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January 22 & January 28, 2008 Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd and 28th day of January, 2008. Those in attendance on January 22nd 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>excused</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 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.05 Leslie Douglass – Offer to Trade Land – SE 18-24-16 W4M
- 8.06 Gord Cook – NE 12-15-14 W4M – Irrigated Lease # 8226
- 9.14 Rolling Hills Fire Department
- 9.15 AIPA

2008-01-001 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 18, 2007

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 124, 9.01.5, remove the sentence following motion 2007-12-317.

2008-01-002 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 Draft December 31, 2007 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Preliminary Financial Statements to December 31, 2007, reviewing graphs for major categories.

2008-01-003 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to December 31, 2007, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.02 Annual Interest Rate to be applied to Financing Agreements

As an annual review of the interest rate to be applied to financing agreements issued by the EID, K. Bridges presented current bank lending and investment rates. Mr. Bridges recommended that the EID's current rate of 5% be approved for 2008.

2008-01-004 Moved by A. Nielsen that effective January 22, 2008, 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 5th 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 1st day of January and to any amount that is past due on the first day of July in each year.

Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report. PCCC has begun their new schedule of doing installations on the first and third weeks of the month. There are 21 installations booked for the week of January 14th – 18th, and another 10 to 15 installations waiting to be booked for the first week in February. Service issues were experienced on most of the west side of the EID at one point. More information is to be gathered regarding the possibility of servicing the Ed Mattheis area north of Duchess near the Red Deer River.

6.0 Operations

6.01 2 Farm Improvements

6.01.1 Anne Beasley – NE 21-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 134 acres; 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-offs. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site, and the turn-out needs to be changed from flood to pump. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$8,040 less the cost to change the turn-out.

2008-01-005 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Anne Beasley for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in the NE 21-19-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$8,040 (134 acres flood to pivot) less the cost to change the turn-out from flood to pump. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.01.2 Ray Latimer – NW 22-21-17 W4M

Current assessment is 30 acres; new pivot area is 39 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 30 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, and will need shut-offs on the last tower, overhang and end gun for 2 points in the rotation. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$1,800.

2008-01-006 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for Ray Latimer for the conversion of 30 acres flood to pivot in the NW 22-21-17 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$1,800. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 30 acres and the new pivot area being 39 acres, 9 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot.

2008-01-007 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 30 acres to 39 acres on NW 22-21-17 W4M; 9 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$2,700. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 30 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

7.0 Engineering

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

7.01 Project Status

Earthworks construction is now complete and both pipeline crews are progressing well. As of meeting day, 25 km of pipe has been installed (over 40%) between the 2 crews, with approximately 25 km remaining. Pipelining was shut down one day due to extreme winds.

PROJECT NAME	COMMENTS
X Tilley	- canal earth works complete - structure installation near complete
U-02 Tilley	- complete except spring clean up
AH North Bantry	- earthworks complete - structure installation remains
Springhill Structures	- contract project, progress is good
North Branch Structures	- contract project, progress is good
Bassano Dam	- contract project, progress is good
16 Springhill	- 13.5 km of pipe installed (65% complete)
12 Rolling Hills	- pipeline installation complete
10 Bow Slope	- pipeline installation complete
22 Bow Slope	- pipeline installation started
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

7.02 01-21 North Branch

This rehabilitation project is located northeast of Gem on N ½ 27-23-16 W4M where a ditch provides irrigation to 261 pivot acres. There is seepage, slumping and erosion of the banks, and tree growth on canal banks. It is recommended to replace the current ditch with approximately 1.5 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$125,000. The landowners will still have to pump the water from a wet well to their pivot center.

F. George requested an alternate proposal to encompass a larger area and future development. Discussion ensued regarding present and future rehabilitation plans. It was decided to bring this project back for further discussion at Monday's meeting.

7.03 Special Funding

Mr. Wilson reported that the District received \$200,000 in special IRP funding. Four of the 6 applications submitted were approved and are for water measurement and automation. The 2 applications not approved will be re-submitted this year.

[9:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break.]

7.04 Kitsim By-Pass

E. Wilson reported on poor water quality and the high evaporation rate in Kitsim Reservoir. He noted that it would be possible to bypass the reservoir by connecting the Bow Slope Canal on the west side. If the decision were made to downgrade the reservoir, and only fill it when there was extra water available, it would affect approximately 600 acres of pivot and flood land (all EID owned). More research and discussion will be needed before considering rehabbing or eliminating the reservoir.

11:00 a.m. City of Brooks

B. Chrumka welcomed the City of Brooks delegation to the meeting: Martin Shields, Mayor; Noel Moriyama, Bill Prentice, Rolf Bander, Councilors; Wanda Mortensen, CAO; and Terry Welsh, Director of Recreation & Parks Services. Several topics were identified for discussion.

E. Wilson gave detailed background to and an update of the District's water license amendment application. He then explained the cost of delivering water; with questions being answered on both topics.

[11:40 a.m. Kimberley Sharkey entered the meeting.]

Regional water was discussed, with N. Moriyama inviting all those interested to attend an open house at the Heritage Inn at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23rd. Mr. Chrumka expressed full District support for the project.

T. Welch was invited to give an overview of the new arena project. Building and site plans were presented showing immediate and future development; questions and answers followed. A letter of intent from the District in regards to the actual land was requested for grant funding.

Mr. Chrumka thanked the group for coming and encouraged them to contact the EID directly when any questions arise along these matters or any others.

[12:23 – 1:02 p.m. Lunch with the delegation.]

7.05 Richard Hiebert – Terminable (2nd) Water Conversion & Pipeline Extension

A similar request was brought to the Board previously in 2003 and was declined. Now with several pivot conversions, there is much less spill water available as 2nd water, but 1st water could now be supplied for 4 of the 5 pivots at a time directly from the pipeline at a cost of approximately \$600,000. Discussion ensued regarding options according to policy.

The Board gave direction for I. Friesen to present the following to Mr. Hiebert as per the "Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy", based on 50/50 cost share for the first \$30,000; then 75/25 District/Landowner cost share for the remainder, plus the Capital Assets charge.

(\$30,000 x .5) + (\$570,000 x .25)	= \$157,500
Capital Assets Charge (693 acres x \$100/acre)	= \$ 69,300
Total	\$226,800

7.06 Robert Simpson – Infrastructure Savings – U02 Tilley – SW 31-16-12 W4M

Mr. Wilson presented an Infrastructure Savings Grant on the U02 Tilley project in SW 31-16-12 W4M for Robert Simpson. Mr. Simpson is willing to move his delivery west 77 m, saving the District \$15,400 in project costs; therefore he is eligible for a \$7,700 Infrastructure Savings Grant. He noted that the District did some land leveling for the landowner at a cost of \$318.

2008-01-008 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Robert Simpson, W ½ 31-16-12 W4M, for moving his delivery west 77 m, saving the District

\$15,400. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$7,700 less \$318 (land leveling) = \$7,382. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[1:11 p.m. G. Redelback entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Irrigation Development Application – George Armstrong – NE 32-20-18 W4M

The District received an Irrigation Application from George Armstrong to pivot irrigate approximately 133 acres in NE 32-20-18 W4M, for consideration in 2008 or 2009. Mr. Armstrong has applied twice already for this parcel, in 2003 and 2004 but was disqualified both times due to it being a new parcel serviced directly from the river. E. Wilson supported that this would be a very efficient project, in due time and process. He stated that available acres off the river need to be secured, and policy in place, before redistributing. As well, once acres are available off the river, they should be advertised publicly and not handed out on an individual request basis. Mr. Wilson will respond. This application will be dealt with in the fall of 2008; a letter will be sent to Mr. Armstrong explaining the District's present criteria for granting new acres.

8.02 Oil & Gas Report

8.02.1 2007 Report

A table of payouts for oil and gas activity for Grazing Associations, EID ROW's and Private Leases for 2007 was submitted to the Board by G. Redelback. For the past year, new wells totaled 358 (268 new surface acquisitions + 90 twinned wells), new pipelines totaled 96.97 miles, and 160.5 miles of seismic activity occurred.

8.02.2 2008 Landspreading Rate

Mr. Redelback recommended keeping the landspreading rate the same as last year as it is very comparable to what is being charged by other companies.

2008-01-009 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Oil & Gas Landspreading rate for 2008 to remain the same at \$1,000/well. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[1:26 p.m. G. Redelback exited the meeting.]

8.03 Request to use EID Lands for Ringneck Classic – Saturday, February 23rd

A letter was received from The Canadian Pheasant Company requesting permission to use EID land for the Annual Ringneck Classic pheasant hunting derby. The Canadian Pheasant Company and the Brooks Clays & Feathers Club will be the groups organizing the event for 2008 and will take place on February 23rd of this year. Another 3 to 5 properties are being requested for use, in addition to the 5 used in previous years.

2008-01-010 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve a one day winter pheasant hunt sponsored by the The Canadian Pheasant Company and the Brooks Clays & Feathers Club, on a total of 8 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 CPC and BCFC be required to provide proof of \$5,000,000 liability insurance and have a release signed by those participating. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.05 Les Douglass – Offer to Trade Land – SE 18-24-16 W4M

F. George informed the Board that Les Douglass will be submitting another proposal to trade his land out of the Gem Community Grazing Lease.

8.06 Gord Cook – NE 12-15-14 W4M – Irrigated Lease # 8226

P. Hemsing requested that the Board revisit a Farm Improvement application for Gord Cook, previously submitted in November 2007, where the Lessee was applying to put a pivot on his lease land. In discussion, it was concluded that this situation mirrors other landowner/renter arrangements where the landowner applies for the grant and chooses to pass on the benefit to the renter purchasing the pivot. This Farm Improvement would be conditional upon the District taking all corner acres off the assessment role, and the mainline becoming the property of the District at the end of the lease. As this Farm Improvement would gain efficiencies, the Board moved the following.

2008-01-011 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve a farm improvement on NE 12-15-14 W4M (Irrigated Lease # 8226) for the conversion of flood to pivot, grant money being passed on to the leaseholder for the installation of a pivot; conditional on corner acres being returned and that the District would own the mainline at the end of the lease. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

It should be noted that this lease expires May 14, 2011; not in 2010 as previously stated.

8.04 Crawling Valley Campground

E. Wilson presented a proposed plan for the development of the Crawling Valley Campground, based on a 4 or 5 stage design. Project estimates were discussed, along with the desired expenditure cap that the EID would be willing to invest. A meeting with the Crawling Valley Campground Board will be requested for February to discuss development and operational plans.

9.0 General Manager's Report**9.14 Rolling Hills Fire Department**

P. Hemsing requested an update on the Rolling Hills Fire Department shop lease. Mr. Wilson informed that the Fire Department is paying for all improvement costs and all utilities, but no rent. The renovations are almost complete; E. Wilson will put an agreement in writing.

9.15 AIPA

C. Henrickson reported on an AIPA committee meeting and regular meeting that he attended. He noted that AIPA has hired a new Executive Director, Ron McMullin.

[2:55 p.m. – 3:03 p.m. Short break.]

9.01 Tobacco Reduction Act

Mr. Wilson outlined the main conditions and fines associated with the new Tobacco Reduction Act. All staff have been notified in writing and the District is in the process of posting signs where required.

9.02 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

Representatives from Kinbrook Island Provincial Park met with Mr. Wilson in regards to their current District land use arrangement. In order to access any future funding, the actual land being used by Kinbrook needs to either be purchased, donated or leased. As the parks group has been helpful in patrolling District lands adjacent to Dinosaur Park, consideration of this request is encouraged. Mr. Wilson requested Kinbrook to look into their request with more details and get back to him.

9.03 Tom Livingston

Due to Mr. Livingston's inability to attend December and January's Board Meetings, E. Wilson recommended excusing Tom for a period to follow.

2008-01-012 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board excuse Tom Livingston, Director for Division 2, from EID Board Meetings until May 1, 2008. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

9.04 County of Newell / EID Board Joint Meeting

Suggested topics for the joint meeting were discussed.

9.05 WID / BRID / EID Joint Meeting

Suggested topics for the joint meeting were discussed. Mr. Wilson was asked to arrange a meeting with the LNID sometime in February.

9.06 Annual Report

The 2007 Annual Report Book format was discussed, with the request that individual Chairman and General Manager's reports are to be included in the Annual Report Book.

9.07 Spring Information Meeting

Suggested topics for the meeting were discussed. One meeting is to be arranged in Brooks for late February/early March, focusing on a proposed Expansion Plan. Alternate meeting formats were proposed for 2009.

9.09 Bassano Dam – Dust Storms

E. Wilson reported that there were numerous major dust storms off the Bassano Dam silt bars after water shut-down last year and one so far this year. Various suggestions were discussed to prevent this type of occurrence.

9.10 Public Relations Discussion

A Public Relations synopsis was presented, categorized into six audiences: Water Users, Staff, Overall Community within the EID, Politicians & Government Agencies, Other Stakeholders on the Bow River, and the General Public. Mr. Wilson reported on present strategies within each category and highlighted the need for focusing more of the District's efforts in some areas.

9.11 Budget Discussion

The 2008 budget is in the preliminary stages, the Board was given opportunity for input.

9.12 NWIO “Managing Troubled Waters” conference – Boise, Idaho, Feb. 12-14

The 57th Northwest Irrigation Operators, Inc. Biennial Conference “Managing Troubled Waters” will be held in Boise, Idaho on February 12th through 14th. B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George and C. Henrickson indicated interest in attending this conference.

9.13 AIPA “Investing in Sustainability” conference – Lethbridge, March 3 & 4

The AIPA conference “Investing in Sustainability – Conservation, Efficiency & Productivity” will be held at the Lethbridge Lodge on March 3rd and 4th. Ten registrations will be made for Directors and Staff.

[5:05 p.m. K. Bridges & W. Enns exited the meeting.]

10.0 In-Camera

11.0 Upcoming Events

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| 11.01 | Meeting with the County of Newell | - Monday, January 28, 2008 |
| 11.02 | Meeting with the WID & BRID | - Thursday, January 31 |
| 11.03 | NWIO Conference, Boise, Idaho | - February 12 – 14 [Bob, Clint, Neil, Floyd attending] |
| 11.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 26 |

- 11.05 Meeting with the Auditor - Friday, February 29
- 11.06 AIPA Conference, Lethbridge - March 3 & 4 [10 Directors & Staff attending]
- 11.07 Spring Information Meeting, Brooks - Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. The Board recessed until Monday, January 28th, 1:00 p.m.

Those in attendance on January 28th 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>excused</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 1:00 p.m.

7.0 Engineering cont'd

7.02 01-21 North Branch cont'd

Additional information was brought back to Monday's meeting regarding the possibility of an alternate plan. The Board asked the Engineering department to investigate a larger project and bring more information back to the February meeting.

9.0 General Manager's Report cont'd

9.08 Irrigation Expansion Plan Update

Mr. Wilson outlined points for discussion regarding irrigation expansion. Individual or combined prices for land, water rights and development need to be evaluated. As well, four approaches could be used: developing District land, selling or leasing District land with water rights, selling or leasing District land with the water rights to be added and selling water rights only. Discussion also included quantity, location, timing and process of the expansion. From input given, E. Wilson will prepare a presentation for the Spring Information Meeting covering these points, to be reviewed at February's meeting.

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 26, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of February, 2008. 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>excused</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 9:04 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 12.0 In-Camera

2008-02-013 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 January 22 & 28, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2008-02-014 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the January 22 & 28, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

A couple of questions were responded to by Administration.

4.0 Report on Northwest Irrigation Operator's Conference – Boise, Idaho, February 12 – 14

B. Chrumka, C. Henrickson, N. Johnson, and F. George reported on the NWIO "Managing Troubled Waters" conference they attended. Municipal treatment of grey water, water collection off building roof tops, urbanization of the irrigation district due to acreages and developers, Columbia River aquifers and leakage into subsurface nuclear waste storage were some of the topics discussed.

5.0 Financial Report**5.01 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2007**

Mr. Bridges presented the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed.

2008-02-015 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2007 as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

5.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2007

Mr. Bridges presented the 4th Quarter Investment Report, noting the following:

- The market value of the District's investments at December 31, 2007 is \$5.04 million more than at December 31, 2006. However, in 2007 the District's investments became subject to new accounting rules for financial instruments, which require that the investments be reported at market value effective January 1, 2007. The new rules also require that book value be matched to market value. This has resulted in a presently reduced asset value and reduced interest income. In the published annual financial statements, interest will be reported at its full value and the reduction will be shown separately as a market value adjustment. If held to maturity, all of these investments will mature at full face value.
- Different bond rating agencies have issued credit ratings of "A" and "A low" for two of the EID's investments, numbers 10 and 12 in the ScotiaMcLeod portfolio, since these investments were purchased in January, 2007. The EID's investment policy establishes the minimum credit rating for corporate securities as "A". Even though some of the ratings for these investments do not meet the minimum rating as set out in the EID's investment policy, the underlying investments are high quality and should pose no additional risk to the EID. Alternatives available to the EID include: (a) selling the investments, (b) continue to hold the investments and monitor their ongoing ratings and market values, and (c) hold the investments to maturity. Administration recommends against an immediate sale. These investments will continue to yield approximately 4.6% if held to maturity.

2008-02-016 Moved by A. Nielsen that authorization be granted to hold investments numbered 10 and 12 in the ScotiatMcLeod portfolio and that the credit ratings and market values of these investments be monitored until sold or until the maturity date. Seconded by P. Heming. CARRIED

2008-02-017 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

5.03 Investment Accounts – Investment Policy

The Medicine Hat branch of Community Credit Union Ltd. recently contacted the District to express interest in bidding for the EID's investment business. This is the second largest Credit Union in Alberta, their rates appear to be competitive with the EID's other investment dealers, and all deposits are 100% guaranteed. If opening an account with Community Credit Union Ltd., it will be necessary to amend the Investment Policy by deleting reference to only the Chinook Credit Union and replacing it with a generic reference to Alberta credit unions. It will also be necessary to pass the resolution authorizing the establishment of an investment account at Community Credit Union Ltd.

2008-02-018 Moved by P. Hemsing that the current Investment Policy be revised as follows:

- **fourth point under "Provincial Government and Provincial Government Guaranteed Securities", replace "Investments offered by Chinook Credit Union Ltd. ..." with "Investments offered by an Alberta credit union incorporated pursuant to the Credit Union Act of Alberta ..."**

Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-02-019 Moved by C. Hencrickson that an account in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

- a) Scotia Capital Inc. ("ScotiaMcLeod"),
- b) ATB Securities Inc,
- c) BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. / BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.,
- d) Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
- e) Chinook Credit Union Ltd., and,
- f) Community Credit Union Ltd.

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 Scotia Capital Inc., ATB Securities Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd., Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Chinook Credit Union Ltd., or Community Credit Union Ltd.

Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.04 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 still did not occur in 2007, it is expected to be completed in 2008.

2008-02-020 Moved by N. Johnson 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.
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.
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.
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

[9:42 a.m. – 9:46 a.m. Short break, I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering**6.01 Project Status**

PROJECT NAME	COMMENTS
X Tilley	- construction complete
U-02 Tilley	- construction complete
AH North Bantry	- construction complete
Springhill Structures	- concrete pours complete, backfill remains
North Branch Structures	- concrete pours complete, backfill remains
Bassano Dam	- contract project, progress is good
16 Springhill	- near complete
12 Rolling Hills	- construction complete
10 Bow Slope	- construction complete, structures and pump installation remains
22 Bow Slope	- construction complete
07-08 A Springhill	- scheduled to start in March
9 & 10 East Branch	- scheduled to start in March
03-02-05 C East Branch	- 2.5 kms complete (35%)

Construction lost approximately 1 week from weather related shut downs, however progress remains on schedule. To date, 35 km of pipe has been installed (65%) between the 2 crews, with approximately 16 km remaining. Major pipeline construction should be winding down by the first part of April.

6.02 01-21 North Branch

This project will be delayed to the 2008/2009 construction season, and if possible another smaller project will be proposed for this spring.

6.03 04C Cassils Update

E. Wilson reported that landowner discussions for the 04C Cassils project is resulting in a better plan than what was initially expected.

[10:35 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

7.0 Operations**7.01 4 Farm Improvements**

Mr. Wilson presented the summaries on 4 farm improvements.

7.01.1 459 Ranches (Gavin Ellefson) – NW 30-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 140 acres; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The water user wishes to move the extra 10 acres in corners to SW 17-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$3,900.

2008-02-021 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for 459 Ranches (Gavin Ellefson) for the conversion of 130 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 30-19-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,900. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-02-022 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigated acres from NW 30-19-13 W4M to SW 17-20-13 W4M, both lands being owned by 459 Ranches (Gavin Ellefson). Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

7.01.2 459 Ranches (Gavin Ellefson) – SW 17-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 117 acres; new wheel moves area is 127 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 117 acres rough flood to wheels, with 10 acres of wheel irrigation being moved from NW 30-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$2,925.

2008-02-023 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for 459 Ranches (Gavin Ellefson) for the conversion of 117 acres flood to wheels in the SW 17-20-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$2,925. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

7.01.3 Svend Rasmussen – NW 06-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 136 acres; new pivot area is 127 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 127 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. The water user wishes to keep the extra 9 acres at a penalty charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$7,620 (127 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,920.

2008-02-024 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Svend Rasmussen for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot in the NW 06-19-13 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 9 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,620 (127 acres flood to pivot) – \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,920. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

7.01.4 Herb Torkelson – Pt. NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 161 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 water user wishes to continue to wheel move a 16 acre portion, and wishes to sell the remaining 14 acres privately. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$3,930.

2008-02-025 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Herb Torkelson for the conversion of 131 acres wheels to pivot in the Pt. NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M, subject to the water rights on the NW and SW corners being sold. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,930. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.0 Lands**8.01 Irrigable Unit Discharge – E. Bronsch – S ½ 30-16-13 W4M**

The landowner is selling this land to 2 different people. The financial institution for the SW ¼ is demanding this irrigable unit be dropped for them to finance. In order to drop the irrigable unit a drain ditch needs to be pulled, a road crossing installed and an easement for the head ditch put in place. The land is going to be farmed by one farmer as it is today; the culvert is not required at this time.

2008-02-026 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the discharge of the irrigable unit on S ½ 30-16-13 W4M, on the condition that an easement be put on each ¼ section, and that a caveat be placed on the SE quarter stating required payment for the installation of a culvert if necessary. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

8.02 Request to Use Irrigation Lease Land for Carbon Credit Program

K. Bridges presented a request from an Irrigation Leaseholder, Garry MacLagan, for permission to sell the carbon credits from the quarter section he leases (SE 29-14-13 W4M). This request was declined.

8.03 Request to Purchase & Lease Land for Bantry Bay Estate Development

E. Wilson presented a request from Homes By Us for the purchase of land for sewage treatment and storage, for the lease of irrigable land for the disposal of effluent, and for the purchase of land preceding the island for a proposed marina. As not enough details were included in the letter, Mr. Wilson will arrange a time for a presentation from Homes By Us to give more information to the Board regarding their Bantry Bay development.

8.04 Regional Water Update

E. Wilson gave an update on the proposed Regional Water system within the County. Mr. Wilson and A. Nielsen attended the last pipeline sub-committee, and will continue to attend these meetings. The treatment plant is to be located in Brooks, with branching pipelines to be phased in for the outlying town, village and hamlet centers. Pipeline capacity, upsizing for future development, storage, R.O.W.'s and easements, and cost were all discussed.

8.05 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease # 7029 – Jake Veenstra

Jake Veenstra is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease # 7029, N ½ & SW 33-17-14 W4M to Jim Miller, and the west 80 acres in NE 05-18-14 W4M to Dick Dick. This transfer is recommended under the advisement that the 80 acre parcel become an annual lease after 2008 and be leased together with the adjacent lease as there are no dividing fences.

2008-02-027 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7029 to be split; with NE, SE & SW 33-17-14 W4M, (480 acres) to be transferred from Jake Veenstra to Jim Miller, and Pt. NE 05-18-14 W4M (80 acres) to be transferred from Jake Veenstra to Dick Dick. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.06 Potential Irrigation Development on land currently in Private Grazing Leases

Ten ¼ sections in the Rolling Hills area were presented for review as potential irrigation expansion. It was supported that these parcels be leased as private grazing leases on an annual basis so as not to impede irrigation expansion in this area.

8.07 Private Grazing Lease Renewals

Additional Private Grazing Leases were reviewed: 3 will be leased on an annual basis due to potential development, 1 involves a land swap, and 1 will not be renewed. Most of the remaining leaseholders have been sent letters outlining their 3 options, and a couple leases require further discussion.

8.08 Request to use EID Land to Host EID Classic Sheepdog Competition

Mr. Wilson passed on 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 22, 23 & 24, 2008.

2008-02-028 Moved by N. Johnson 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 A. Nielsen. CARRIED

8.09 Request to have EID write Letter Supporting Mule Deer Numbers Study

The Alberta Professional Outfitters Society contacted R. Martin to write a letter, on behalf of the EID, in support of requesting a government mule deer survey. The request for a letter was declined.

8.10 Request for use of some of EID Land for Bio Diversity Base Line Study

The Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) has approached the EID requesting permission to access District lands to conduct biodiversity monitoring. Mr. Wilson will invite them to an upcoming meeting to give more information to the Board regarding their proposed study.

[11:45 a.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; R. Martin entered the meeting.]

8.11 Ringneck Classic Update

Mr. Martin reported that 6 groups were located on 6 sites, and 2 sites were held for backup. The hunt went well overall, although next year the authorized trails will be more clearly identified. Groups from the Calgary area and Washington and Montana states were among the participants.

[12:42 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment**9.01 Bid Results on Excavators**

Mr. Wilson presented quotes from Michener Allen, Canadian Public Auction and Brooks Asphalt to purchase the 2004 300-LC-7 and 2004 PC 220-LC-7 excavators. He recommended a motion to accept CPA's offer as their's is the highest quote, and a guaranteed price is prudent at this time when numerous hi hoes are for sale.

2008-02-029 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the acceptance of Canadian Public Auction's offer to purchase the 2004 300-LC-7 Komatsu Hi Hoe, in the amount of \$93,000.00; and the 2004 PC 220-LC-7 Komatsu Hi Hoe, in the amount of \$75,000.00. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

10.0 General Manager's Report

E. Wilson presented the General Manager's Report.

10.01 Spring Information Meeting – Thursday, March 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn

Agenda items will be:

- Farm Improvement Program
- Irrigation Development on EID owned Land
- Proposed License Amendment
- 2008/2009 Proposed Rehabilitation Projects
- Proposed Crawling Valley Campground Development

An Irrigation Expansion power point was reviewed and slightly revised for the upcoming meeting.

10.02 Meeting with Alberta Environment

E. Wilson met with Peter Watson, Deputy Minister of the Environment, February 4th in Edmonton regarding the District's proposed license amendment. The District's application is currently on hold until after the election.

10.03 Tilley B Water Quality Update

Also on February 4th in Edmonton, Mr. Wilson met with Ron Zurwell and Jay White regarding their knowledge and experience with SolarBee water re-circulating pumps. A summary of their comments and others' were reviewed, with several current sites noted. Mr. Wilson proposed negotiating a better deal for 4 SolarBees to be used as a trial on a portion of the Tilley B Reservoir.

10.04 Meeting with Ron McMullin, AIPA Executive Director

Mr. Wilson had a meeting with Ron McMullin, AIPA Executive Director on February 11th, where a variety of matters were discussed.

10.05 CWRA Conference "Water Management in Alberta: Making It Work", April 6-8, Calgary

E. Wilson, I. Friesen, B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, and C. Henrickson are to be registered for the conference.

10.06 Alberta's Environment Conference "Stewardship: Every Action Counts", Apr 21-23, Edm.

E. Wilson, K. Bridges, and possibly 1 or 2 more staff will be registered for the conference. An exhibit is to be secured as well.

[2:27 p.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

12.0 In-Camera

[2:40 p.m. – 2:49 p.m. Short break; K. Bridges and W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report cont'd.**5.05 Draft 2008 Budget Report**

E. Wilson presented the Draft 2008 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 28th Board Meeting. Mr. Wilson also noted several rates and fees to be set at that time.

E. Wilson and K. Bridges will bring a plan back to the Board regarding EIDNet. Administration may propose changing the year-end date for the District from December 31st to October 31st, to be confirmed at a later date.

5.06 2008 Rate By-Law

E. Wilson presented the proposed 2008 Rate By-Law, which is based on a '0' water rate.

Eastern Irrigation District
BY-LAW 862 (2008)

Being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to set the Annual Agreement Rate, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts

WHEREAS, the Irrigation Districts Act requires every district, in each year, to make a rate bylaw which bylaw must specify an annual agreement rate, an irrigation rate and a terminable agreement rate;

AND WHEREAS, the Irrigation Districts Act authorizes a district to specify a minimum amount payable as an irrigation charge and as a terminable agreement charge and to specify a surcharge;

AND WHEREAS, the Irrigation Districts Act authorizes a district to pass a bylaw providing for the allowance of discounts and for the addition of a penalty on unpaid amounts;

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

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “**2008 Rates Bylaw**”.
2. Definitions:
When used in this Bylaw,
 - (a) “Irrigation Districts Act” and “Act” mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) “District” means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
3. The rate for all acres of land irrigated under an annual agreement is established at **\$0.00** per acre. The rate prescribed in this clause shall be charged in addition to any minimum amount payable, surcharge or penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw.
4. The rate for all acres of land assessed as irrigation acres is established at **\$0.00** per acre. The rate prescribed in this clause shall be charged in addition to any minimum amount payable, surcharge or penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw.
5. The rate for all acres of land irrigated under a terminable agreement is established at **\$0.00** per acre. The rate prescribed in this clause shall be charged in addition to any minimum amount payable, surcharge or penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw.
6. The minimum amount payable as an irrigation charge or as a terminable agreement charge is established at **\$0.00** per point of delivery.
7. A surcharge of **\$15.00** per acre shall be charged for all acres irrigated under a terminable agreement, where such acres have been identified by the District as being eligible for conversion to irrigation acres, but have not been so converted at the request of the agreement holder. This surcharge shall be charged in addition to any other rate, charge or minimum amount payable established pursuant to this Bylaw.
8. A surcharge equal to the actual annual energy costs incurred by the District for pumping water into a pressurized water conveyance system shall be charged against all acres served by the pressurized water conveyance system. This surcharge shall be apportioned amongst the acres so served based upon the percentage of the volume of water delivered to each point of delivery on the pressurized water conveyance system compared to the total volume of water delivered through the pressurized water conveyance system. This surcharge shall be charged in addition to any other rate, charge or minimum amount payable established pursuant to this Bylaw.

9. The following pressurized water conveyance system maintenance surcharges shall be charged against all acres served by the applicable pressurized water conveyance system:
- (a) H Cowoki Pressure System **\$2.00** per acre
 - (b) 03 East Branch Pressure System **\$2.00** per acre
 - (c) Springhill Pressure System **\$1.00** per acre.
10. A discount in the amount of **0%** shall be allowed on any payment of the following current year charges:
- (a) annual agreement charges,
 - (b) irrigation charges,
 - (c) terminable agreement charges,
 - (d) terminable agreement surcharges levied pursuant to clause 7 above,
- provided such payment is received by the District not later than 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November of the year in which the charge is imposed. A payment enclosed in an envelope bearing an official postmark dated on or before the third Friday of November, but received by the District after 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November, shall be deemed to have been received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November and the discount amount set out in this clause shall be allowed on such payment. Notwithstanding that payment may have been received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November, no discount shall be allowed on any payment of a surcharge levied pursuant to clauses 8 or 9 above; or on any payment of a penalty added pursuant to clause 11 below; or on any payment of an amount in arrears.
11. If an amount shown on the collector's roll, or any part of it, has not been paid at the close of business of a calendar year, **8%** of the unpaid amount shall be added to the collector's roll as a penalty on the next succeeding January 1 and every 6 months afterwards for so long as any part of the amount remains unpaid.
12. Bylaw numbered **854 (2007)** is hereby repealed.
13. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

2008-02-030 Moved by A. Nielsen that By-Law #862 (2008) be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of February, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing CARRIED

2008-02-031 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board read and approve By-Law #862 (2008) the second time this 26th day of February, 2008. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

5.07 2008 Fees By-Law

E. Wilson presented the proposed 2008 Fees By-Law which is based on the current costs of conveying water, and now also includes an applied discount for timely payments.

Eastern Irrigation District

BY-LAW 863 (2008)

Being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to set the fees for Household Purposes agreements, Water Conveyance agreements and Rural Water Use agreements and to set the Discount and Penalty Rates applicable to those agreements.

WHEREAS, the Irrigation Districts Act requires that fees that apply to Household Purposes agreements, Water Conveyance agreements and Rural Water Use agreements be established by bylaw and further that such fees be established on a fair and equitable basis;

AND WHEREAS, the Irrigation Districts Act provides that a district may pass a bylaw providing for the allowance of discounts on payments and the addition of penalties on unpaid amounts;

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

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “**2008 Fees Bylaw**”.
2. Definitions:
When used in this Bylaw,
 - (a) “Irrigation Districts Act” or “Act” mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) “District” means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
3. The process used to determine the fees established by this Bylaw is set out on the attached Schedule “A” which forms part of this Bylaw. The Board of Directors hereby endorses the process set out on Schedule “A” as being fair and equitable.
4. The fees that apply to Household Purposes agreements are established as follow:
 - (a) Each parcel that is also charged a rate for irrigation acres or for a terminable agreement shall be charged a fee of **\$0.00** in addition to any rate charged for irrigation acres or for a terminable agreement.
 - (b) Each single parcel of land or individual country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement shall be charged **\$289.00** per year. The fee for this type of Household Purposes agreement, if issued on or after the 15th day of July, shall be \$195.00.
 - (c) Each single parcel of land or individual country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement and that is served by a pressurized water conveyance system shall be charged **\$450.00** per year. The fee for this type of Household Purposes agreement, if issued on or after the 15th day of July, shall be \$275.00.
 - (d) Each country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement and that is located in a subdivision, comprised of 3 or more individual country residential lots, where all parcels are served through a common storage reservoir, shall be charged **\$226.00** per parcel per year. The fee for this type of Household Purposes agreement, if issued on or after the 15th day of July, shall be \$163.00.
5.
 - (a) Each Household Purposes agreement fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw is due and payable in full not later than the 30th day of April, **2008**. In the event the agreement is issued after the 30th day of April, **2008**, the Household Purposes agreement fee is due and payable in full prior to any water being withdrawn from the District’s irrigation works.
 - (b) The District wishes to encourage prompt payment of all Household Purposes agreement charges and thereby avoid costs associated with administering and collecting overdue accounts. To encourage prompt payment, a discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to each Household Purposes agreement account on which the current year’s Household Purposes agreement fee is paid in full by not later than the applicable due date specified in clause 5(a) above.
 - (c) In the event there is a past due amount on any Household Purposes agreement account, a penalty of 1.5% per month, compounded monthly (19.56% per annum), shall be added to such account on the first day of each month beginning in the month immediately following the due date and continuing until the account is paid in full.
 - (d) In the event any Household Purposes agreement fee is not paid in full by the due date specified in clause 5(a) above, the District’s General Manager may cancel the agreement or otherwise suspend service under the agreement. In the event that an agreement is cancelled or service is suspended, the agreement holder, prior to service being reinstated, shall pay a penalty of \$250.00, plus any outstanding amount on the agreement holder’s account, plus any costs incurred by the District in collecting the outstanding amount, plus any costs incurred by the District in canceling the agreement and in discontinuing, suspending and reinstating service.

6. The District has adopted a process to determine the fees to apply to rural water use agreements based on the following categories and descriptions:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
Farmyard Water	refers to a rural water use agreement issued for the purpose of watering a farmyard where the agreement holder is an irrigator, the parcel of land subject to the agreement is assessed for irrigation acres and the total annual volume of water allocated in the agreement does not exceed 5 acre feet.
Livestock Water	refers to a rural water use agreement issued for the purpose of watering livestock.
Agri-Business	refers to a rural water use agreement issued for any agriculturally related and/or connected commercial activity, other than for livestock watering.
Country Residential (non-pressurized system)	refers to a rural water use agreement issued for the purpose of supplying water to a parcel of land that is: (a) categorized by the District as a country residential parcel, and, (b) not assessed for irrigation acres.
Country Residential (served by pressurized system)	refers to a rural water use agreement issued for the purpose of supplying water to a parcel of land that is: (a) categorized by the District as a country residential parcel, (b) served by a pressurized water conveyance system, and, (c) not assessed for irrigation acres.
Industrial	refers to rural water use agreement issued for any non-agricultural commercial or industrial purpose which is not related, directly or indirectly, to the oil and gas industry or to the maintenance, construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure [such as highways].

7. The fees to be applied to the following types of rural water use agreements shall be as set out below.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee Per Acre Foot</u>	<u>Minimum Charge Per Agreement</u>
Farmyard Water	\$0	\$0
Livestock Water at 65% of per acre foot cost (\$27.91 x .65 rounded to nearest \$0.50)	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$18.00 / ac ft. The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 th day of July, shall be	\$270.00 \$185.00
Agri-Business at 90% of per acre foot cost (\$27.91 x .90 rounded to nearest \$0.50)	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$25.00 / ac ft. The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 th day of July, shall be	\$300.00 \$200.00
Country Residential – non-pressurized system at 100% of per acre foot cost		

(\$27.91 x 1 rounded to nearest \$0.50)	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$28.00 / ac ft. The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 th day of July, shall be	\$300.00 \$200.00
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Country Residential – served by pressurized system At 100% of per acre foot cost (\$27.91 x 1 rounded to nearest \$0.50)		
(\$27.91 x 1 rounded to nearest \$0.50)	Base charge of \$200.00 plus \$75/ac ft. The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 th day of July, shall be	\$450.00 \$275.00
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Industrial at 110% of per acre foot cost (\$27.91 x 1.15 rounded to nearest \$0.50)		
(\$27.91 x 1.15 rounded to nearest \$0.50)	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$31.00 The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 th day of July, shall be	\$400.00 \$250.00
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8.
 - (a) Each Rural Water Use agreement fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw is due and payable in full not later than the 30th day of April, **2008**. In the event the agreement is issued after the 30th day of April, **2008**, the Rural Water Use agreement fee is due and payable in full prior to any water being withdrawn from the District's irrigation works.
 - (b) The District wishes to encourage prompt payment of all Rural Water Use agreement charges and thereby avoid costs associated with administering and collecting overdue accounts. A discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to each Rural Water Use agreement account on which the current year's Rural Water Use agreement fee is paid in full by not later than the applicable due date specified in clause 8(a) above.
 - (c) In the event there is a past due amount on any Rural Water Use agreement account, a penalty of 1.5% per month, compounded monthly (19.56% per annum), shall be added to such account on the first day of each month beginning in the month immediately following the due date and continuing until the account is paid in full.
 - (d) In the event any Rural Water Use agreement fee is not paid in full by the due date specified in clause 8(a) above, the District's General Manager may cancel the agreement or otherwise suspend service under the agreement. In the event that an agreement is cancelled or service is suspended, the agreement holder, prior to service being reinstated, shall pay a penalty of \$250.00, plus any outstanding amount on the agreement holder's account, plus any costs incurred by the District in collecting the outstanding amount, plus any costs incurred by the District in canceling the agreement and in discontinuing, suspending and reinstating service.

9. Notwithstanding clauses 4, 5, 7 and 8 above, the fee applicable to any Household Purposes agreement and to any Rural Water Use agreement subject to an agreement between the District and the County of Newell, shall be as follows:
 - (a) Each single parcel of land or individual country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement shall be charged **\$189.00** per year.
 - (b) Each single parcel of land or individual country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement and is served by a pressurized water conveyance system shall be charged **\$350.00** per year.
 - (c) Each country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement and is located in a subdivision comprised of 3 or more individual country residential lots, where all parcels are served through a common storage reservoir, shall be charged **\$126.00** per lot per year.
 - (d) Each country residential parcel that is subject to a rural water use agreement and is not served by a pressurized water system shall be charged \$28.00 per acre foot of water allocated in the agreement with the minimum charge per agreement being \$200.00 per year.

- (e) Each country residential parcel that is subject to a rural water use agreement and that is served by a pressurized water system shall be charged a base charge of \$200.00 plus \$75.00 per acre foot of water allocated in the agreement with the minimum charge per agreement being \$350.00 per year.
 - (f) All such fees invoiced to the County of Newell shall be due and payable in full not later than 30 days following the invoice date.
10. The fees that apply to a water conveyance agreement, excepting for any water conveyance agreement wherein other fees have been agreed upon, are established at:
 - (a) the fee established for water conveyed for industrial purposes is set at 95% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed and shall be \$26.50 per acre foot [$\$27.91 \times 0.95 = \26.51 rounded to the nearest \$0.50].
 - (b) the fee established for water conveyed for municipal purposes is set at 85% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed and shall be \$23.50 per acre foot [$\$27.91 \times 0.85 = \23.72 rounded to the nearest \$0.50].
 - (c) the fee established for water conveyed for agricultural purposes is set at 75% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed and shall be \$21.00 per acre foot [$\$26.50 \times 0.75 = \19.90 rounded to the nearest \$0.50].
 11. 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 cost of water conveyance.
 12. In the event there is a past due amount on any Water Conveyance agreement account, a penalty of 1.5% per month, compounded monthly (19.56% per annum), shall be added to such account on the first day of each month beginning in the month immediately following the due date and continuing until the account is paid in full.
 13. Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to extend the time for payment of any amount charged pursuant to this Bylaw or, in any way, to impair any other remedy the District may have for the collection of those amounts.
 14. Each billing notice issued pursuant to this Bylaw must provide notice of this fee Bylaw to every person who is a party to an agreement referred to in this Bylaw and shall contain written notice of the right to appeal this Bylaw to the Irrigation Council.
 15. Bylaw numbered **855 (2007)** is hereby repealed.
 16. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

Schedule "A"

Process used to determine rates that apply to Household Purposes agreements, Water Conveyance agreements and Rural Water Use agreements

1.0 Calculation of Cost of Administration, Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation
[on a cost per acre foot basis]:

<u>Description</u>	
Amortization related to replacement of Irrigation Works valued at \$731 million at 1.5%	\$10,965,000
Amortization related to replacement of Major Irrigation Works valued at \$140 million at 0.75%	\$1,050,000
Budgeted operating costs [net of land and EIDNet]	\$5,503,000
minus Funds received under Alberta IRP	<u>(\$5,142,000)</u>

Net Annual Cost of Administration, Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$12,376,000
Divided by Average Consumptive Use (18"/acre + 11,000 acre feet other licenses, + 5,000 acre feet Rural Water Use & Household Purposes)	443,500
Average Cost per acre foot of water consumed	\$27.91

2.0 Calculation of Costs for Water Conveyance by Classification

2.1 Water Conveyed for Industrial Purposes

The fee to be applied to water conveyance agreements for industrial purposes is set at 95% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed and shall be \$26.50 per acre foot [$\$27.91 \times 0.95 = \26.51 rounded to the nearest \$0.50].

2.2 Water Conveyed for Municipal Purposes

The fee to be applied to water conveyance agreements for municipal purposes is set at 85% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed and shall be being \$23.50 per acre foot [$\$27.91 \times 0.85 = \23.72 rounded to the nearest \$0.50].

2.3 Water Conveyed for Agricultural Purposes

The fee assessed for water conveyance agreements for agricultural purposes is set at 75% of the cost per acre foot of water consumed being \$21.00 per acre foot [$\$27.91 \times 0.75 = \20.93 rounded to the nearest \$0.50].

3.0 Calculation of Costs for Water Conveyance for Household Purposes

3.1 The minimum fee to be applied to any household purposes agreement shall be \$165.50 plus the cost of 1 acre foot of water at 85% of the actual per acre foot cost for a total of \$189.00 [$\$165.50 + \23.50].

4.0 Administrative Surcharge

4.1 An administrative surcharge of \$100.00 shall be included in the calculation of the fee for each category of Household Purposes agreement and each category of Rural Water Use agreement.

4.2 The \$100.00 administrative surcharge shall be deducted from the Household Purposes agreement fee and from the Rural Water Use agreement fee, via a discount applied to the account, if such fees are paid in full by not later than the due date established for payment of each.

2008-02-032 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law #863 (2008) be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of February, 2008. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2008-02-033 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve By-Law #863 (2008) the second time this 26th day of February, 2008. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.0 Upcoming Events

11.01 Meeting with the Auditor	- Thursday, February 28, 12:00 p.m.
11.02 AIPA Conference	- Monday & Tuesday, March 3 rd & 4 th , Lethbridge
11.03 Spring Information Meeting	- Thursday, March 6 th , 7:00 p.m., Heritage Inn
11.04 BRBC Open House	- Monday, March 10 th , 6:30 p.m., EID Office
11.05 Special Board Meeting	- Tuesday, March 18 th , 1:00 p.m.
11.06 Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, March 25 th , 9:00 a.m.
11.07 Annual General Meeting	- Wednesday, March 26 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
11.08 Nominations Close	- Thursday, March 27 th , 5:00 p.m.
11.09 CWRA Conference	- Monday & Tuesday, April 7 th & 8 th , Calgary

- 11.10 Elections (if necessary) - Friday, April 18th
- 11.11 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 29th
- 11.12 Alberta's Environment Conference - Monday – Wednesday, April 21st – 23rd, Edmonton

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 28, 2008 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 28th day of February, 2008. 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>excused</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 12:27 p.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 indicated that the biggest change this year was in the way investments are now required to be reported, at fair market value. Thus the return on investments income appears depressed compared to the prior year. Mr. Chrumka requested an explanation of these figures to be noted in the Annual Report Book.

Mr. Halbert reviewed his letter dated February 22, 2008 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.

Input was given on an October 31st year end date; and the completion of a procedures manual for those involved in the accounting department was encouraged. A variety of other questions and comments from the Board members were responded to by Mr. Halbert. Mr. Halbert commended the staff for their hard 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 excused his attendance at the annual general meeting.

2008-02-034 Moved by P. Hemsing that the auditor's letter report to the Board dated February 22, 2008 be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

It is Administration's recommendation to:

- Use \$1,647,452 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2007 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects.
- Transfer \$14,357,933 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 \$23,850 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development.

2008-02-035 Moved by C. Henrickson that approval be granted to use \$1,647,452 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2007 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2008-02-036 Moved by N. Johnson that approval be granted to transfer, effective December 31, 2007, \$14,357,933 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 C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-02-037 Moved by C. Henrickson that approval be granted to transfer, effective December 31, 2007, \$23,850 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2008-02-038 Moved by C. Henrickson that the auditor's report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2007 be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.0 Rates & Fees By-Laws

2.01 2008 Rate By-Law

At the February 26, 2008 Board meeting, the 1st and 2nd readings of By-Law 862 (2008) were conducted, to set the Annual Agreement Rate, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts.

2008-02-039 Moved by F. George that By-Law #862 (2008), being a by-law of the Eastern Irrigation District to set the Annual Agreement Rate, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.02 2008 Fees By-Law

At the February 26, 2008 Board Meeting, the 1st and 2nd readings of By-Law 863 (2008) were conducted, to set fees for Household Purposes agreements, Water Conveyance agreements and Rural Water Use agreements and to set the Discount and Penalty Rates.

2008-02-040 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law #863 (2008), being a by-law of the Eastern Irrigation District to set fees for Household Purposes agreements, Water Conveyance agreements and Rural Water Use agreements and to set the Discount and Penalty Rates applicable to those agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

3.0 2008 Budget

E. Wilson presented the final 2008 Budget based on a "\$0" Water Rate. B. Chrumka requested to increase and divide the Advertising/Promotions budget line; one line for internal promotions and one for external promotions. A separate line for scholarships was also requested.

3.01 AUM Grazing Rate

With listings approximately the same as last year, and to cover the District's costs, it was recommended that the AUM rate of \$12.25 remain for 2008.

2008-02-041 Moved by A. Nielsen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2008 season be set at \$12.25/ AUM. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[1:52 p.m. A. Nielsen exited the meeting.]

3.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Rates

Mr. Wilson recommended leaving the camping rates the same as 2007, as well as the seasonal site application fee.

2008-02-042 Moved by C. Henrickson that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2008 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 N. Johnson. CARRIED**

The boat dock has been expanded over the winter to accommodate both day use and seasonal leased slips.

**2008-02-043 Moved by P. Helsing that the seasonal marina mooring rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2008 boating season be set at:
 \$400/season for boats under 21 feet; and
 \$800/season for boats over 21 feet.
 Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

3.03 Rate of Remuneration & Expenses for Directors By-Law

A by-law establishing the rate of remuneration and expenses for directors based on a 4% cost of living increase, and retroactive to January 1, 2008 was given first and second readings.

Eastern Irrigation District
BY-LAW 864 (2008)
 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 bylaw 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. Definitions:
 When used in this Bylaw,
 - (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) "Board" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.

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:

\$390.00 per full day, or
\$195.00 if the meeting lasts less than 4 hours.

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

Mileage:
 Fifty five (**\$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 by the member of the Board to the Eastern Irrigation District on a quarter year basis for the periods ended March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.
5. **By-law 858 (2007)** is hereby repealed.
6. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the 1st day of **January, 2008**.

2008-02-044 Moved by N. Johnson that By-Law #864 (2008), being a by-law to establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of February, 2008. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2008-02-045 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board read and approve By-Law #864 (2008) the second time this 26th day of February, 2008. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

3.04 Cost of Living Increase

From previous discussion on the cost of living increase, the following motion was passed.

2008-02-046 Moved by N. Johnson that a 4% cost of living increase be granted to EID staff. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

3.05 Budget Approval

After discussion on the 2008 Budget, the following motion was passed.

2008-02-047 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board of Directors approve the 2008 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

3.06 Financial Statements

Mr. Bridges briefly reviewed the 2007 financial statements with the Board, noting the following:

- Cash and short term investments totaled \$2.2 million more than at the previous year end due primarily to higher IRP investments at December 31st.
- The accounts receivable balance is \$395,000 less than at December 31, 2006. Reclass and construction loan balances are down \$75,000, mostly due to loan balances being paid down. Lease receivables are down \$583,000 due to lower grazing lease and oil and gas receivables at year end. The gravel and dirt receivable is up by \$141,000 mostly due to a dirt sale that was billed in December 2007. Water-related receivables are up \$142,000 mostly due to the pressure pipeline invoices that were issued in December.
- Long term investments are up \$1.29 million from December 31, 2006. Effective in 2007, this value reflects the market value of the EID's investments at year end. Due to changes in market value, almost 1/3 of 2007's accrued interest was offset by a decline in the market value of the investments. Market value of the EID's investments on January 31, 2008 was higher than it was on December 31, 2007.

- Both the Carl Anderson Trust Fund balance of \$72,811 and the Partners in Habitat Development funds on hand of \$46,424 are being reported as part of the total trust fund balance. Previously, the PHD funds had not been included in the trust fund balance.
- The net book value of property and equipment is up by \$10.54 million over the 2006 year end value. Capital additions of \$21.43 million were offset by amortization expenses of \$10.89 million.
- The net book value of irrigation works increased by \$9.75 million. 2007 capital additions totaled \$20.1 million against 2007 amortization expenses of \$10.35 million.
- Total accounts payable at December 31, 2007 were \$419,000 higher than at December 31, 2006 primarily due to increased irrigation works fund (construction) payables incurred just prior to year end.
- Deferred oil and gas compensation is up \$227,000 due to 358 new wells added in 2007.
- The Community Pasture Reserve Fund increased by \$23,850 in 2007. The Irrigation Works Fund increased by a net of \$3.2 million. The Irrigation Rehabilitation Program Fund declined by a net of \$94,000 as a result of the cost of the IRP work done exceeding the value of the provincial grant received plus the EID contribution which was added to the fund.
- With regard to revenues;
 - o Water revenues in total were down \$228,000 due to a decline in oil and gas water revenues.
 - o Lease revenues in total were up \$204,000 due to an increase in oil and gas and private lease revenues and a decline in grazing pasture revenues.
 - o Capital asset charges of \$167,000 were recorded and were netted against a cost of \$146,000 for repurchasing irrigation acres.
 - o Gravel and dirt sale revenues were down by \$46,000 which is a normal fluctuation in activity levels.
 - o A total gain of \$22,000 was recorded from disposals of equipment throughout the year. A total gain of \$87,000 was recorded from the sale of 4 small parcels of land.
 - o Total investment income of \$2.6 million was accrued in 2007 which was offset by a decline of \$0.7 million in the market value of the investments for a net investment income of \$1.9 million for the year.
- Total operating expenses are up \$437,000 over 2006 which is almost entirely due to increased amortization expenses. The regular operating and grazing expenses are down by \$38,000 for the year. EIDNet net expenses are down \$232,000. Special project expenses are up \$42,000 which is primarily the expenses incurred to update the soil remediation study on the former Modern Auto property. Amortization expenses are up \$475,000 for the year due to the increasing value of the assets that are subject to amortization.
- The transfer from the general fund to the irrigation works fund of \$14.36 million was \$354,000 higher than in 2006.
- Changes to the Notes to the Financial Statements were highlighted and discussed. The Board asked that additional information be added to the Investment note to explain the affect of the new accounting rules pertaining to investments.

The Board recognized Mr. Bridges for all his time and effort, and the accounting department for all their work, preparing for the audit. The proposed October 31st year end was discussed and supported by the Board to ease time constraints. It was noted that a by-law will be needed to officially change the date.

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

March 18, 2008 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 18th day of March, 2008. 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 1:15 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute Project Presentation

B. Chrumka welcomed Jim Herbers, Director, and Kirsten Kurjata, Land Access Manager of the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute to the meeting; R. Martin was also in attendance. An overview of the institute and project was given by the representatives. The Institute operates out of the University of Alberta, and the Alberta Research Council in Vegreville. It is the Institute's goal to develop a provincial system of collecting and monitoring changes in biodiversity and to make this information available to private landowners and the public; and does not profess to be an advisory group. Public access to general information is only site specific within a 5.5 km radius of the actual survey site; and approximately seven 600 m x 600 m specific sites of their 1,656 site, 20 km grid system are proposed to be on land owned by the EID. Typically, 1-10 valued species would be looked at in terrestrial, aquatic and landscape habitats. They are requesting permission to access District lands at these sites once every five years.

[2:27 p.m. J. Herbers, K. Kurjata and R. Martin exited the meeting.]

A draft memo of understanding outlining the Institute's and District's relationship has been received; and an email copy of the presentation will be forwarded. The Board requested that more research into this institute be made, before making a decision regarding District land access.

2:30 p.m. Bantry Bay Estates Presentation – "Homes by Us"

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Randy Ftichar of Homes by Us; Connie Petersen, Engineer and Karen Peters, Midwest Surveys; and John Barry, Engineer; to the meeting. Mr. Ftichar presented the concept plan for Bantry Bay including some public amenities along with the private home development. It is their desire to purchase a minimum of 8.5 hectares of land to house a lagoon and treatment system for their development, as hooking into the City of Brooks sanitary sewage system is not an option at this time. An additional 60 hectares of land is being requested as a long term lease for the disposal of the treated effluent. As well, they desire to purchase the land preceding the island to develop as a marina. Issues of public access to the shorelines and protecting the area were raised by Directors; and water consumption and disposal calculations were discussed.

[3:29 p.m. R. Ftichar, C. Petersen, K. Peters, and J. Barry exited the meeting.]

E. Wilson will investigate a more favorable lagoon location for this development; K. Bridges will investigate urban lot prices, with this requested to be brought back to the March 25th Board Meeting.

[3:59 p.m. – 4:03 p.m. Short break.]

1.0 Other

1.01 Remuneration By-Law – 3rd Reading

At the February 28, 2008 Board Meeting, the 1st and 2nd readings of By-Law 864 (2008) were conducted, to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses for Directors.

2008-03-048 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law #864 (2008), being a by-law of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

1.05 Email Notices

It was requested that a database be developed for sending notices by email to water users in regards to information and other meetings, etc.

[4:22 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

1.02 Grazing

B. Hale was in attendance to report on cattle numbers and answer a variety of other grazing questions.

1.02.1 2008 Cattle Numbers

The current listing for 2008 is 15,440. It is expected that this number could go down as some members are still considering selling their cattle.

1.02.2 Set Grazing Numbers for 2008

The Board moved to support the recommendation from fall of 50 cow/calf pairs per full member for the 2008 grazing season. If conditions prove to be dry this year, an earlier round up date could be implemented.

2008-03-049 Moved by P. Hemsing that the number of cattle allowed on the community leases per grazing association member for the 2008 season be set at 50 cow/calf pairs. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

1.03 Annual Private Grazing Lease # 7169 - Adjacent to Silver Sage

Mr. Hale requested to advertise Private Grazing Lease # 7169 (Sec. 20-18-14 W4M & Pt. Sec. 17-18-14 W4M) for tender for the 2008 grazing season.

2008-03-050 Moved by C. Henrickson that Private Grazing Lease # 7169 (Sec. 20-18-14 W4M & Pt. Sec. 17-18-14 W4M) be tendered for lease for the 2008 grazing season. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[4:35 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

1.04 Brooks Motorcycle Club Lease

K. Bridges advised that the current Brooks Motorcycle Club Lease is for one year and will expire on April 30, 2008. The annual basis of this lease is due to potential industrial development. Mr. Bridges was requested to confirm that the club membership is open to anyone.

2008-03-051 Moved by A. Nielsen that approval be granted to enter into a one year Land Use Permit agreement effective May 1, 2008 with the Brooks Motorcycle Club for the Club's track site in SW 29-18-14 W4M at an annual rental of \$550.00 plus GST. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[4:40 p.m. The meeting recessed until 6:45 p.m., W. Enns exited the meeting.]

6:45 p.m. Crawling Valley Campground Meeting

Mr. Chrumka welcomed a number of representatives from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society's Board to the meeting. E. Wilson presented a proposed development plan for the campground, based on a 4 or 5 stage design; as well as outlining the operational requirements. Mr. Wilson was requested to give a presentation at the Crawling Valley Recreation Society's AGM on March 30th. The Society is to then contact the District in response to the District's offer of development.

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

March 25, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of March, 2008. 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:

- 3.03 Kathy Ramer – Request to Pipe Drain
- 3.04 Crawling Valley Campground
- 9.06 WDS House in Scandia
- 9.07 PGL Transfer
- 10.06 CAP – Request for Funding
- 10.07 Silver Sage & Arena Lands
- 10.08 County of Newell
- 10.09 City of Calgary – Proposed Water Tour
- 10.10 Staffing Update

2008-03-052 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 February 26, 2008**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 14, 8.06, add “as private grazing leases” prior to “on an annual basis”.

2008-03-053 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the February 26, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2.02 February 28, 2008

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 27, 3.03, change “fifty” to “fifty five” under point 3.

2008-03-054 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the February 28, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2.03 March 18, 2008

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 31, 1.04, replace “an annual rental of the greater of \$550.00 plus GST or 20% of the annual gate receipts” with “an annual rental of \$550.00 plus GST.”

2008-03-055 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the March 18, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Bantry Bay Estates – Homes by Us Development & Lagoon

The Board decided to tour the area after lunch before making a decision in regards to the sale or leasing of any land.

3.02 SolarBees

As costs are considerable and water quality results not known, E. Wilson recommended not to proceed with renting or purchasing SolarBees this year, but to monitor other sites using them this year.

3.03 Kathy Ramer – Request to Pipe Drain

K. Ramer has requested that the District pipeline an open drain that runs through her property on the west side of the Village of Duchess. This request was denied as improvements have already been made, and further work to pipeline the drain is not practical as it could cause freeze up problems in winter and spring.

3.04 Crawling Valley Campground

The future maintenance, operation and leasing of the Crawling Valley Campground was discussed, as it pertains to the Society, the County and the EID.

[9:47 – 9:55 a.m. Short break.]

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 February 29, 2008 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to February 29, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$4.1 million.
- YTD total revenues are tracking on YTD budget and are about 5% (\$221,000) higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are tracking \$278,000 under YTD budget and are 3% (\$16,000) less than prior YTD.

Chinook Credit Union offered a 5 year investment yielding 5.05% until February 29, 2008. This was the best available rate so a \$4.0 million investment was made. To ensure sufficient cash is available to meet the District's cash requirements, arrangements were made through ATB Financial for a revolving line of credit. The revolving line of credit will expire on April 18, 2008 when another of the District's investments matures.

2008-03-056 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board authorize the temporary revolving line of credit in the amount of \$3,675,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

Various questions from Directors were responded to by administration.

2008-03-057 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 29, 2008, as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

Installation requests are continuing to come in at a fairly steady rate. A delay in installations occurred due to PCCC staff being unavailable, but the installs have since been completed. The realignment of the 2 Duchess VL sectors and the sectorization work at Patricia has been completed. Some of the customers in these areas as well as Rosemary will be gradually removed off of the 900 meg sectors as installations progress. There is a routing problem upstream of PCCC in the GT network that is causing occasional upload slowdowns throughout PCCC's and EIDNet's networks. PCCC is working with GT to correct this issue.

It was suggested that Administration announce at the annual general meeting that the EIDNet dial-up service will be phased out this year.

[10:15 a.m. I. Friesen and K. Green entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

6.01 Project Status

PROJECT NAME	COMMENTS
X Tilley	- construction complete
U-02 Tilley	- construction complete
AH North Bantry	- construction complete
Springhill Structures	- construction complete
North Branch Structures	- construction complete
Bassano Dam	- construction complete
16 Springhill	- construction complete
12 Rolling Hills	- construction complete
10 Bow Slope	- construction complete, pump installation remains
22 Bow Slope	- construction complete
07-08 A Springhill	- construction 70% complete
9 & 10 East Branch	- construction commenced March 18 on 8 km pipeline
03-02-05 C East Branch	- construction complete

To date 41 km of pipe has been installed (82%) between the 2 crews, with approximately 9.0 km remaining. One pipeline crew will be winding down construction by the beginning of April and the other crew should be complete by the end of April.

6.02 14 Springhill

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 6 km southeast of Rosemary and is slated for the 2008/09 construction year. The existing canal comes off the Springhill canal and continues north for approximately 1 km; currently irrigating 465 acres, all of which are sprinkler. There is erosion and flow control problems with the current system. The proposed rehabilitation consists of replacing the existing works with a gravity pipeline system of over 1000 m of PVC pipe, coming off the existing 14 Springhill inlet structure and hitting the existing deliveries of 14 Springhill. The new system will supply 451 acres, 100% of which is sprinkler. It is recommended that it be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$378,000.

2008-03-058 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 14 Springhill by replacing the existing works with a gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$378,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

Herb Torkelson is proposing to move his delivery in the SE 27-20-15 W4M upstream approximately 420 m. This will have a cost savings to the District in pipe alone of over \$32,000. The grant to the owner in infrastructure savings would be \$15,000.

2008-03-059 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant of \$15,000 for Herb & D. Torkelson, SE 27-20-15 W4M, for moving their delivery upstream 420 m, saving the District over \$32,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.03 07H West Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 9 km south of the # 1 Highway on the Rolling Hills Highway, serving 132 acres. This canal starts in on the east edge of Sec. 17-17-13 W4M and runs west to the center of the section 800 m. Overflow and seepage are major problems, and the canal can no longer provide irrigation without being pushed to its limits. It is recommended that this canal be pipelined along the same alignment to provide for 2.5 cfs at an estimated cost of \$181,000.

2008-03-060 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 07H West Bantry by pipelining the existing works, to be funded under the capital works program at an estimated cost of \$181,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

D. & L. Christiansen plan to install a pivot on this quarter, enabling the District to downsize pipelining to 2.5 cfs and saving the District \$44,000 in pipe. The grant to the landowner in infrastructure savings would be \$15,000.

2008-03-061 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant of \$15,000 for D. & L. Christiansen, SW 17-17-13 W4M, for installing a pivot at the time of rehabilitation, saving the District \$44,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

P. Hemsing requested a tally of Infrastructure Savings Grants be reported to the Board.

6.01 Project Status cont'd.

K. Green presented pictures of the 03-02-05C East Branch rehab and other jobs. Excessively wet conditions caused trench collapses, and larger equipment and ROW requirements. A fusing machine was also shown that was needed to join pipe which was installed in the 1980's.

[10:34 a.m. I. Friesen and K. Green exited the meeting, J. Meador entered.]

7.0 Operations

7.03 4 Farm Improvements

7.03.1 Wayne Hammergren – NW 14-15-15 W4M

Current assessment is 69 acres; new pivot area is 69 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 69 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 unsure at this time whether he wants a pump-well installed off of the existing turn-out or a new turn-out installed. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$4,140 less any pump-well or turn-out work.

2008-03-062 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Wayne Hammergren for the conversion of 69 acres flood to pivot in the NW 14-15-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,140 less any pump-well or turn-out work. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

7.03.2 J. Henry – SW 10-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 118 acres; new pivot area is 127 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 118 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 Q North Bantry, but will have to be changed from a flood barrel to a riser at a cost of approximately \$1,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$7,080 (118 acres flood to pivot) less riser installation (approx. \$1,500) and drain crossings.

2008-03-063 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for J. Henry for the conversion of 118 acres flood to pivot in the SW 10-20-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the water user is:

118 acres flood to pivot	\$7,080
Riser installation	- <u>\$1,500</u>
Subtotal	\$5,580 less drain and crossings work (GST extra)

Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 118 acres and the new pivot area being 127 acres, 9 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

2008-03-064 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 118 acres to 127 acres on SW 10-20-13 W4M; 9 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$2,700. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 118 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

7.03.3 Irv & Wanda Lepp – SW 23-21-16 W4M & Drain Relocation

It was requested that this Farm Improvement be brought back to next month's meeting along with several other drain relocation requests. A policy on drain relocations may need to be developed.

7.03.4 Richard & Marlene Retzlaff – E ½ 31-20-15 W4M & Pipeline Extension

Current assessment is 117 acres; new pivot area is 96 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 96 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, and is "first water" currently pumped from the Rosemary drain. A Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user would be \$2,880.

The water user is asking for a possible pipeline extension of 06-06 B Springhill pipeline, over 400m, to the pivot point. The estimated cost of this extension would be \$39,375 plus GST.

As this parcel is directly affected by a rehab project planned for fall, the pipeline extension will be fully funded by the District, and a farm improvement grant will not be issued.

2008-03-065 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the pipeline extension for Richard & Marlene Retzlaff in E ½ 31-20-15 W4M, to be funded on a cost share basis 75/25 by the District and landowner. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.01 Snow Pack

E. Wilson reported that the snow pack is currently 80-90% of average for this time of year. It is not a high snow year, and if there is no more precipitation in the mountains spring flows will be quite below average.

7.02 Set Date for Earliest Water Delivery Day

The District will start diversion from the Bassano Dam on April 7th. There is the anticipation that there may be an earlier demand for water than the normal May date.

2008-03-066 Moved by F. George that the earliest date for Water Delivery be set at May 5, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[11:08 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

8.0 Equipment

8.01 Quotes on Backhoes & Loaders

Mr. Wilson presented quotes received for two 15,000 lb Back Hoes; a 25,000 lb Loader; and a 28 to 29,000 lb Loader, from Brandt Tractor Ltd. and Finning Ltd.

2008-03-067 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the purchase of two JD 410 Backhoes for \$117,200 each; the JD 444 Loader for \$163,400; and the JD 544 Loader for \$168,900 all from Brandt Tractor Ltd. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

8.02 Sale of ½ Ton Trucks

Mr. Wilson also presented quotes received from Annett Auction, Regal Auction, Michener Allen, and CPA for the purchase of 8 District ½ Ton Trucks.

2008-03-068 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the acceptance of Regal Auction's offer to purchase the 8 ½ ton trucks in the amount of \$23,400. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[11:15 a.m. – 1:24 p.m. Lunch and tour.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Applications for Alternate Parcel Agreements

E. Wilson presented the 2008 applications for alternate parcel agreements.

9.01.1 Jamie Buteau NW 20-18-16 W4M from 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 2008 irrigation season.

2008-03-069 Moved by A. Nielsen 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 2008 irrigation season. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

9.01.2 Grahams Sec. 11-17-16 W4M from E. A. Schaffer & Sons Farms Ltd. Sec. 28-21-18 W4M

The District received a request to approve the use of 200 irrigation acres from E. A. Schaffer & Sons Farms Ltd. in Sec. 28-21-18 W4M by the Graham family for use in Sec. 11-17-16 W4M, for the 2008 irrigation season.

2008-03-070 Moved by C. Henrickson 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 2008 irrigation season. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.01.3 Clearview Hutt. Breth. S ½ 23-23-18 W4M from 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 2008 irrigation season.

2008-03-071 Moved by P. Hemsing 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 2008 irrigation season. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

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- 9.02 Carl Chomistek – Request for 20 Acre Agmt & to Lease or Purchase Land**
A request from Carl Chomistek was received for a 20 acre foot Livestock Watering RWUP Agreement on his yard in W ½ 30-14-13 W4M. He also is requesting to either have a long term lease of, or purchase, the parcel of land which he accesses for his livestock water in SE 25-14-14 W4M. A 20 Acre Foot Livestock Watering agreement will be provided to Mr. Chomistek for his feedlot, but the request for a long term lease or to purchase the land was denied. The water source is a dugout on Private Grazing Lease # 7032, of which Mr. Chomistek is the current leaseholder and the agreement can be in effect for as long as he remains the leaseholder.
- 9.03 John Miller - Request to Extend Water to Bow City Hamlet**
A letter from John Miller was received requesting a domestic water outlet to a Bow City Hamlet residential lot. This request was denied. A letter will be sent indicating that if the whole hamlet applies for a pipeline extension the District may consider the request.
- 9.04 Paul Seaton – Request to use a portion of Greenwald Inlet for Water Ski School**
A letter to the Board was received from Paul Seaton requesting to once again operate a water ski school in Greenwald Inlet. He is proposing to operate the school for 3 months this year, and would like to do some shoreline improvements.
- 2008-03-072 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board give approval for Paul Seaton to use the north end of the Greenwald Inlet on Lake Newell for a water ski course in 2008 for the months of June, July and August, and allow some shoreline improvements as approved by the District. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**
- 9.05 Pitau Residence & Acreage**
K. Bridges presented an overview of the District's Pitau residence and acreage. It has been used as a Water District Supervisor residence until 2004, but has been rented out to non-staff since then. It appears that the extent of pipelining in this area and the realignment of WDS boundaries has rendered this property surplus to operations staff requirements. If approval, in principle, of the sale of this property is granted, an appraisal and recommendation will be made to the Board.
- 2008-03-073 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the sale, in principle, of the E2 Pitau residence and acreage. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**
- 9.06 WDS House in Scandia**
This residence will be held for now, but may be considered for sale in the future. Both the house and the pasture will be rented out in the meantime.
- 9.07 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease # 7070 & 7071 – Van Den Hoek to Stikker**
Cornelis and Marian Van Den Hoek wish to transfer private grazing leases # 7070 and 7071 to Harme Stikker and Gerjan Stikker-Dinkla. The Transferees meet the eligibility requirements.
- 2008-03-074 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Leases # 7070 and 7071 to be transferred from Cornelius & Marian Van Den Hoek to Harme Stikker and Gerjan Stikker-Dinkla. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**
- 10.0 General Manager's Report**
- 10.01 Irrigation Rates**
2007 Irrigation Rates and Fees for all irrigation districts were distributed as information.
- 10.02 Cabinet Changes**
An Alberta Government news release listing new Deputy Minister assignments was distributed for information.

10.03 Report on Meeting with TransAlta Utilities, WID & BRID

E. Wilson reported that the meeting went well with TransAlta Utilities and the WID and BRID. Discussion centered on what the four parties agree on regarding running the Bow River, the availability of using TransAlta's storage, possible license amendments, and sub-committee seats.

10.04 Letter from Don Snell regarding "Homes By Us" Development

A letter addressed to the Board from Don Snell was received as information.

10.05 Law Suits

The Eastern Irrigation District has been served with two statements of claim, one in regards to the fire on the Rolling Hills Community Grazing Lease in August of 2006, and one in regards to a vehicle incident near Crawling Valley reported in the winter of 2005/2006.

10.06 CAP (Classroom Agriculture Program) – Request for Funding

In addition to the time and funding given each year, CAP is asking each partner to donate \$1,000 or their share of the \$10,000 needed to produce an educational agriculture video for classroom use.

2008-03-075 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the requested District's funding share for the CAP video project, up to a maximum of \$2,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

10.07 Silver Sage & Arena Lands

Mr. Wilson asked for Board direction as to the expense limit in leveling land for the Silver Sage and Arena land. Community partners are to be gathered in sharing the cost of land leveling, with plans and estimates to be firmed up.

10.08 County of Newell

E. Wilson summarized preliminary land proposals discussed between K. Stephenson and himself prior to the meeting. One parcel is in regards to a possible new County office and yard; and other land discussion regarded the disposal from hamlet sewage lagoons. The Board had no objections to the possible site for the office and yard, and supported Mr. Wilson's suggestion that the County purchase land from nearby landowners in regards to the lagoons.

10.09 City of Calgary Proposed Water Tour

A meeting and tour in Calgary will try to be arranged for the morning of Tuesday, April 8th for Administration and the Board. A tour within the EID will be reciprocated for City of Calgary representatives.

10.10 Staffing Update

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the mechanic positions being advertised, Wayne Bunney's (D2 Duchess) retirement, and a staff construction worker accident.

11.0 Upcoming Events

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| 11.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 26 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 11.02 | Nominations Close | - Thursday, March 27 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 11.03 | CWRA Conference | - Monday & Tuesday, April 7 th & 8 th , Calgary
Earl, Ivan, Bob, Floyd, Neil, Clint attending |
| 11.04 | Proposed Water Tour | - Tuesday, April 8 th , Calgary
Earl and Board attending |
| 11.05 | Elections (if necessary) | - Friday, April 18 th |

- 11.06 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 29th, 9:00 a.m.
- 11.07 Campground Seasonal Draw - Tuesday, April 29th, 7:00 p.m.
- 11.08 Marina Boat Slip Draw - Tuesday, April 29th, 8:15 p.m.
- 11.09 Alberta's Environment Conference - Monday – Wednesday, April 21st – 23rd, Edmonton
Earl, Kevin, Margo, Kimberly attending

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

April 29, 2008 Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 29th day of April, 2008. 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] (<i>apologies</i>)		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 p.m.

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

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

2008-04-076 Moved by P. Hemsing that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by C. Henrickson.

2008-04-077 Moved by A. Nielsen that nominations cease.

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

1.02 Election of Vice Chairman

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

2008-04-078 Moved by C. Henrickson that A. Nielsen be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by P. Hemsing.

2008-04-079 Moved by C. Henrickson that nominations cease.

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

2.0 Appointments**2.01 Chamber of Commerce**

C. Henrickson was appointed.

2008-04-080 Moved by A. Nielsen that C. Henrickson be appointed to be the EID representative for the Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

2.02 Bow River Basin Council

E. Wilson will remain on the BRBC.

2008-04-081 Moved by A. Nielsen that E. Wilson be appointed as the EID representative at BRBC. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.07 Project Status
- 7.12 Ed Mattheis
- 7.13 Application for Alternate Parcel Agreement – Leo Wiebe
- 12.11 Water License Amendment Application Update
- 12.12 IRP Budget

2008-04-082 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Revisit Fees for Annual Boat Slip Rental at Rolling Hills Reservoir**

The seasonal boat slip amounts were reviewed and revised from the original motion made in February.

*2008-02-043 Moved by P. Hemsing that the seasonal marina mooring rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2008 boating season be set at:
\$400/season for boats under 21 feet; and
\$800/season for boats over 21 feet.
Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED*

**2008-04-083 Moved by P. Hemsing that the seasonal boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2008 boating season be set at:
\$400/season for boats up to 21 feet;
\$600/season for boats over 21 feet up to 24 feet; and
\$800/season for boats over 24 feet.
Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

3.02 Revisit Extension of Pipeline to serve SE 31-20-15 W4M
Discussion clarified the motion from last meeting.

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 March 25, 2008**

The following items were noted for correction:

- The meeting began at 9:00 a.m., not 1:15 p.m.
- Page 39, motion 2008-03-072, after "...and allow some shoreline improvements" the motion should include "as approved by the District."

2008-04-084 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the March 25, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 March 31, 2008 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to March 31, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$5.3 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$142,000 over YTD budget and are about \$417,200 higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$524,800 under YTD budget and are \$199,800 less than prior YTD.

Mr. Bridges also noted that none of the District's eligible accounts receivable were sufficiently past due to require rate enforcement action this year.

2008-04-085 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2008, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of Randy Hayes. PCCC is dropping their Sprint internet feed and with it the IP addresses that they used from Sprint. This includes the IP address block that all of the EIDNet equipment runs on. It all has to be changed over by the end of May so random outages will be occurring throughout the month as these changes are made. Down times will vary from minutes up to as much as 2 days as DNS changes are repopulated. B. Chrumka requested that customers who will be affected by outages due to DNS changes, be notified in advance.

[9:50 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Short break. J. Meador and I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

6.01 Farm Improvement Policy Review

E. Wilson reviewed the current Farm Improvement Policy. As requests for drain relocations have been increasing, he advised that a separate policy be considered. Currently, the Farm Improvement Policy dictates a drain relocation to be cost shared 50/50, and is part of the overall \$10,000 maximum Farm Improvement grant per quarter section. New policy would separate water conservation projects (irrigation conversion, eliminating flow past pumps, land leveling, etc) from drain or canal relocation projects. Drains would be rated for rehabilitation similar to canals and a 3 year plan would be developed. Landowners wanting drains relocated in advance of its priority could apply to cost share the relocation 75/25 on a first come, first served basis. This cost share would not include reclaiming the old drain or canal, hauling dirt from new to old, pipeline lowering or hydro-vacccing; but may allow pushing in of old banks. The cost share would not be included in the maximum \$10,000 per quarter for water conservation projects. The Infrastructure Savings Grant would also remain separate at 50/50 up to \$15,000 per quarter. After considerable discussion, Directors approved the following.

2008-04-086 Moved by A. Nielsen that approved Farm Improvement Drain Relocations be cost shared on a 75/25 basis by the District and the landowner, up to a maximum of \$30,000 to be paid by the District. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.07 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the project status. All major construction is complete on all projects. Considerable clean-up, fencing and seeding needs to be done in the next couple of months. Directors mentioned that excessive weed growth on some water user's land is causing problems in canals, and they would like this issue to be addressed.

PROJECT NAME	COMMENTS
Screen Cleaners	- some have been installed to date and the ones that remain can be installed with water in the canals
Springhill / North Branch Structures	- gate installation and electrical near complete, however the completion of the automation at these sites may not be complete before water
10 Bow Slope	- the pump station and tie in is complete, but completion of the electrical (VFD) and programming will be down to the wire before water
Sec "A" Rolling Hills	- the Rubicon gates that are to be installed will not be before water, however the gate channels will be installed this week allowing completion to be done while water is on

6.02 04C East Branch – Acreage Owner Cost Share

E. Wilson reviewed the project planning to date. This is a large rehabilitation project planned for the 2008/09 season in the Cassils area and includes approximately 40 acreages within the agricultural area. With the most reasonable engineering plan, some acreages could be serviced easily, others could not. Mr. Wilson proposed that all acreage owners with current water agreements be invoiced an averaged flat amount of \$1,500 for turnout installations. It was also noted that the water savings in this area is considerable, and that future irrigation capacity was added where logical.

2008-04-087 Moved by F. George that all acreage owners with current water agreements affected by the 04C East Branch rehabilitation each be invoiced \$1,500 for their turnout installation. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.03 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements, with the Drain Relocation requests being based on the new policy.

6.03.1 J. & G. Albers – NW 21-14-13 W4M – Drain Relocation

This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain on NW 21-14-13 W4M from within the pivot area to bordering the NW corner of the pivot circle. The cost to relocate 550 m of drain at an average cut of 2 ½ m is approximately \$22,000 plus GST to be cost shared 75/25 between the EID and the landowner. Finding and lowering gas lines, hauling dirt to the old drain if requested, or installing crossings will be at the landowners cost.

2008-04-088 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for J. & G. Albers on NW 21-14-13 W4M for \$22,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.03.2 Allen Axelson – NE 16-15-15 W4M – Drain Relocation

This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain on NE 16-15-15 W4M from within the pivot area to bordering the SE corner of the pivot circle. The cost to relocate 400 m of drain at an average cut of 1 ½ m is approximately \$8,000 plus GST to be cost shared 75/25 between the EID and the landowner. Finding and lowering gas lines, hauling dirt to the old drain if requested, or installing crossings will be at the landowners cost.

2008-04-089 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Allen Axelson on NE 16-15-15 W4M for \$8,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.03.3 M. & L. Gubbins – SW 04-17-16 W4M – Drain Relocation

This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain on SW 04-17-16 W4M from within the pivot area to bordering the SW corner of the pivot circle. The estimate given for the District to relocate the drain with 3 to 4 m cuts was approximately \$50,000 plus GST, and it was suggested to the landowner that buggies and graders would be cheaper. Mr. Gubbins hired equipment to do the work this past winter at a cost of \$40,000.

2008-04-090 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement – Drain Relocation for M. & L. Gubbins on NW 04-17-16 W4M for \$30,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner for recently completed drain relocation work. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.03.4 Harvey Krause – NW 10-14-13 W4M – Drain Relocation

This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain on NW 10-14-13 W4M east-west horizontally through the quarter section to the north and west section boundaries. The cost to relocate 1,200 m of drain at an average cut of 1 ½ m is approximately \$26,000 plus GST to be cost shared 75/25 between the EID and the landowner. Finding and lowering gas lines, hauling dirt to the old drain if requested, or installing crossings will be at the landowners cost.

2008-04-091 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Harvey Krause on NW 10-14-13 W4M for \$26,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.03.5 Irv & Wanda Lepp – SW 23-21-16 W4M – Drain Relocation

This Farm Improvement calls for the relocation of a drain on SW 23-21-16 W4M from within the pivot area to bordering the NW corner of the pivot circle. The cost to relocate 850 m of drain at an average cut of 1 ½ m is approximately \$26,000 plus GST to be cost shared 75/25 between the EID and the landowner. Finding and lowering gas lines, hauling dirt to the old drain if requested, or installing crossings will be at the landowners cost.

2008-04-092 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement – Drain Relocation for Irv & Wanda Lepp on SW 23-21-16 W4M for \$26,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

6.03.6 Norm Chelte – SE 35-15-16 W4M – Gated Pipe

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 1,320 feet of 12" gated pipe. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

2008-04-093 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Norm Chelte for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the SE 35-15-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.03.7 Carl Schreiber – SE 07-23-16 W4M – Gated Pipe

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 800 m of 10" gated pipe. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

2008-04-094 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for Carl Schreiber for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the SE 07-23-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.03.8 H. & B. Seely – S ½ 21-20-13 W4M – Gated Pipe

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 1,500 m of 8" and 10" gated pipe. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

2008-04-095 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for H. & B. Seely for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the S ½ 21-20-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED

6.03.9 Austin Beasley (Cross Coulee Ranching Ltd.) – SW 29-21-14 W4M - Pivot

Current assessment is 78 acres; new pivot area is 102 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 off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,680 less any pump well or drain work needed.

2008-04-096 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Austin Beasley (Cross Coulee Ranching Ltd.) for the conversion of 78 acres flood to pivot in the SW 29-21-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,680 less possible pump well and drain work expenses. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 78 acres and the new pivot area being 102 acres, 24 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. New assessment on this quarter will be 102 acres all under pivot irrigation.

2008-04-097 Moved by C. Henrickson the Board approve the increase in assessment from 78 acres to 102 acres on SW 29-21-14 W4M; 24 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$7,200. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 78 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED

6.03.10 B. & L. Calvert – N ½ 15 & SW 15-17-16 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment in NW ½ 15-17-16 W4M is 138 acres; two new pivot areas are 41 acres and 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 138 acres wheels to low pressure pivots, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut off. The pivots must be piped from delivery to pump site, with the delivery point for both pivots being the one for the wiper pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,140. An irrigable unit is already in place.

2008-04-098 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for B. & L. Calvert for the conversion of 138 acres wheels to pivots in the N ½ 15-17-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,140. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 138 acres and the new pivot areas being 171 acres, 33 additional acres are needed. Of these 33 acres, 21 are gained through efficiency from 138 acres wheels to pivot.

2008-04-099 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 138 acres to 159 acres on N ½ 15- 17-16 W4M; 21 additional acres at a capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$6,300. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 138 acres wheels to low pressure pivot; and is conditional upon soils passing. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

The water user also put up a new pivot in the SW 15-17-16 W4M that irrigates 118 acres of a total assessment of 130 acres. B. & L. Calvert would like to transfer the remaining 12 acres needed to complete the pivots from the SW 15-17-16 W4M to the NW 15-17-16 W4M. The extra 29 acres from the wiper pivot also need to be approved to transfer to the smaller pivot.

- 2008-04-100 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 12 irrigation acres from SW 15-17-16 W4M to NW 15-17-16 W4M, and 29 irrigation acres from NE 15-17-16 W4M to NW 15-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by B. & L. Calvert. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

New assessment on N ½ 15-17-16 W4M will be 171 acres; and 118 acres on SW 15-17-16 W4M.

6.03.11 M. & L. Gubbins – NE & SE 05 and SE 08-17-16 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment is 10 acres in SE 08-17-16 W4M, 80 acres in NE 05-17-16 W4M (east side of drain ditch), and 7 acres in NE 05-17-16 W4M (west side of drain ditch), for a total of 97 acres. New wiper pivot area is 92 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 92 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. 92 acres flood to pivot = \$5,520. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$5,520. Two acres from the west side of the drain in NE 05-17-16 W4M will be moved to the east side. An irrigable unit is already in place.

- 2008-04-101 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for M. & L. Gubbins for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot in the NE & SE 05 & SE 08-17-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$5,520. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

6.03.12 J. & M. Merkle – NW 21-19-13 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment is 154 acres; new pivot area is 154 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 154 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 \$4,680 less installation of a riser at \$1,200 = \$3,420.

- 2008-04-102 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for J. & M. Merkle for the conversion of 154 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 21-19-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,620 less \$1,200 for riser = \$3,420. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

6.03.13 Tom Ovinge – NW 29-15-15 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment is 138 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 landowner is choosing to keep the extra 16 acres outside the pivot circle at a cost of \$300/acre; and is requesting the installation of a new pump well at a cost of \$1,500. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,320 (122 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) - \$1,500 (pump well) = \$1,020.

- 2008-04-103 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Tom Ovinge for the conversion of 122 acres flood to pivot in the NW 29-15-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,320 (138 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) - \$1,500 (pump well) = \$1,020. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

6.03.14 Gord Simpson – SE 26-16-13 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment is 64 acres; new wiper pivot area is 62 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 62 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 \$1,860.

- 2008-04-104 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Gord Simpson for the conversion of 62 acres wheels to pivot in the SE 26-16-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,860. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

The water user is requesting to sell the 2 extra acres of water rights back to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2008-04-105** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the purchase of Gord Simpson's 2 acres of water rights on SE 26-16-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 2 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$1,400. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

6.03.15 Harme Stikker – NE 14-14-14 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment is 120 acres; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 120 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 \$7,200.

- 2008-04-106** Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Harme Stikker for the conversion of 120 acres flood to pivot in the NE 14-14-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,200. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 120 acres and the new pivot area being 130 acres, 10 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

- 2008-04-107** Moved by C. Henrickson the Board approve the increase in assessment from 120 acres to 130 acres on NE 14-14-14 W4M; 10 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$3,000. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 120 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

6.03.16 Harme Stikker – SE 14-14-14 W4M – Pivot

Current assessment is 106 acres; new pivot area is 118 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 106 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 \$6,360.

- 2008-04-108** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Harme Stikker for the conversion of 106 acres flood to pivot in the SE 14-14-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$6,360. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

With the current assessment being 106 acres and the new pivot area being 118 acres, 12 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

- 2008-04-109** Moved by P. Hemsing the Board approve the increase in assessment from 106 acres to 118 acres on SE 14-14-14 W4M; 12 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$3,600. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 106 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

As the pivot in the SE 14-14-14 W4M crosses into the NE 14-14-14 W4M, an irrigable unit needs to be registered.

- 2008-04-110** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on E ½ 14-14-14 W4M, lands being owned by Harme Stikker. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.04 Snow Pack

Mr. Wilson reported that the snow pack had greatly improved within the last week. With the recent precipitation, most snow pillows are at 90% of average.

6.05 Reservoir Status

District reservoirs are full or almost full. They expect some difficulty in flushing canals due to lingering snow banks.

6.06 Water Delivery

Since the recent snow fall, no phone calls have been received requesting water; thus the water delivery date will remain on May 5th. The District is beginning to charge the large pipelines; and the river is expected to remain low for another few weeks until spring thaw begins.

[11:35 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting, Dave Prescott and R. Martin entered.]

11:30 a.m. Fish & Wildlife Presentation re Leopard Frogs

B. Chrumka welcomed Species at Risk Biologist for Alberta Fish & Wildlife, Dave Prescott, to the meeting. Mr. Prescott was invited to present his request to the Board to relocate populations of Northern Leopard Frogs into District reservoirs. This frog was provincially rated as a threatened species in Alberta in the 1990's; but is not listed federally, or included under the *Species at Risk Act*. Monitoring the frog has been part of the formal recovery plan, with reintroduction as a key component. The EID has been identified as having some ideal habitat conditions, ie. larger bodies of water which do not freeze to the bottom in winter, and are not drained. The process would take a few years to relocate the frogs and monitor the sites; and all information would be treated as confidential.

[12:05 p.m. D. Prescott and R. Martin exited the meeting.]

2008-04-111 Moved by F. George that Species at Risk Biologists for Alberta Fish & Wildlife be authorized to transfer populations of Northern Leopard Frogs to Snake Lake Reservoir, Rock Lake Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[12:09 p.m. – 12:44 p.m. Lunch break.]

7.0 Lands**7.01 Irrigable Unit Registrations****7.01.1 Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson – Pt. NE 22-20-15 W4M & SE 27-20-15 W4M**

A new delivery was installed in the NW corner of NE 22-20-15 W4M during the 14 Springhill pipeline rehab, which serves a pivot covering this part quarter and SE 27-20-15 W4M, necessitating an irrigable unit.

2008-04-112 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on Pt. NE 22-20-15 W4M and SE 27-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Herbert & Dorothy Torkelson. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

7.01.2 Gerald Martin and Richard Martin – SW 27-20-15 W4M & NW 22-20-15 W4M

A new delivery was installed near the midway point on the east side of SW 27-20-15 W4M during the 14 Springhill pipeline rehab, which serves a pivot covering this quarter and Pt. NW 22-20-15 W4M, necessitating an irrigable unit.

2008-04-113 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on Pt. NW 22-20-15 W4M and SW 27-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Gerald Martin and Richard Martin. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

- 7.02 Irrigation on Pt. Sec. 34-18-14 W4M (Dick Dick's Proposed Highway Commercial Dev.)**
In order for the District to consent to this subdivision, Mr. Wilson has informed the landowner that the existing "irrigation acres" will be canceled and replaced with "terminable acres". Mr. Dick has also been informed that once the land is sold and developed, the "terminable acres" will be canceled.
- 7.03 Grazing Lease # 7024**
Bruce Beasley requested that the new current leaseholder of Private Grazing Lease # 7024 not be given the renewal options as the lease was previously used and paid for by himself as a second party for the last 14 years. As this lease was legitimately transferred to Scott Sewell by the rightful leaseholder, his request was declined.
- 7.04 Irrigation Delivery to Sec. 35 & 36-23-16 W4M**
Russell Douglass is requesting that the District consider installing a cost shared pipeline at the top end of NW 26-23-16 W4M then angling into the near center of NW 36-23-16 W4M, to service a full and windshield pivot of his own, and a large pivot on Irrigated Lease # 8268, of which he is the leaseholder. As the infrastructure ownership would complicate the forthcoming sale of the irrigated lease, this request was declined.
- 7.05 Smith Trucking / Brooks Asphalt – Request to Lease 5 Acres**
Brooks Asphalt is requesting to lease 4 or 5 acres of land in SE 29-15-15 W4M, between a large dugout and canal, to set up a temporary gravel stockpile and asphalt plant. This site would enable the company to limit the distance of the ½ load requirements for their contract. The duration of the lease would be until the repaving of Sec. Highway # 530 is completed; and the conditions of the lease would be similar to those of an oil and gas company in regards to stripping and reclaiming the land.
- 2008-04-114 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve a short term lease, comparable to oil and gas company rates, for 4 or 5 acres on the NE corner of SE 29-15-15 W4M for a temporary gravel stock pile and asphalt plant, to Smith Trucking / Brooks Asphalt, on the condition that they strip and reclaim the site according to EID standards. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**
- 7.06 Henrickson Farming Irrigated Lease # 8141**
The complexities of this lease were reviewed and discussed once again. The final decision on the renewal and division was delayed to May or June.
- 7.07 Silver Sage Lands**
E. Wilson updated the Board on their request to investigate potential partners in helping develop a fairgrounds adjacent to the new arena and the Silver Sage Corral.
- The Board requested that a letter be sent to the City of Brooks encouraging them to use their additional funding recently received to adequately build the arena so it can host agricultural and heavy equipment shows.
- 2008-04-115 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District cost share with the County of Newell and other available partners in land leveling around the Silver Sage and south of the new Arena lands. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**
- 7.08 Name for Industrial Park**
Mr. Chrumka forwarded a request to the Board that the name of the industrial area south of the EID administration building be the "EID Industrial Park". After discussion, the Board granted permission for the name to be used.

7.10 Application to Transfer Irrigated Lease # 8250 – Groenberg to 1366737 AB Ltd.

Mr. Wilson advised that the partners in this numbered company do meet the requirements as leaseholders. The District has received written confirmation from 1366737 AB Ltd.'s legal counsel that in the case of the partnership changing, the EID will be notified.

2008-04-116 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Irrigated Lease # 8250 to be transferred from Arie & Marcia Groenberg to 1366737 AB Ltd. with the assurance that all current and future owners of this numbered company be disclosed to the EID. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

[1:39 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

7.09 Grazing Report**7.09.1 Report on GAC Meeting**

B. Hale summarized the GAC Meeting held April 3rd. A short discussion was held on 2008 cattle numbers and Turn-Out Dates, with Round-Up to be discussed later in the season based on conditions. Irrigation development on community pasture had lengthy discussion with the Rosemary Grazing Association presenting a petition of some 70 names against the development. GAC members were encouraged to forward comments to the EID Directors.

7.09.2 Private Grazing Lease # 7169 – Results of Tender

Private Grazing Lease # 7169 was advertised for tender in April. The highest bidder was Gordon Kay who bid a total of \$7,800 or \$39 per AUM.

7.09.3 Gem Grazing – Request for Loan

Mr. Hale forwarded two requests from the Gem Grazing Association. One was for an interest free loan for work done on their lease house; another was for wireless internet service to be provided at the water user rate for the lease house.

2008-04-117 Moved by F. George that the Board approve a \$20,000 loan at 0% interest for a 5 year term for the Gem Community Grazing Association for improvements on the lease house. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-04-118 Moved by F. George that the District provide wireless internet services to the Gem Grazing Association lease house at the water user rate. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[1:51 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

7.11 Pitau Residence and Acreage

In March 2008 the Board of Directors determined that this property is surplus to the District's needs and expressed interest in offering it for sale. K. Bridges presented a report on comparable property sales from Tru Appraisals Ltd. noting that few comparable properties have sold recently and there may be limited market appeal due to the property's remote location. Mr. Bridges was advised by Directors of the acceptable minimum offer.

2008-04-119 Moved by T. Livingston that the Pitau Residence and Acreage be advertised for sale with an asking price of \$235,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

7.13 Application for Alternate Parcel Agreement – Leo Wiebe

The District received a request to approve the use of 15 irrigation acres for a small windshield pivot in a section pivot corner, from the Estate of Karl Wiebe in the SW 21-21-16 W4M by Leo Wiebe in the SE 27-21-16 W4M, for the 2008 irrigation season.

2008-04-120 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the use of 15 irrigation acres from the Estate of Karl Wiebe in the SW 21-21-16 W4M by Leo Wiebe in the SE 27-21-16 W4M, for the 2008 irrigation season. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.12 Ed Mattheis

T. Livingston presented information received from Ed Mattheis regarding an area along the Matzhiwin Creek. Mr. Mattheis's suggestion for a possible recreational area was taken under advisement.

8.0 Crawling Valley Recreation Society - Campground

E. Wilson reported that he and F. George presented a draft development plan at the CVRS annual meeting on March 30th. The Society passed a motion to accept the District's proposal and negotiate a new lease/operating agreement with the EID, accepting that any seasonal leases will be issued under a lottery system. Mr. Wilson asked for further input on the agreement's framework. Consensus supported that in general, the Society should handle the administration and daily maintenance of the campground and the District would cover the larger maintenance jobs. As well, the District would need to approve the rates, have access to viewing the financial statements, receive compensation for maintenance and utility bills, and have a representative on the board.

2008-04-121 Moved by F. George that the Eastern Irrigation District proceed with enhancing the existing Crawling Valley Campground. Seconded by P. Heming. CARRIED

[2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Short break.]

9.0 Bantry Bay Development

This item was deferred to May's meeting.

10.0 Irrigation Development on EID Land – Feedback

This item was deferred to May's meeting.

11.0 Stewart Neely – Letter to Board

A letter from Stewart Neely was received by the Board requesting additional water rights on SE 05-22-12 W4M to supplement an incomplete pivot circle. This request was declined since the landowner had previously requested that acres be removed from that parcel during an earlier assessment review, and that new acres are not currently being granted in this area.

12.0 General Manager's Report

12.11 Water License Amendment Application Update

Mr. Wilson advised that he met with Dave McGee, Senior Water Policy and Implementation Manager, regarding the status of the District's amendment application. The department is currently doing an internal review, but assurance was given that the intent of the application is in line with the government's mandate.

Mr. Chrumka requested that a meeting with Premier Ed Stelmach and MLA Arno Doerksen be arranged so the District can discuss the current status of this amendment, as well as the Bassano Dam Land Claim.

12.12 IRP Budget

Mr. Wilson reported that the provincial government increased the IRP grant by \$4 million dollars, which increases the total grant to \$28 million now. As yet, Districts have not been informed how the additional money will be allocated.

12.01 Request for Funding from Riverwatch

A request for funding was received from RiverWatch in support of their science program which reaches 7000 students with river based environmental field studies and water issue discussions. The nonprofit organization is hoping to increase their program capacity to 20,000 students over the next few years. The District had previously donated funds in the beginning stages of this program.

2008-04-122 Moved by C. Henrickson that the District donate \$10,000 to RiverWatch Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED

12.02 Request for Funding from Patricia Hall Committee

A letter was received from the Patricia Community Hall Committee requesting EID assistance with demolishing and removing the debris of the old community hall. Mr. Wilson advised that the demolition could be accomplished by one hi-hoe in one or two days, but that the District does not have suitable trucks for hauling the debris away; we would have to hire them.

2008-04-123 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District donate the use of an excavator and operator to tear down the old Patricia Hall. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

12.03 Request to Attend AIPA Planning Workshop

AIPA has invited the Eastern Irrigation District to attend a discussion workshop on June 6th that would focus on the future direction of the association. Attendance at this workshop will be determined at the May Board of Directors Meeting.

12.04 Meeting & Tour of City of Calgary Water

Mr. Wilson informed that the City of Calgary Water Tour is tentatively set for Tuesday, May 13th. The tour is to include 4 senior department managers, no Aldermen, and tours of Pine Creek or Bear's Paw facilities. The focus will be on sewage treatment plants rather than water treatment plants, and an outline of their water issues. The District will then respond with a water tour for Calgary representatives within the EID likely this summer.

12.05 Report on Alberta's Environment Conference

E. Wilson, K. Bridges, M. Jarvis-Redelback and K. Green attended the Alberta's Environment Conference in Edmonton April 21st – 23rd. An overall District exhibit was brought to the conference and is presently in the office foyer.

12.06 Report on Bow River Basin Council Activities

E. Wilson is remaining on both the BRBC Board of Directors and Executive Council, which entails at least one meeting per month in Calgary.

12.07 Report on Bassano Dam Land Claim

Mr. Wilson outlined the remaining details regarding this claim.

12.08 Rolling Hills Fire Department

E. Wilson recently met with the Board of the Rolling Hills Fire Department. The Fire Department asked if the District would consider paying for one of the overhead garage doors that is being installed. They are also requesting a 5 year lease, with the option to pay off the renovations costs in a lump sum at anytime.

2008-04-124 Moved by P. Helsing that the Board approve the purchase of one overhead garage door for the District shop in Rolling Hills. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED.

12.09 Pressure Pipelines – Power Contract

On April 9th, administration met with water users on the Springhill, 03 East Branch and H Cowocki pressure systems to review options available to them. Virtually everyone in attendance at the meeting indicated a preference for ENMAX's EasyMax program. To qualify, the pressure systems will each be enrolled in the program separately. A letter will be sent to the affected irrigators advising them of this change.

12.10 Staffing Update

Mr. Wilson informed Directors that Jay Metheral has been hired as a heavy duty mechanic, but will also cover other duties in the shop. He noted as well, that the irrigation season this year is starting out with several new Water District Supervisors. A. Nielsen requested that the updated WDS map, names and contact numbers be sent out to all water users.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Campground Seasonal Draw | - Tuesday, April 29 th , 7:00 p.m. |
| 13.02 | Boat Slip Seasonal Draw | - Tuesday, April 29 th , 8:15 p.m. |
| 13.03 | City of Calgary Water Tour | - Tuesday, May 13 th , Calgary (<i>tentative</i>) |
| 13.04 | Groundbreaking Ceremony for Arena | - Saturday, May 10 th , 1:00 p.m. |
| 13.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 27 th |
| 13.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 24 th |
| 13.07 | Irrigation Council Tour | - Thursday, July 17 th |

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

May 27, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of May, 2008. 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:

- 8.08 Letter from Ross Owen
- 8.09 Les Douglass – Offer to Trade Land – SE 18-24-16 W4M

2008-05-125 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 April 29, 2008**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 51, motion 2008-04-114, after "...approve a short term lease", include "comparable to oil and gas company rates".

2008-05-126 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the April 29, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with a correction. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

A variety of questions were responded to by Mr. Wilson.

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 April 30, 2008 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to April 30, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$7.2 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$273,100 over YTD budget and are about \$551,600 higher than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$484,000 under YTD budget and are \$150,100 less than prior YTD.

2008-05-127 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2008, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.02 Country Residential Collection of Rates

Letters addressed to the Board were received from Lori Wenzel, and Lois Hunt, in regards to country residential invoices. Mr. Bridges reviewed that 2008 bills were revised from last year to include a \$100 discount if paid on time; late payments included the full amount. This invoicing method was implemented to ensure more timely payments and to reduce the amount of administration applied to overdue accounts. Letters of response from the Board will be sent.

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of Randy Hayes. PCCC has changed their plans concerning the IP address changes that the District was to make this month. The addresses will continue to be used with minimal changes and disruptions to customers. PCCC is currently putting together an engineering report for EIDNet expansion. They will be detailing ways for the District to handle the increased demand in some areas of the county. The report will include plans for adding an additional tower at Lake Newell Resort so customers can be off-loaded from the Brooks tower and ease the current congestion on the Brooks 900mhz sectors.

[9:41 a.m. – 9:47 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations Report**6.01 Water Use to Date**

The first irrigating of the season took place May 8th, with the number of farmers irrigating quickly climbing to the high 200's and low 300's into the third week of May. With the steady rain following, irrigators have now dropped to below 50, with most of the parcels being alfalfa fields.

6.02 Reservoir and Snow Pack Status

District reservoirs are near full, and mountain snow pillows have increased in May due to recent snowfalls.

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the engineering synopsis on the following projects.

7.01 Kitsim Feeder Canal

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 7 km west of Highway # 36 and runs 9 km from the East Branch Canal to Kitsim Reservoir. Undercutting and sluffing over of canal banks is a major problem. It is recommended to rehabilitate the entire length of the canal by trimming and armoring following the existing alignment, at an estimated cost of \$2,650,000.

2008-05-128 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of the Kitsim Feeder by trimming and armoring the canal at an estimated cost of \$2,650,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

7.02 Kitsim Bypass

This construction project would be located adjacent to the existing dam and embankments along the southwest edge of Kitsim Reservoir, in Sections 13, 14 and 23-17-16 W4M. Currently, the Lower Bow Slope Canal draws its water from Kitsim Reservoir. During the summer months, the water in the reservoir becomes warmer than the water entering the reservoir from the Kitsim Feeder Canal. This warm water contributes to an increase in weed growth in the canal and a reduction in water quality. The increased weed growth also aggravates problems with plugged screens at the turnouts.

This project would involve constructing a 2.6 km bypass canal that would divert water from the Kitsim Feeder Canal to the Lower Bow Slope Canal. Water levels in Kitsim Reservoir would be

maintained at present FSL, and water would be diverted into Kitsim Reservoir as required to maintain the health of the reservoir. Additional work includes modifying the existing Kitsim inlet, replacing the 7 Bow Slope turnout and measuring weir, and constructing a new cast-in-place inlet structure and drop structure. The estimated cost for the project is \$3,573,000; and it is proposed that this work be tendered in late June or early July to allow contractors to begin work on this project this summer. E. Wilson replied to a number of project questions from Directors.

2008-05-129 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the construction of the Kitsim Bypass Canal at an estimated cost of \$3,573,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.03 T-Tilley

This rehabilitation project is located directly south of Tilley, off the main Tilley Canal. Currently 400 irrigable acres are provided on this reach. Problems include seepage, slumping and erosion of banks, and tree growth on canal banks. The recommended rehabilitation consists of a lined and armoured canal at an estimated cost of \$430,000.

2008-05-130 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of T-Tilley by lining and armouring the canal at an estimated cost of \$430,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

7.04 11 Springhill

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 6 km southeast of Rosemary, with the existing canal coming off the Springhill Canal and continuing north for approximately 1.5 km; irrigating 213 acres, 94% which are sprinkler. There is erosion and flow control problems with the current system. The proposed rehabilitation consists of replacing the existing works with a 650 m gravity pipeline system off the 11 Springhill inlet structure. The existing delivery points will be met, serving the same amount of acres. The project is estimated to cost \$360,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2008-05-131 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 11 Springhill by installing a gravity pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$360,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.05 Farm Improvement – Marshall Bandura – Pt. 05 & 06-19-13 W4M and Pt. 31-18-13 W4M

This Farm Improvement cost-share calls for the installation of a pipeline to eliminate spill past two pumpsites. The current delivery comes out of the North Bantry Canal where it feeds a drain ditch supplying a pivot and a pumped gated pipe delivery (281 acres). The pivot is pumped from a lake that was created by past landowners that dammed off the drain. The landowner supplies his gated pipe approximately 800 m downstream on the drain using a pump. The drain is in poor condition and badly overgrown with cattails and grasses. Water is being spilled by his pump to ensure enough water for his pumps and has caused some minor downstream flooding. The cost for this pipeline is \$35,000 in pipe alone (410 m of 16" and 457 m of 12"). The maximum District share for eliminating spill past a pump is \$7,500 per quarter section. This project supplies 281 irrigated acres, therefore a \$15,000 EID grant is recommended.

2008-05-132 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Marshall Bandura for eliminating spill past his pumpsite by installing a pipeline in SW 05-19-13 W4M; irrigating Pt. 05 & Pt. 06-19-13 W4M, and Pt. 31-18-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$15,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[10:30 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Crawling Valley Campground Update**

E. Wilson advised that he met with a committee of the Crawling Valley Recreation Society on May 4th to examine rules and policies and different options on how to proceed. The Board supported the principles of agreement and gave additional input. The revised correspondence will be forwarded.

8.02 Silver Sage Lands Update

Mr. Wilson also met with a committee of the Silver Sage Agricultural Society and the Kinsmen, on May 15th to explore different options of layout and how the grounds would need to be maintained. He met with the City of Brooks on May 20th to review what they could contribute to the plan as well. A letter will be sent to the above groups and the County outlining preliminary agreements and suggesting that a committee be set up representing all parties. Indication was given from two Directors to sit on the committee. A joint press release between the partners will be planned for a later date.

[11:06 a.m. C. Henrickson exited the meeting.]

8.03 Henrickson Farming Irrigated Lease # 8141

E. Wilson reviewed that Henrickson Farming has a 431 acre irrigated lease (# 8141) within the Henrickson Ranching 4,167 acre grazing lease (# 7051) boundaries. Henrickson Ranching also has a second 400 acre grazing lease (# 7247) bordering to the south. All leases expire at the end of 2008. Discussion resulted in a decision to split the combined area into 3 leases: one north of the cutoff as a combined grazing and irrigated lease, one south of the cutoff and west of the highway as a grazing lease, and 1 east of the highway as a grazing lease. Partners in Henrickson Farming and in Henrickson Ranching are to be given the option of which Henrickson and/or Henrickson company would get each lease. The policy of no individual having more than 640 acres or one lease, whichever is greater, applies. As well, leaseholders are to be given the same 3 options offered to other private grazing leaseholders. Letters will be sent to Henrickson Farming and Henrickson Ranching outlining the Board's decision and their options.

2008-05-133 Moved by A. Nielsen that 3 new leases be created from PGL 7051, PGL 7247 and PIL 8141; one north of the cutoff as a combined grazing and irrigated lease, one south of the cutoff and west of the highway as a grazing lease, and 1 east of the highway as a grazing lease; and that Henricksons be given a choice of leases and the same options as other Private Grazing leaseholders. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[11:30 a.m. C. Henrickson rejoined the meeting.]

8.04 Application for Alternate Parcel Agmt – Brad & Lisa Calvert from John Miller

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 2008 irrigation season. E. Wilson to send letter of approval, stating any future late applications will be denied.

2008-05-134 Moved by P. Hemsing 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 2008 irrigation season. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[11:33 a.m. – 12:27 p.m. Lunch break; G. Redelback and T. Jensen entered.]

8.05 Oil & Gas Activity Report

G. Redelback and T. Jensen were in attendance to present the Oil & Gas Activity Report. Mrs. Jensen reviewed statistics and a number of questions were answered by Mr. Redelback.

Number of Wells Processed: January 1 – May 16, 2008

Company	Wells on New Locations	Twinned Wells	Total Wells
Imperial Oil	56	-	56
EnCana	15	33	48
Enermark	1	30	31
Gentry	16	3	19
Arc Resources	14	-	14
CNRL	3	5	8
Canetic	3	2	5
Penn West	1	1	2
TOTALS	109	74	183

New Pipelines: January 1 – May 16, 2008

207.52 acres or 34.59 miles

Current Activity:

Company	Activity	Location
EnCana	Drilling	Bassano & Gem Leases
Penn West	Completions, Tie-ins & Clean-up	Hines Fields, Rolling Hills Lease
Gentry	Completions & Tie-ins	Patricia Lease
Imperial Oil	Completions, Tie-ins & Clean-up	Patricia & Tilley Leases

[12:37 p.m. G. Redelback and T. Jensen exited the meeting.]

[12:40 p.m. R. Martin entered the meeting.]

8.07 ABMI – Request for Access Permit for Research Purposes

K. Bridges updated the Board on the status of the land access agreement between the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute and the EID. A signed agreement is not in place as yet, but the Institute is pushing for late May access to District lands.

2008-05-135 Moved by F. George that the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute be granted access to District lands for research and monitoring purposes. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED

As concerns were raised regarding ABMI's reluctance to agree to a portion of the agreement, it was deemed prudent to secure a signed agreement before given any preliminary or negotiated access.

8.06 PHD – Request to Explore & Apply for Rural Development Funding

R. Martin presented an outline of requirements for a grant that may be available through Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. He and M. Jarvis Redelback have been exploring additional funding opportunities to support the PHD at its present level or to increase the program. In order to apply for this matching funds grant, a four year commitment is needed from the two senior partners of the PHD program. The amount being applied for and the 'new and innovative' requirement were discussed, with Directors giving input.

2008-05-136 Moved by N. Johnson that \$100,000 be budgeted annually starting in 2009 through 2012 for the PHD program; and that the Board gives approval in applying for a grant through the Rural Alberta Development Fund. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

[1:07 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

8.08 Letter from Ross Owen

A letter to the Board was received from Ross, Don and Neil Owen, requesting that the District base the irrigation reclassification charges for Sec. 08-21-12 W4M at the former rate of \$200/acre as the application was begun prior to the rate increase. Mr. Wilson gave background to the application, stating that the District was not informed at the time when the towers were added. E. Wilson will respond in letter declining the Owen's request.

8.09 Les Douglass – Offer to Trade Land – SE 18-24-16 W4M

F. George presented a verbal proposal for a land trade between Les Douglass and the District, to trade Mr. Douglass's land out of the Gem Community Grazing Lease. This matter was postponed until next meeting so more information could be gathered.

9.0 General Manager's Report

9.01 Letter to the Board – Blaine Johnson

A letter addressed to the Board was received from Blaine Johnson. Mr. Johnson's suggestions were taken under advisement, and a letter of response from the Board will be forwarded.

9.02 Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan

E. Wilson reported that the Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan has been completed that sets the water quality objectives for each reach of the river. There are approximately 60 recommendations, many are for additional research in setting a better objective, many for additional monitoring, many dealing with storm water and sewage treatment, etc. The Bow Council is now setting up an implementation committee made up of some water quality monitoring people, some research people and some municipal water quality people and planners to help coordinate the required monitoring and research as well as help municipalities and others use the report when approving subdivided land use changes, etc. Alberta Environment may use the report to strengthen some regulations they enforce. The Council is asking all the stakeholders to sign the report as an indication of their buy-in. Directors requested that the document be emailed to them for review before signing.

9.03 Ducks Unlimited Water License

Ducks Unlimited has been granted a new license for approximately 26,000 acre feet for their projects in the EID over and above the two licenses for Kitsim and Contra Costa, approximately 9,500 acre feet that they received earlier. The conveyance rate for other license holders, calculated at the increased amount that DU has now received, would prove to be costly for their program. A labour rate has been charged in prior years to manage most of the projects. Mr. Wilson recommended that an adjusted flat rate be negotiated to reflect the increased license.

9.04 Water License Amendment Application Update

Mr. Wilson advised that no further information has been received on the application. B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen and E. Wilson will attend a meeting with Minister Rob Renner in Medicine Hat on June 13th to discuss the matter.

9.05 AIPA Upcoming Workshop – June 6th

AIPA workshop Friday, June 6th, 9:30 a.m. at the Heritage Inn in Taber. B. Chrumka and A. Nielsen and E. Wilson will attend.

9.06 Irrigation Council Tour of Headworks of Bow River

Irrigation Council is planning to schedule a tour of the Bow River Headwaters for the second week of September.

9.07 Land-Use Framework

E. Wilson gave a brief overview of the document. The District is in the south region which includes everything up to Wetaskiwin, ie. Calgary, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, etc.; with a much larger effect on municipalities than irrigation districts. The document and feedback survey was handed out to Directors for consideration.

10.0 Upcoming Events

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| 10.01 | City of Calgary Water Tour | - TBA |
| 10.02 | EID Staff Rodeo Breakfast & Retirement for Lloyd Cook | - Friday, June 6 th , beginning at 6:30 a.m., EID shop |
| 10.03 | AIPA Workshop | - Friday, June 6 th , 9:30 a.m., Taber
(B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, E. Wilson attending) |
| 10.04 | EnCana BBQ at Brooks Kinsmen Rodeo | - Friday, June 6 th , 4:00 p.m. |
| 10.05 | Meeting with Minister Rob Renner | - Friday, June 13 th , 11:00 a.m., Medicine Hat
(B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, E. Wilson attending) |
| 10.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 10.07 | Irrigation Council Tour in EID | - Thursday, July 17 th |
| 10.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 10.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

June 24, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of June, 2008. 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 8:57 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.04 IRP Funding Update
- 8.07 County By-Law Officer
- 8.08 EID Historical Park
- 10.0 Board In-Camera

2008-06-137 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 29, 2008**

The following item was noted for correction:

- C. Henrickson rejoined the meeting for item 8.04

2008-06-138 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the May 27, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with a correction. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Henrickson Farming Irrigated Lease # 8141**

E. Wilson reviewed that new agreements that will be in place for 2009 for all Private Grazing Leases will not allow subleasing, as per Board request. Irrigation Leases will continue to be allowed to sublease. As the new lease for # 8141 will be a combination of 1,474 dryland grazing and 431 irrigation farming, it was recommended in this case to allow subleasing.

2008-06-139 Moved by N. Johnson that the 2009 agreement for Lease # 8141 be written to allow subleasing as it involves a combination of irrigation farming and dryland grazing. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

3.02 Ducks Unlimited Conveyance Agreement

Ducks Unlimited has agreed to a new contract that covers conveyance of their licensed water and the operation of some of their projects for \$70,000 per year.

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 May 31, 2008 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to May 31, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$8.7 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$533,300 over YTD budget and about \$78,500 less than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$474,800 under YTD budget and are \$22,500 less than prior YTD.
- The Pitau residence and acreage sale is proceeding and is scheduled to close on July 1, 2008.

2008-06-140 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2008, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.02 By-Law to Establish the District's Fiscal Year

K. Bridges advised that over the past few years, audit and financial statement requirements have changed with the result that significant additional work is required to complete the audited financial statements. This work requirement has grown to the point where the District can no longer confidently commit to having the accounting and audit work completed between January 1st and February 28th. As moving the Annual General Meeting to late spring or early summer is not acceptable, a September 30th year end date was supported by the Board.

Eastern Irrigation District

BY-LAW 865 (2008)

By-Law to Establish the District's Fiscal Year

WHEREAS Section 43 of the Act states that unless otherwise provided by by-law, the fiscal year of a district is the calendar year;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient for the District's fiscal year to be other than the calendar year;

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

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Fiscal Year By-law".
2. Definitions:
When used in this By-law,
 - a) "Irrigation Districts Act" and "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, Chapter I-11, RSA 2000
 - b) "Board" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District
 - c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District.
3. The District's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of October and shall end on the next following 30th day of September.
4. The change in fiscal years will occur in 2008. The 2008 fiscal year will be comprised of 9 months beginning on the 1st day of January 2008 and ending on the 30th day of September, 2008.
7. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

2008-06-141 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law #865 (2008) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of June, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

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- 2008-06-142** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve By-Law #865 (2008) the second time this 24th day of June, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED
- 2008-06-143** Moved by C. Henrickson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to By-Law #865 (2008) this 24th day of June. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2008-06-144** Moved by T. Livingston that By-Law #865 (2008), being a by-law of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the District's Fiscal Year, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.03 K300 Financial Corporation's Mortgage

K. Bridges presented the background information and recommendations on the K300 Financial Corporation's Mortgage, noting that it is due to be renewed August 31, 2008. The Board gave direction on acceptable renewal terms. If the proposed renewal is acceptable to K300 Financial, the mortgage will be prepared by the EID's solicitor at K300's expense.

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet report on behalf of R. Hayes. The EIDNet will be shutting down its dial-up service as of November 30, 2008. Letters have been mailed out to current dial-up customers and a notice is posted on the website. Radio and print ads will be run closer to the date. Approximately 238 customers will be affected.

[9:57 a.m. – 10:02 Short break; J. Meador and I. Morey entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations Report

7.01 Water Use to Date / Reservoir Status

Diversion at the Bassano Dam is about 1/3 of its normal amount for this time of year as reservoirs are full or near full. Irrigation is now picking up since June's earlier rainfall. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that a structure at Lake Newell will need to be repaired in mid-August, therefore requiring the lake to be lowered below the broken joint to enable the repair, and raised after the work is complete for the following year. Levels at both Lake Newell and Rolling Hills Reservoir will be affected.

[10:08 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

7.02 SCADA & Bassano Dam Remote Operations Demonstration

Irv Morey was in attendance to demonstrate the SCADA system used throughout the District on automated structures, and the remote operations system for the Bassano Dam. Mr. Morey reviewed the capabilities of these systems, and commented on the substantial benefits. A number of questions from the Board were responded to by I. Morey and E. Wilson.

[10:30 a.m. I. Morey and M. Porter exited the meeting.]

7.03 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

7.03.1 John Charlton – NE 04-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 40 acres; new pivot area is 49 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 40 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 \$2,400.

- 2008-06-145 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for John Charlton for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in the NE 04-19-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

With the current assessment being 40 acres and the new pivot area being 49 acres, 9 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot.

- 2008-06-146 Moved by N. Johnson the Board approve the increase in assessment from 40 acres to 49 acres on NE 04-19-14 W4M; 9 additional acres at the capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$2,700. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 40 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

7.03.2 Don Peterson Farms Ltd. – SW 06-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 153 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 off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user is choosing to keep the 20 extra acres in pivot corners. As well, a double riser hookup may be needed for flood and pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$6,000 (20 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,980 less riser installation.

- 2008-06-147 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Don Peterson Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the SW 06-17-13 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 20 extra acres. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$6,000 (20 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,980 less riser installation. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

7.03.3 Harley Tateson – SE 17-15-15 W4M

Current assessment is 118 acres; new pivot area is 106 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 106 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 \$6,360.

- 2008-06-148 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Harley Tateson for the conversion of 106 acres flood to pivot in the SE 17-15-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$6,360. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

The water user is requesting to sell the 12 extra acres of water rights back to the EID at \$700/acre.

- 2008-06-149 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of Harley Tateson's 12 acres of water rights on SE 17-15-15 W4M to the District. Payment of 12 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$8,400. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

7.03.4 Giles

E. Wilson presented the Giles Farm Improvements in the Cassils area, noting that they are installing 4 pivots which include a total increase in assessment of 56 acres, all made up by efficiencies gained on-farm. A fifth pivot is in SW 17-19-15 W4M which currently has 80 acres under wheels and 28 acres wild flood. Efficiencies gained would be 22 acres, therefore allowing a 130 acre pivot. A Capital Assets charge of \$300/acre for all increased acres applies.

- 2008-06-150 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the following:**

- **D. Giles Farm Improvement for the conversion of 90 acres wheels to pivot in the SE 07-19-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,700.**

- **D. & J. Giles, M. Giles, and J. Giles Farm Improvement for the conversion of 61 acres flood to pivot in the W ½ 07-19-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,660.**
- **D. & J. Giles Farm Improvement for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 08-19-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,020.**
- **D. & J. Giles, M. Giles, and J. Giles Farm Improvement for the conversion of 6 acres flood to pivot in the NE 12-19-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$360.**
- **D. & J. Giles, M. Giles, and J. Giles Farm Improvement for the conversion of 30 acres flood to pivot in the SW 13-19-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,800.**

● **Increase in Assessment & Transfer of acres:**

PARCEL	CURRENT ASSESSMENT	EFFICIENCIES GAINED THROUGH CONVERSION TO PIVOT	NEW ASSESSMENT	ACRES AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER
NE 07-19-15	3	-	65	-62
SE 07-19-15	90	+10	85	15
SW 07-19-15	40	+ 13	50	4
NW 07-19-15	22 wheels 16 pivot 21 wild flood	+7	22 wheels 16 pivot 59 pivot	31
NW 08-19-15	147	+15	134	28
NE 12-19-16	121	+2	115	8
SW 13-19-16	48	+9	18	39
TOTAL	508	56	564	

- **Capital Assets charge for 56 acres at \$300/acre = \$16,800.**
- **D. & J. Giles Farm Improvement for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to pivot and 28 acres flood to pivot in the SW 17-19-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400 (80 acres wheels to pivot) + \$1,680 (28 acres flood to pivot) = \$4,080.**
- **Increase in assessment from 508 acres to 564 acres in:**
 - NE 07-19-15 W4M**
 - SE 07-19-15 W4M**
 - SW 07-19-15 W4M**
 - NW 07-19-15 W4M**
 - NW 08-19-15 W4M**
 - SW 17-19-15 W4M**
 - NE 12-19-16 W4M**
 - SW 13-19-16 W4M**

at a capital asset charge of \$300/acre. The increase in acres is being granted as a result of efficiencies made in converting to low pressure pivot irrigation from a current combination of flood irrigation and wheel move irrigation.

Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[10:46 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting, I. Friesen entered.]

6.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the engineering synopsis on the following projects.

6.01 09-G North Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 9 km NE of Brooks along the One Tree Road. The canal starts on the east edge of Sec. 25-19-14 W4M and runs west to the center of the section 800 m, serving 288 acres. Overgrowth is a major problem, making it difficult to provide enough water without overflowing the canal banks. It is recommended to rehabilitate the canal by pipelining along the existing alignment to the center of the section at an estimated cost of \$310,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2008-06-151 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 09-C North Bantry by installing a pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$310,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.02 10 ½-G North Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 11 km NE of Brooks along the One Tree Road. The canal starts on the east edge of Sec. 36-19-14 W4M and runs west to the center of the section 800 m, serving 598 acres. Overgrowth is a major problem here as well, making it difficult to provide enough water without overflowing the canal banks. It is recommended to rehabilitate the canal by pipelining along the existing alignment to the center of the section at an estimated cost of \$400,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2008-06-152 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 10 ½-G North Bantry by installing a pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$400,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.03 04-C Cassils

E. Wilson presented the 04-C Cassils rehabilitation summary. The work included in this project is located approximately 12 km west of Brooks in:

- Sec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30-19-15 W4M
- Sec. 32-18-15 W4M
- Sec. 1, 12, 13-19-16 W4M

The existing system is an open canal system originating from the Cassils siphon and follows the contours of the land, thereby segregating multiple quarters. The 04-C Canal and associated laterals serve approximately 2,600 acres. Problems with the existing system are seepage, farm severance and excessive operational spill.

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing canal with a gravity pressure pipeline. Major works include:

- settling pond at the East Branch Canal
- cast-in-place settling pond inlet structure with a side sweep screen
- pre-cast pipeline inlet structure
- 28 km of PVC pipeline
- modifications to the Cassils siphon outlet structure

This pipeline will be designed to serve 2,950 acres. This is comprised of 2,100 acres of sprinkle irrigation, 450 acres of flood irrigation, and an additional 400 acres for future expansion. This is still equal or less than the present amount of water being used; both at peak capacity and in total water. The pipeline system will have 24 Farm turnouts and approximately 57 Domestic turnouts.

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$8,400,000 including engineering and contingencies. The high cost per acre can be attributed to the lack of grade, length of system and location of high amount of acres at the bottom end, thereby requiring larger diameter pipe than a typical

irrigation pipeline project. This project is recommended to be funded under the District Capital Works Program.

2008-06-153 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 04-C Cassils by installing a gravity pressure pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$8,400,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.03.1 Infrastructure Savings Grant - D. & J. Giles – SW 17-19-15 W4M

Relocating a turnout that is in the north center of the quarter, to the SE corner; ie. upstream $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile saves the District \$35,000. The recommended Infrastructure Savings Grant to the landowner is \$15,000.

2008-06-154 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for D. & J. Giles, SW 17-19-15 W4M, for relocating the delivery upstream $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, saving the District \$35,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

6.03.2 Infrastructure Savings Grant – Seaton NE 16-19-15, and Bildersheims NW 15-19-15 W4M

• