-20-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status to date.

PROJECT NAME	DETAILED DESIGN COMPLETE	RIGHT OF WAY SIGNED	COMMENTS
X Tilley	√	√	- dirt work complete, armour 50% com. - structures remain
U-02 Tilley	√	√	- dirt work complete - armour and structures remain
AH North Bantry	√	√	- additional relocation being considered
Springhill Structures	√	n/a	- contractor
North Branch Structures	√	n/a	- contractor
Bassano Dam	√	n/a	- contractor
16 Springhill	√	√	- overflow drain construction has commenced
12 Rolling Hills	√	√	---
10 Bow Slope	√	√	---
22 Bow Slope	50%	0%	---

07-08 A Springhill	√	80%	- no issues
9 & 10 East Branch	75%	0%	---
03-02-05 C East Branch	√	80%	- no issues
01-16 Springhill	---	---	- project not approved
Antelope Creek	---	---	- project not approved

Regarding the AH North Bantry rehab project, the Board supported to either trade land with, or remove Patricia Grazing Association's corrals on, Firmin Declercq's land in NW 34-19-12 W4M.

## 8.02 Cost Share Farm Improvements – Pipeline Extensions

I. Friesen presented the following pipeline extension Farm Improvements.

### 8.02.1 Clarence Procknow – NW 13-18-15 W4M – 9 & 10 East Branch

The water user's legal delivery is in the NW part of NW 13-18-15 W4M which feeds into a private ditch and slough. He currently pumps from the south end of the slough to irrigate the south half of this quarter. This Farm Improvement proposes installing a line extension off of the serving pipeline to avoid filling the slough and causing flooding to the neighbour to the north. After reviewing options 1 and 2 of the proposal, it was requested that Mr. Friesen present a revised version of option 1 to Mr. Procknow where the line would be sized and placed for a potential ¼ section pivot.

### 8.02.2 Martin's Bulk Fuel Ltd. – NW 24-18-15 W4M – 9 & 10 East Branch

Ed Martin's legal delivery is in the SW part of NW 24-18-15 W4M. This Farm Improvement proposes a line extension approximately 540 meters long and will save water as presently the landowner pumps at the pivot center. The pipeline will cost \$21,300; of which Mr. Martin will have to pay \$11,300.

**2007-10-267 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Martin's Bulk Fuel Ltd. for a water saving pipeline extension in NW 24-18-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$10,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

### 8.02.3 John & Jeff Charlton – NE 04-19-14 W4M – 03-02-05 East Branch

The Charlton delivery is in the NE portion of NE 04-19-14 W4M. Currently the water user diverts water through a head ditch to a dugout; they then have a line from the dugout to a pump. This Farm Improvement proposes a line extension teeing off of the new mainline on the west side of the parcel, directly feeding the dugout to avoid running water down the head ditch. The proposed pipeline will be 180 m long and cost \$4,860; of which Charlton's would pay \$2,430.

**2007-10-268 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for John and Jeff Charlton for a water saving alternate delivery in NE 04-19-14 W4M, subject to it being located at the pump site or the pump site is moved to the dugout. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,430. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

## 8.03 Water Measurement Special Funding (IRP)

E. Wilson will apply for this funding. He noted that there is no guarantee that every district will receive funds.

[10:45 a.m. R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

**8.04 Water For Life Special Funding**

Mr. Wilson informed that this funding request was originally declined, but has been appealed and may yet be approved.

[10:47 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**9.0 2008 Irrigation Applications****9.01 Johnson Farms – NE, SW & SE 21-20-14 & NE 16-20-14 W4M**

E. Wilson advised that Johnson Farms are installing four regular pivots and two 3-tower pivots on their Trimmer farm. They are converting approximately 560 acres of flood to pivot that would have a conversion factor of 1.2 (112 acres). Johnsons are asking if they can have 3 years to move these acres onto a different piece of land. Similar requests from other water users have been granted in the past.

**2007-10-269 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board grant Johnson Farms (Brooks) Ltd. 3 years to transfer 112 acres gained on conversion from flood to pivot on 4 quarters - NE, SW & SE 21-20-14 W4M and NE 16-20-14 W4M, subject to board approval when transferring. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**9.02 5 Irrigation Applications**

R. Matoba presented the overview of the applications for increases in irrigation acres that were received for 2008. Included were the evaluations of the applications based on the District's present policies. All applicants will be responded to in writing, with the refused applicants being notified of their right to appeal to Irrigation Council. Based on the criteria and the information presented, the following decisions were made:

**9.02.1 Robert McKnight – N 28 & Sec. 33-20-13 W4M**

The applicant would like to install 2 quarter section pivots. The soils have been completed for one pivot and the applicant is doing soils testing in another area for the second pivot. R. McKnight will require a remote delivery upstream on One Tree above the check structure. These irrigation acres would come from below Lake Newell.

**2007-10-270 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Robert McKnight irrigation application to increase the assessment on Pt. N 28 and Pt. Sec. 33-20-13 W4M from 0 acres to 275 acres by transferring 224 acres and adding 51 new acres below Lake Newell, subject to soils and subject to the water user meeting the requirements for a delivery point. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**9.02.2 Carl Chomistek – NW 19-14-13 W4M**

The applicant is converting from flood to low pressure pivot. All the extra acres required are through conversion efficiency. The landowner is not getting a soils classification so the maximum increase allowable is 29 acres. These irrigation acres would come from below Lake Newell.

**2007-10-271 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Carl Chomistek irrigation application to increase the assessment on NW 19-14-13 W4M from 98 acres to 127 acres, 29 acres being gained through efficiencies, coming from below Lake Newell. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**9.02.3 George Murray V – Pt. Sec. 33-18-13 W4M**

The applicant can install up to a 182 acre pivot and stay within the soils limitations. If approved, 18 acres are from efficiencies and 82 acres would be new acres below Lake Newell. The pressure at the pump station will drop by 10 lbs if this is added, making pressure marginal for this pivot and the pivot in section 21. A rotation between these pivots will be required, but is quite

manageable. Cost to add to the District system would be 100% landowners, including extension, ROW, engineering, etc. These irrigation acres will come from below Lake Newell.

**2007-10-272 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the George Murray V irrigation application to increase the assessment on Pt. Sec. 33-18-13 W4M from 0 to 182 acres by transferring 84 acres, gaining 18 acres through efficiencies, and adding 80 new acres below Lake Newell. This approval is subject to soils and also subject to Murray's signing a letter of acknowledgement that they may not be able to irrigate with all pivots at the same time, off of H Cowoki pressurized pipeline. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**9.02.4 Leon Torkelson (for Ella Beasley) – NE 17-20-13 W4M**

A previous application in 2006 was approved by the Board subject to the soils being irrigable. The soils were found to be non-irrigable. The applicant plans to retest the soils. These irrigation acres would come from below Lake Newell.

**2007-10-273 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Leon Torkelson irrigation application to increase the assessment on NE 17-20-13 W4M from 54 acres to 121 acres by adding 67 new acres below Lake Newell, subject to soils. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**9.02.5 John Ostafichuk – NE 06 & SE 07-22-12 W4M**

J. Ostafichuk is applying to flood irrigate an 18 acre irregular shaped parcel.

This irrigation application was denied due to the request being in an area where the water source is coming directly from the river.

[11:10 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands**

**10.01 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease # 7024 – Ella Beasley to Scott Sewall**

A request has been received for Private Grazing Lease # 7024 to be transferred from Ella Beasley to Scott Sewall. Mr. Sewall meets the requirements for the transfer.

**2007-10-274 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7024 to be transferred from Ella Beasley to Scott Sewall. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[11:13 a.m. R. Matoba exited the meeting, R. Martin entered.]

**10.02 Letter from Gem Grazing Association**

A letter to the Board was received from the Gem Grazing Association regarding random camping and motorcycle or ATV activities on the lease. Mr. Martin confirmed that there continues to be some random camping outside of the designated camping areas. He then reviewed that the community lease members have the authority to evict non-compliers and that by reporting license plate numbers to him enables him to trace the vehicle and send letters to the offenders. Unfortunately manpower limitations for both district staff and By-Law Officers do not allow for much more patrolling of the leases than is currently being done. A letter that states the designated camp sites on the north end will remain open for now, that the EID will be assisting with improving the Crawling Valley campground, and that license plate numbers of those not following EID policy be reported to Rick Martin for follow up, will be sent from the Board.

**10.03 Letter Requesting Support for Sunday Hunting**

A letter to Rick Martin was received from Terry Raymond requesting consent and support from the EID towards Sunday hunting. The Board declined this request. R. Martin will respond in letter to Mr. Raymond. A letter to Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development will also be sent from the Board.

[11:25 a.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

**10.04 Letter from Old Colony Mennonite Church – Request to Purchase Land**

A letter was received from Frank Wiebe of the Old Colony Mennonite Church requesting to purchase land from the EID. Mr. Wilson will respond that the District has denied this request.

**10.05 Kitsim Irrigated Pasture**

A. Nielsen brought forward concerns with the weed levels on the Kitsim irrigated pasture. Decisions regarding this piece of irrigated land are to be brought to the next board meeting to be discussed with B. Hale. One option may include farming the parcel for a couple years before reseeding it to pasture.

**11.0 Equipment**

**11.01 Sale of D6**

Mr. Wilson recommended a motion to accept Finning International Inc.'s spring trade in offer for the D6 as this quote is significantly higher than those from the auction companies.

**2007-10-275 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board accept Finning International Inc.'s trade in offer for the D6 dozer. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[11:36 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

**12.0 General Manager's Report**

E. Wilson presented the General Manager's Report.

**12.01 Aimoto Subdivision**

Mr. Wilson gave background to this subdivision, noting that originally the District declined to provide water to the proposed subdivision approximately 20 years ago. The subdivision went through County approval, and 2 years ago the District was approached once again for water. Coinciding with the 03 North Branch rehabilitation, the pipeline was extended and upsized to eventually serve the subdivision. The landowners propose to install a fully closed loop pipeline design, all within County ROW, all at landowners cost. This system includes no dugout, it would be hooked directly to the 03 North Branch pipeline. There are approximately 52 – 55 lots, which could be allowed as much as 2 acre feet surface irrigation per lot, equaling approximately a 100 acre foot agreement between the District and the County. As supplying the subdivision was approved in principle 2 years ago, it was recommended by E. Wilson to charge a fee at a reduced rate from that which will be charged to new subdivisions under new policy. Mr. Wilson will respond in letter.

**2007-10-276 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve to supply water to the Aimoto Subdivision based on \$500/acre foot, limited to 1 ½ acre feet per lot, being metered. This rate is a reduced rate of what will be charged to other subdivisions as consideration was given that the application was begun two years ago. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**12.03 2007 Southern Alberta Premier's Dinner – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Medicine Hat**

The District has once again received an invitation to the Southern Alberta Premier's Dinner in Medicine Hat. The Board supported attending this function.

**2007-10-277 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District purchase a table of 8 for the PC Alberta Premier's Dinner in Medicine Hat on November 1, 2007. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, T. Livingston, C. Henrickson, P. Hemsing, N. Johnson, F. George and K. Bridges will be attending.

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- 12.04 Corporate Knights “Vision for Sustainable Water Strategy” Breakfast – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Calgary**  
B. Chrumka and E. Wilson received invitations to attend the “Vision for Sustainable Water Strategy, Alberta as Global Leader” breakfast presented by Corporate Knights in Calgary on November 6, 2007. Representatives from agriculture/irrigation, energy and municipal communities have been invited; with Preston Manning, Bob Sandford and David Schindler being key presenters. Mr. Chrumka and Mr. Wilson have agreed to attend.
- 12.05 Letter from Brooks & District Health Foundation**  
This thank you letter was received as information.
- 12.06 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**  
E. Wilson reviewed the status of this claim with the Board.
- 12.07 CRWUA 2007 Conference – December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Las Vegas**  
Mr. Wilson noted that the CRWUA 2007 conference agenda looks beneficial; it includes sessions regarding policy development, climate change, invasive species, rural water issues, etc. Directors and administration are considering attending this conference.
- 12.08 December Board Meeting – Set Date**  
The December Regular Board Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 12.10 Crawling Valley Campground Boat Launch**  
A letter to the Board was received from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society regarding their campground boat launch. E. Wilson and D. Lindsay will have a proposed plan to present at January’s Board Meeting.
- 12.11 2007 Cactus Pheasant Classic World Curling Tour**  
An EID representative has been requested for the opening ceremonies of the 2007 Cactus Pheasant Classic World Curling Tour. B. Chrumka will attend; A. Nielsen as alternate.
- 12.02 Proposed Amendment to EID Water License Update**  
E. Wilson reported that 46 letters of concern have been received by Alberta Environment regarding the District’s proposed amendment. He has been asked to categorize the letters and respond to the applicable issues raised. Mr. Wilson outlined the procedure that Alberta Environment would like to take and the additional information requested by them. E. Wilson reviewed the current and past water conveyance under non-farm irrigation categories, and suggested quantities were discussed for the affected 3% of the license.
- Meetings with the Minister of Environment, other politicians, the City of Calgary, Town of Cochrane, etc. are to be arranged by E. Wilson. A power point presentation is to be developed for these meetings, giving background information on the District along with clarification of the proposed amendment and replies to the statements of concern. The Board is to be called in to review this presentation when complete.
- 12.09 Tour of Henrickson Irrigated Lease**  
Mr. Wilson requested that the Board tour this lease after the meeting and then make the decision on how the District is to proceed.

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

- 13.01 2007 Cactus Pheasant Classic World Curling Tour  
- Opening Ceremonies - 9:45 a.m. Thur., Nov. 1, Brooks
- 13.02 Premier’s Dinner - 5:30 p.m. Thur., Nov. 1, Medicine Hat
- 13.03 “Vision for Sustainable Water Strategy” Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. Tue., Nov. 6, Calgary
- 13.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 27
- 13.05 CRWUA 2007 Conference - Dec. 12 – 14, Las Vegas
- 13.06 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, December 18

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:45 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**November 27, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]		Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]		Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	9:24 a.m.	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]			
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]			
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]	9:16 a.m.		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]			

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Cost Share Farm Improvements – Pipeline Exten. - Procknow, Martin, Charlton
- 3.02 Corporate Knights “Vision for Sustainable Water Strategy” Breakfast, Calgary
- 6.06 PFRA Grazing
- 11.07 RV Storage Compound at Lake Newell Resort

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 11.04 Irrigation Expansion Plan Update

**2007-11-278 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions and deletions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 October 23, 2007**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 104, Motion 2007-10-269, replace “transfer acres” with “transfer 112 acres”.

**2007-11-279 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the October 23, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with a correction. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Cost Share Farm Improvements – Pipeline Exten. – Procknow, Martin, Charlton**

C. Henrickson asked if these landowners had accepted the District’s proposals. Mr. Wilson informed that Martin and Charlton had accepted, but Procknow did not.

**3.02 Corporate Knights “Vision for Sustainable Water Strategy” Breakfast, Calgary**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson reported that this event was not controversial in nature, although different views were noted as to how to manage water in Alberta. Preston Manning gave a basic overview and representatives from the energy, environmental, agricultural, and political sectors each had time to contribute.

[9:16 a.m. N. Johnson joined the meeting.]

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#### 4.0 Financial Report

##### 4.01 October 31, 2007 Financial Statements

- K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to October 31, 2007, noting the following overall:
- YTD total revenues are 6% above YTD budget and are \$787,900 more than prior YTD.
  - YTD total net expenses are about 11% less than YTD budget and are \$157,700 less than prior YTD.
  - YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$13.2 million.

[9:24 a.m. F. George joined the meeting.]

**2007-11-280 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2007, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### 5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report. There are 633 dial-up and 819 wireless customers currently connected. All 3 new towers are now working and installs are being scheduled. Smaller interruption and interference problems have occurred and have been dealt with this past month. A. Nielsen requested that a column be added to the EIDNet Report indicating wireless accounts per tower from the previous month.

[9:42 a.m. – 9:52 a.m. Short break; B. Hale and R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

#### 6.0 Grazing

##### 6.01 Private Grazing Lease Review

E. Wilson gave a review on the long term and annual private grazing leases, stating that there are 2 leases expiring at the end of 2007, 88 in 2008, and 2 in 2009. The Board was in agreement to extend or shorten leases if possible so that they all terminate in 2008. This would be advantageous to the leaseholder as well, creating a one time bidding occurrence for all applicable leases.

Mr. Wilson then presented a “15 year transferable within the family unit only” option that could be considered for the amended private grazing lease policy. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this option and the policy as a whole.

As well, the entire lease document will need to be reviewed. Revisions to not allow subletting, and to allow for seismic activity, are planned.

[10:58 a.m. R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

##### 11:00 a.m. Mindorff Appeal to Board to have Lease Renewed

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Claude Mindorff, Jacob Mindorff, and Ron Berg of Berg Realty to the meeting. Mr. Mindorff gave background to his District residency and the lease payment situation. Contributing factors were discussed and the Board thanked them for coming in. Mr. Mindorff was requested to return a copy of the signed Transfer of Grazing Lease Application to the office.

[11:28 a.m. C. Mindorff, J. Mindorff and R. Berg exited the meeting.]

**2007-11-281 Moved by T. Livingston that Private Grazing Leases # 7241 – Arnold Retzlaff, and # 7182 – Claude & Deb Mindorff be extended 1 year so as to expire at the same time as the 2008 leases. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

A letter of reply from the Board is to be sent to C. Mindorff indicating the Board's decision. In the future, the deadline for payment and resulting cancellation of lease on unpaid accounts is to be made very clear on both the cover letter and invoice, and the lease agreement.

A letter to A. Retzlaff will also be sent indicating that his lease will be extended to 2008.

**2007-11-282 Moved by P. Hemsing that lease holders Max & Corrine Tateson - # 7045, and Paul Klimuk - # 7181 be presented with the option of shortening their leases by 1 year so as to expire at the same time as the 2008 leases. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

Letters to M. & C. Tateson and P. Klimuk will be sent in January 2008.

[11:40 a.m. R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

**6.02 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - # 7047 – S. Lillian Grue to Melvin Grue**

Mrs. Grue wishes to transfer her private grazing lease to her son. Melvin Grue meets the eligibility requirements.

**2007-11-283 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7047 to be transferred from S. Lillian Grue to Melvin Grue. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**6.01 Private Grazing Lease Review (cont'd.)**

Individual leases were reviewed, with the decision to amalgamate a couple, and to change some long term to annual and some annual to long term.

[12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch.]

In summary of the private lease policy discussion, the following motion was carried:

**2007-11-284 Moved by T. Livingston that the Private Grazing Lease Policy be revised as follows:**

- **On leases that are proposed to be 15 years if the current lease holder is in good standing, he/she be given 3 choices:**
  - **a new 15 year transferable within the family unit only lease (for a fee of 50% of the 2007 lease fee); or**
  - **to let the lease go (the District will evaluate the fences and offer to purchase; the lease holder can sell the fences to the new lease holder or remove); or**
  - **to ask that a 15 year transferable lease with the right to renew for a second 15 year term be put up for bid and to have the right to match the high bid; the EID would set a minimum bid price of 50% of the 2007 lease fee plus the price agreed to for fences).**

**Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

Letters to current private grazing lease holders will be sent in January 2008 indicating their options and requesting their replies by September 30, 2008. B. Hale will set fence values on all private grazing leases that are let go or requested to go up for bid. The bidding process was discussed, with a one day live auction as the preference. This will be outlined at a later date.

[1:05 p.m. C. Henrickson exited the meeting.]

**6.03 Henrickson Irrigated Lease # 8141 & Private Grazing Leases # 7051 & # 7247**

The disposal of this irrigated lease was again discussed at length; with the decision to extend the lease 1 year so as to expire at the same time as the 2008 private grazing leases. The surrounding lease # 7051 and the irrigated lease will be split at the end of 2008. The leaseholders will be informed of these decisions.

**2007-11-285 Moved by T. Livingston that Irrigated Lease # 8141 – Clint Henrickson and Will & Shauna Henrickson be extended 1 year so as to expire at the same time as the 2008 Private Grazing Leases. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[1:40 p.m. C. Henrickson rejoined the meeting.]

**6.04 Patricia GA Request for Assistance with Corrals – NW 34-19-12 W4M**

A letter to the Board was received from the Patricia Grazing Association requesting assistance with the relocation of their corrals on NW 34-19-12 W4M. Due to there being a misunderstanding of the boundaries previously, and the District is currently rehabilitating a canal through the location, assistance will be given. The Patricia Grazing Association has been asked to move these corrals by the spring of 2008.

**2007-11-286 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District provide materials required to move the Patricia corrals, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.05 Grazing Report**

B. Hale presented the Grazing Report, indicating that there were 13,457 cows on EID community grazing lands beginning in May, with another 2,032 head turned out in August. Spring moisture was very good, turning to hot and dry through the summer; with cattle coming off the leases mid to late October. There is good grass carry over. Regrass fields in the Rolling Hills and Tilley leases were completed, involving 4,000 acres. The Bassano Lease water lines were also completed. The Newell Lease and the Tilley Swing Field are in need of some work as yet. In regards to land stewardship, it may be required to review policy on the number of requests granted to do research on District lands.

[1:54 p.m. R. Matoba exited the meeting, I. Friesen entered.]

The Kitsim irrigated flood and pasture land will be farmed for a few years to help eliminate weeds. The request for a new private grazing lease north of Bantry 1 Reservoir was declined.

**6.06 PFRA Grazing**

B. Hale was requested to enquire about PFRA grants for waterlines and how that may apply to projects done on community grazing leases.

[2:03 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering**

**7.01 Project Status**

PROJECT NAME	DETAILED DESIGN COMPLETE	RIGHT OF WAY SIGNED	COMMENTS
X Tilley	√	√	- turnout installation remains
U-02 Tilley	√	√	- structures remain
AH North Bantry	√	√	- construction well underway
Springhill Structures	√	n/a	- contractor – construction started
North Branch Structures	√	n/a	- contractor – construction started

Bassano Dam	√	n/a	- contractor – construction started
16 Springhill	√	√	- dirt work mainly complete, pipeline installation has started
12 Rolling Hills	√	√	- pipe delivered, to start December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
10 Bow Slope	√	√	- pipe delivered
07-08 A Springhill	√	√	- no issues
9 & 10 East Branch	√	90%	- no issues
03-02-05 C East Branch	√	90%	- no issues
22 Bow Slope	50%	0%	---

### 7.02 Application for Water Measurement/Automation Funding

This portion of the IRP funding is not guaranteed to be distributed to every district. The EID has applied, but may be turned down due to the district being able to cover this project.

### 7.03 Application for Water For Life Special Funding - Appeal

The EID was originally turned down for screen cleaner funding, but appealed and will be given funds for these water saving devices.

### 7.04 04C Discussion

E. Wilson introduced the 04C rehab project, noting that this is a unique project involving a very high number of acreage owners versus farmers. Three options were discussed. To make the project efficient as possible, preference was given to try and purchase inefficient "irrigation" and "terminable" water rights. It was also preferred to average and apply the applicable acreage infrastructure costs over all acreage owners.

[2:28 p.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

## 8.0 Operations

### 8.01 8 Farm Improvements

#### 8.01.1 Art Eckert – SW 15-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 138 acres; new pivot area is 126 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 126 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user is choosing to keep the 12 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,560 (126 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$2,760.

**2007-11-287 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Art Eckert for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot in the SW 15-21-14 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 12 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,560 (126 acres flood to pivot) – \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$2,760. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED**

#### 8.01.2 Doug Henrickson – NE 16-20-13 W4M

The water user is requesting a Farm Improvement grant for 2 flood corners to gated pipe corners on a pivot quarter section. This request was declined.

**8.01.3 Dan & Marg Loewen – SW 28-20-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 147 acres; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same off of 13 SH pipeline. The water user is choosing to keep the 14 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,200 (14 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,780.

**2007-11-288 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Dan & Marg Loewen for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the SW 28-20-15 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 14 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) – \$4,200 (14 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,780. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.01.4 Elsa Peters – NE 22-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 140 acres; new pivot area is 119 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 119 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same off of 08 B-SH pipeline. The water user is choosing to keep the 21 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,140 (119 acres flood to pivot) - \$6,300 (21 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$360 owing to the District.

**2007-11-289 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Elsa Peters for the conversion of 119 acres flood to pivot in the NE 22-21-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 21 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,140 (119 acres flood to pivot) – \$6,300 (21 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$360 owing to the District. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.01.5 Gerald & Cathy Peters – SW 16-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 134 acres; new pivot area is 123 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 123 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the pump site remaining the same off of 08 B-SH pipeline. The water user is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,380 (123 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$2,880.

**2007-11-290 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Gerald & Cathy Peters for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot in the SW 16-21-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,380 (123 acres flood to pivot) – \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$2,880. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**8.01.6 Lee & Shirley Pickett – NE 23-22-17 W4M**

Current assessment is 78 acres; new pivot area is 100 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 78 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same off of 01-08 North Branch pipeline. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,680.

**2007-11-291 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Lee & Shirley Pickett for the conversion of 78 acres flood to pivot in the NE 23-22-17 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,680. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 78 acres and the new pivot area being 100 acres, 22 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot.

- 2007-11-292 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 78 acres to 100 acres on NE 23-22-17 W4M; 22 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$6,600. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 78 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.01.7 George & Lena Plett – SE 26-22-17 W4M**

Current assessment is 145 acres; new pivot area is 131 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 131 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user is choosing to keep 9 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,930 (131 acres wheels to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) – = \$1,230.

- 2007-11-293 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for George & Lena Plett for the conversion of 131 acres wheels to pivot in the SE 26-22-17 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep 9 extra acres outside the pivot. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,930 (131 acres wheels to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,230. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 145 acres, the new pivot being 131 acres and 9 acres outside the pivot are being kept, the landowner is requesting to sell 5 extra acres in the SE corner to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2007-11-294 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of George & Lena Plett's 5 acres of water rights in the SE corner of SE 26-22-17 W4M to the District. Payment of 5 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

An Irrigable Unit is needed for this parcel as the delivery site remains in SW 26-22-17 W4M.

- 2007-11-295 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW & SE 26-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by George & Lena Plett. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.01.8 NE 12-15-14 W4M (G. & C. Cook)**

The water user is requesting a Farm Improvement grant for the installation of a pivot on a District Irrigated Lease. The lease expires in 2010. This request was declined.

**9.0 Equipment**

**9.01 Quotes to Supply 2008 Trucks**

E. Wilson summarized the table of quotes on ½, ¾ ton and crew cab 4x4 trucks, noting that Community GM in Brooks and Davis GMC in Medicine Hat were the lowest quote for ½ tons, and Lethbridge Dodge was the lowest quote for ¾ ton and crew cab trucks.

- 2007-11-296 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of three ½ ton 4x4 2008 trucks from Community GM in Brooks; and five ¾ ton and one crew cab, 4x4 2008 trucks from Lethbridge Dodge, for delivery in 2008. Seconded by N. Johnson**

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**10.0 Lands****10.01 Commercial Lease Renewals – Flex It Fitness & Star Tech Automotive**

Mr. Bridges informed that the leases for the space occupied by Flex It Fitness and by Star Tech Automotive will expire at the end of 2007. Both tenants have expressed interest in entering into a new, multi-year lease.

**2007-11-297 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve entering into a one to five year lease with the owners of Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive according to the recommendations contained in K. Bridges report dated November 23, 2007. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**10.02 Irrigable Unit – Thomas & Glennis Sigurdson – Pt. N ½ 27-14-14 W4M**

A flood to pivot Farm Improvement was approved in September for this parcel and an Irrigable Unit is required.

**2007-11-298 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on N ½ 27-14-14 W4M, lands being owned by Thomas & Glennis Sigurdson. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**11.0 General Manager's Report****11.05 Country Residential Hook-Up Fee Formula**

Mr. Wilson gave background to the Country Residential hook up fee. A landowner is required to turn back 1 acre of water rights for every acre foot of water to be supplied under a Country Residential agreement, or pay the District \$2,500/acre foot. If the hook up charge is tied to replacement infrastructure costs of \$900,000,000 divided by the average acre feet of water used in a dry year (500,000) it would equal \$1,800. Therefore the District is charging a 39% surcharge to discourage acreage development and to encourage developers to acquire irrigation water rights from landowners.

**11.07 RV Storage Compound at Lake Newell Resort**

N. Johnson advised that the owners of Blue Heron Storage would like the Board to review a revised offer to purchase land. Mr. Wilson will contact the owners and request them to submit a formal offer to purchase.

[3:12 p.m. N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

**11.01 Meeting with Ministers Renner & Oberg**

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen and E. Wilson met with Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, Lyle Oberg, Minister of Finance, as well as Peter Watson, Deputy Minister of Environment, Jay Litke, Calgary Regional Director, and Dave Magee who is in charge of implementing the South Saskatchewan River Basin plan, on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Calgary. After reviewing the District's presentation they had no concerns with the license amendment application, but did acknowledge the need to address issues raised by other groups. An internal review on the amendment process will be done first and then the EID's application will be looked at in the spring.

**11.02 Bow Council Application for Research Funding**

Bill Berzins, chairman of the Bow River Basin Council has been working with Telvent (an international engineering, software and instrumentation company), and the Universities of Calgary and Lethbridge on making an application for research funding to the Alberta Water Research Institute. They have asked for the City of Calgary, TransAlta, EID, WID, BRID, the universities, and Alberta Environment to be partners in the research program. Their main focus would be on increasing the amount of water quality stations, type of information gathered and sharing it with everyone, and the research into causes of degradation and possible solutions. E. Wilson has

been asked to sit on the steering committee for 3 years. He has indicated that more details on the project are needed before a commitment can be made.

#### **11.03 Possible Use of “Solar Bees” for Control of Blue-Green Algae**

Mr. Wilson presented a short video on “Solar Bees”, a solar powered water pump that pulls water from the lower depths up to the surface which keeps the bottom water from going anaerobic. The pumps are \$60,000 purchase price, or may be rented with the option to buy. Several are in use in the province; and more research will be done to see if this may work for the Tilley B reservoir.

#### **11.06 Staffing**

Any Operations enquiries are to be forwarded to E. Wilson starting in mid-December for 2 – 3 months while J. Meador is on medical leave.

### **12.0 Meetings, Nominations, Elections**

#### **12.01 2008 Dates**

January Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, January 22, 2008
February Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, February 26
February Special Board Meeting (Auditor)	- Friday, February 29
March Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, March 25
Annual General Meeting	- Wednesday, March 26
Nominations Close	- Thursday, March 27
Elections (if necessary)	- Friday, April 18

#### **12.02 2007 AGM Minutes**

The March 28, 2007 Annual General Meeting minutes were cleared to take to the 2008 AGM for water user approval.

#### **12.03 By-Law 860 Method of Election of Directors**

By-Law 860 (2007) was presented to the Board to provide for the division of the District into electoral divisions. This by-law was a revision of, and replaces, by-law 786 (1994). The boundaries remain unaltered.

**2007-11-299 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law 860 (2007), being a by-law to provide for the division of the District into electoral boundaries, be introduced and read the first time. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2007-11-300 Moved by T. Livingston that By-Law 860 (2007), be read the second time. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

#### **12.04 By-Law 861 Setting the Date for the Election of Directors, Divisions 1 & 5**

By-Law 861 (2007) was presented to the Board for the 2008 Election of Directors for Division 01 (Floyd George), and Division 05 (Allen Nielsen), establishing the date for nominations of Directors ceasing on Thursday, March 27, 2008, with an election date if necessary on Friday, April 18, 2008. Third reading of this by-law must occur by January 17, 2008 in order to comply with Section 53 of the Irrigation Districts Act.

**2007-11-301 Moved by T. Livingston that By-Law 861 (2007), being a by-law to set the date and time when the right to file nominations expires and to set the election date, be introduced and read the first time. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2007-11-302 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law 861 (2007), be read the second time. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 13.01 | CRWUA 2007 Conference | - Dec. 12 – 14, Las Vegas                            |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>                 |
| 13.03 | Staff Christmas Party | - Thursday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> , Heritage Inn |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **December 18, 2007 Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2] <i>absent</i>		
Mr. Clint Henrickson	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **1.0 Board In-Camera**

[9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson, K. Bridges and W. Enns entered the meeting.]

### **2.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Meetings
- 11.03 Water Licenses

**2007-12-303 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **3.01 November 27, 2007**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2007-12-304 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the November 27, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

### **4.0 Business Arising**

Board members questioned the status of a few matters which were responded to by staff.

#### **4.01 Meetings**

Further to an earlier request, the Board requested separate meetings to be set up with the City of Brooks, County of Newell, and relevant parties from the City of Calgary; as well as a joint meeting with the WID and BRID. It is hoped to have these meetings arranged for January or February. The EID tour for TransAlta will be arranged later for spring or summer.

### **5.0 Election By-Laws**

#### **5.01 Electoral Divisions By-Law # 860 (2007)**

At the November 27, 2007 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of By-Law # 860 (2007) were conducted, setting the electoral divisions boundaries.

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**2007-12-305 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law 860 (2007), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**5.02 2008 Election Date By-Law # 861 (2007)**

At the November 27, 2007 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of By-Law # 861 (2007) were conducted, setting the election date and time for divisions 1 and 5.

**2007-12-306 Moved by N. Johnson that By-Law 861 (2007), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**6.0 Financial Report**

**6.01 November 30, 2007 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to November 30, 2007, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are 4% above YTD budget and are \$289,000 more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about 7% less than YTD budget and are \$15,000 less than prior YTD.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$14.7 million. Year end entries will likely reduce the amount of the IWF transfer.

Board members questioned the status of a few matters which were responded to by staff.

**2007-12-307 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2007, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**6.02 Letters from the Auditor**

Standard letters addressed to the Board of Directors and the Eastern Irrigation District were received from the auditor's corporation, Bevan, Halbert, Gerrard and Mossey. Mr. Bridges highlighted statements in these letters for the Board's information.

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

Some random interference problems on some of the 900 sectors have occurred the past month. They were resolved by shuffling the frequencies between the towers. Installations have begun on the new towers with PCCC planning a blitz of the area during the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. They currently have extra installers scheduled for that time to do any installations and VL conversions that can be booked.

[10:45 a.m. Margo Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands**

**10.06 PHD Report**

M. Redelback gave a short power point presentation and summary of the past year, noting:

- 38,714 trees and shrubs were planted
- 24 habitat planting sites were created
- 2, 4" deliveries were installed; planting on these sites will take place in 2008
- 143 acres were seeded to permanent grass cover
- 9.7 km of fencing materials sent out by PHD and installed by landowners to protect habitat

Also noted, was 2007 being the 10 year anniversary of the PHD program. Within the ten years the following were completed for the EID:

- 338,714 trees and shrubs planted
- 84.7 km of fencing installed

- 209 project sites
- 303 acres seeded to permanent grass cover

For all of southern Alberta (EID, BRID, WID, SMRID, LNID, RID) the following were completed within the last 10 years:

- 593,271 trees and shrubs planted
- 771 acres seeded to permanent grass cover
- 127 km of fencing installed
- 40 water deliveries installed
- 12 wetlands developed or enhanced
- completed 420 projects working with 357 different landowners

Plans for the EID for 2008 include:

- approximately 38,000 trees and shrubs to be planted
- approximately 8.5 km of fencing to be installed

Mrs. Redelback responded to a number of questions. B. Chrumka requested that the PHD 10 year anniversary be noted in PHD promotional materials, as well as in the District's Annual Report Book.

[11:08 a.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**11:00 a.m. Hubert Rommens**

E. Wilson gave an overview of the canal rehabilitation on Hubert Rommens' land at SE 22-20-14 W4M, citing history of canal locations and dirt work, and his previous offer to cover dozer work.

[11:13 a.m. Hubert Rommens entered the meeting.]

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Hubert Rommens to the meeting; Mr. Rommens proceeded to explain that after the District replaced the canal with a relocated pipeline, the District's extent of reclamation work for the abandoned canal was understood to have been completed. He then proceeded to hire additional equipment to grade the area to his requirements before frost set in. As considerable dirt was removed from this quarter some time ago, Mr. Rommens enquired if his situation was an exception to District policy for reclamation. The canal was relocated to the ¼ section line back in 1980 and the dirt from the cut section was hauled away and used on the canal in other quarters where there was not enough dirt to fill the old canal. The Board policy is to fill with available dirt with a dozer only, pay for a new right-of-way and give the old right-of-way back to the landowner. Mr. Wilson confirmed that work crews had stopped work on the quarter, but by his direction would have had additional grading done given time. Therefore, an offer to pay for the private dozer but not the scraper work was made; and this amount would have been comparable to remaining work to be done by the EID.

[11:28 a.m. H. Rommens exited the meeting.]

**2007-12-308 Moved by F. George that the District pay Hubert Rommens \$1,500 in addition to the cost of the dozer work for reclamation of the old canal on SE 22-20-14 W4M. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED**

A letter from the Board to Mr. Rommens will be sent confirming the original offer of cost of dozer work for the reclamation of this old canal.

[11:40 a.m. Jim Meador and Allan Olson entered and were presented with long term service awards.]

[11:50 a.m. – 1:35 p.m. Lunch break. J. Meador and I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the project status to date, noting that overall construction is progressing on schedule.

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
X Tilley	- canal earth works complete - structure installation started December 14 <sup>th</sup>
U-02 Tilley	- complete except spring clean up
AH North Bantry	- by December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 80% of canal earthworks will be complete, 1,300 m will remain
Springhill Structures	- contract project, progress is good
North Branch Structures	- contract project, progress is good
Bassano Dam	- contract project, progress is good
16 Springhill	- by December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 11 ½ km of pipe will be installed (50% complete)
12 Rolling Hills	- by December 20 <sup>th</sup> , project will be nearing completion (3 km of pipe)
10 Bow Slope	- scheduled to start early January
07-08 A Springhill	- scheduled to start late March
9 & 10 East Branch	- scheduled to start in March
03-02-05 C East Branch	- scheduled to start in February
22 Bow Slope	- scheduled to start late January

**8.02 01-16 Springhill**

This rehabilitation project is located directly north of Duchess where a ditch provides irrigation to 103 flood acres. There is extensive tree growth in the ditch and seepage issues. The proposed pipeline is an extension to the existing 01-16 Springhill pipeline and involve less turnouts than currently exist. It is recommended to replace the current ditch with 1.5 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$221,000.

**2007-12-309 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01-16 Springhill at an estimated cost of \$221,000 by installing 1.5 km of pipeline. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**8.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3 Year Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11**

Mr. Friesen presented the District's IRP 3 Year Plan for the construction years 2008/09 to 2010/11. Completed projects and continuing projects are listed in the report, with new projects as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>
Proposed Year 1	Kitsim Feeder Canal	\$5,000,000
	Kitsim Bypass Canal	\$3,000,000
Proposed Year 2	F Springhill	\$6,000,000
Proposed Year 3	North Bantry Canal	\$6,000,000

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**2007-12-310 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2008/09 to 2010/11. CARRIED.**

Mr. Wilson advised that additional funding may once again be available on an application basis. This year's additional funding was only applied for by 8 districts, but applications totaled twice the funding available.

## **9.0 Operations**

### **9.01 5 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the Farm Improvement applications.

#### **9.01.1 G. & K. Baxter – SW 22-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 139 acres; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same off of 01-08 B Springhill pipeline. The water user is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,800 = \$6,180.

**2007-12-311 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for G. & K. Baxter for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the SW 22-21-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) – \$1,800 (6 acres at \$300/acre) = \$6,180. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

#### **9.01.2 Marvin & Loretta Berg – SE 30-22-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 140 acres; new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery site remaining the same. The water user is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres not under the pivot at \$300/acre. As well, the water user has been billed separately for crossing pipes in the drain. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,020 (134 acres wheels to pivot) - \$1,800 = \$2,220.

**2007-12-312 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Marvin & Loretta Berg for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot in the SE 30-22-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,020 (134 acres wheels to pivot) – \$1,800 (6 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,220. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### **9.01.3 Daryl & B. Bunney SE 35-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 95 acres; new pivot area is 110 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 95 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$2,850.

**2007-12-313 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Daryl & B. Bunney for the conversion of 95 acres wheels to pivot in the SE 35-20-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$2,850. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 95 acres and the new pivot area being 110 acres, 15 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot.

**2007-12-314** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 95 acres to 110 acres on SE 35-20-14 W4M; 15 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$4,500. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 95 acres wheels to low pressure pivot. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**9.01.4 A. Irwin / Todd Irwin – NE 19-20-12 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe. The water user installed approximately \$15,000 of gated pipe on this quarter. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2007-12-315** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. Irwin / Todd Irwin for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe in the NE 19-20-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**9.01.5 Mike Van Dyk – NE 18-15-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 150 acres; new pivot area is 125 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 125 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. If the water user wishes to hook up directly to the pipeline he will be charged the costs of tapping tee, riser and valves. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,750.

**2007-12-316** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Mike Van Dyk for the conversion of 125 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 18-15-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,750. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 150 acres and the new pivot being 125 acres, the landowner is requesting to sell the 25 extra acres not under the pivot to the EID at \$700/acre.

**2007-12-317** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the purchase of Mike Van Dyk's 25 acres of water rights on NE 18-15-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 25 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$17,500. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[1:58 p.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands**

**10.01 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

**10.01.1 Elizabeth Miller & Robert Miller Pt. NE 07-21-15 & Pt. NW 07-21-15 W4M**

These parcels were serviced from a delivery point off of a drain. The landowners paid for a delivery off of a canal. The terminable irrigation acres will be converted and an irrigable unit resolution must be registered on the 2 parcels.

**2007-12-318** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on Pt. NE 07-21-15 W4M and Pt. NW 07-21-15 W4M, lands being owned by Elizabeth Miller and Robert Miller. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**10.01.2 Gerald & Christa Aleman, Brian & Melanie Purves – Pt. NE 33-14-15 & NW 34-14-15 W4M**

There is a pivot on these lands which covers parts of both parcels. 22 Bow Slope is being rehabbed this winter and the pivot will be serviced off of a pipeline. An irrigable unit resolution must be registered on the 2 parcels.

**2007-12-319 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on Pt. NE 33-14-15 W4M and NW 34-14-15 W4M, lands being owned by Gerald & Christa Aleman and Brian & Melanie Purves. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[2:03 p.m. B. Hale, R. Martin, G. Redelback and M. Philipsen entered the meeting.]

## **10.02 Requests to Transfer Private Grazing Leases**

### **10.02.1 PGL # 7083 Henry Peake & Bill Peake to Harriet Armstrong**

Henry Peake and Billy Peake wish to transfer their private grazing lease to Harriet Armstrong, daughter of Harry Peake. As she resides in the EID, is the registered owner of Pt. NE 06-24-15 W4M and has 75 irrigation acres, she meets the eligibility requirements.

**2007-12-320 Moved by F. George that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7083 to be transferred from Henry Peake and Bill Peake to Harriet Armstrong. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

### **10.02.2 PGL # 7067 E.G. McNally to Jim McNally**

Mrs. E.G. McNally wishes to transfer her private grazing lease to her son Jim McNally. As Jim resides in the EID and is the joint owner of 2 quarters with his mother which includes 251 irrigation acres, he meets the eligibility requirements.

**2007-12-321 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7067 to be transferred from E. G. McNally to Jim McNally. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

## **10.03 Grazing Application Numbers**

B. Hale reported on grazing applications received for 2008. Any changes in totals are only expected to decrease as some members are considering selling in spring, and some applications need to be reviewed for eligibility. He noted that a total of 361 members applied to run cattle, down from 423 in 2000. It was recommended to allow 50 cows per full member, dependant on adequate moisture.

<b>Association</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>New Members</b>	<b>Dropped Out</b>	<b>Late</b>
Bantry	640	520	+120	0	1	3
Bassano	862	778	+84	1	0	1
Duchess	1,599	1,471	+128	0	3	2
Eyremore	1,140	1,087	+53	1	2	3
Gem	2,141	1,863	+278	4	2	3
Newell	2,280	2,085	+195	1	1	1
Patricia	2,452	2,320	+132	2	0	1
Rolling Hills	1,608	1,554	+54	0	4	0
Rosemary	1,871	1,724	+147	2	2	1
Tilley	1,148	1,175	-27	3	4	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,741</b>	<b>14,577</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>

## **10.04 Oil & Gas Report**

G. Redelback and M. Philipsen presented the Oil and Gas Report for January 1, 2007 to December 15, 2007 noting the following overall:

- New Well Takings - 278 (782 acres)
- New Twinned Well Takings - 96 (38 acres)
- New Pipeline Easements - 180 (559.46 acres) (93.24 miles)
- New Seismic Permits - 3 (160.5 miles)

EnCana's activities include drilling, completions work and pipelining throughout the District. EnCana has also abandoned wells in 17-15, 18-16 and 18-17. Imperial activities include drilling and completions focusing mostly in the Tide Lake area, including 16-12, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 18-12, 18-13, 18-14 and 19-12. Pipeline tie-in work has been ongoing in these areas. Gentry has been drilling in 14-11, 15-11, 16-11, 17-11, 18-11, 19-11, 15-12, 17-12 and 19-12. Completions and pipeline work is ongoing in these areas.

The oil and gas department has been approached to permit access on certain private grazing leases for water for drilling. Normally, sources on private lease land are not promoted, and only a few leases would be appropriate for this activity. In addition, the lease holder does not get any compensation for companies accessing water. After discussion it was directed from the Board that a few specific private grazing lease agreements for new leases beginning in 2009 include a clause for oil & gas water hauling access.

[2:32 p.m. B. Hale, G. Redelback and M. Philipsen exited the meeting.]

#### **10.05 Access Report**

R. Martin presented the 2007 Access Report noting the following overall:

Summer Season:

- periodic patrols conducted of reservoir shorelines and other land for access violations
- locked steel gate installed at Eyremore gravel pit to prevent illegal access of dirt bikers
- meeting with Brooks Bylaw Officer, Fish & Wildlife Officer and Parks Conservation Officer regarding enforcement help of EID access guidelines
- in patrolling adjacent District lands, Parks Conservation Officers wrote 7 trespassing tickets and gave out 2 written warnings to individuals that were caught operating dirt bikes

Hunting Season:

- staff patrolled EID grazing lands during hunting season, including opening day of antelope, sharp-tailed grouse and pheasant season, and every day of rifle deer season
- 214 vehicles were observed during the 2007 hunting season with a total of 8 vehicle violations
- the number of hunters checked this year was down from previous years as there were less deer tags issued this year compared to the last few years

Mr. Martin answered a number of questions posed by directors, including this year's annual PHD contributions of other districts (BRID - \$25,000; WID - \$8,000; SMRID - \$10,000; LNID - \$15,000; RID - \$1,000). This year the EID contributed \$50,000.

[2:39 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

#### **10.07 Offer to Purchase Land – Blue Heron Storage**

A letter addressed to the Board indicating an offer to purchase land was received from Blue Heron Storage. Included in the letter was the offer to absorb any additional expenses, such as surveying and subdivision costs.

**2007-12-322 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the sale of 1 acre of land immediately south of the existing lot on NW 06-18-14 W4M, to Blue Heron Storage for \$15,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

### **11.0 General Manager's Report**

#### **11.03 Water Licenses**

A. Nielsen informed the Board of a possible private-to-private water license transfer in his division.

#### **11.01 Bantry Bay**

E. Wilson informed the Board of possible further development on the east side of Lake Newell.

**11.02 Irrigation Expansion Plan Update**

For discussion, Mr. Wilson presented points for consideration regarding pricing of irrigation expansion land, be it for sale or lease; and commitment to development costs. In addition, the concept of selling land without water rights and selling water rights without land was brought up. Mr. Chrumka requested an expansion plan meeting for water users, separate from the spring information meetings in 2008.

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

- 12.01 Staff Christmas Party - Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Heritage
- 12.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 22, 2008

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:38 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager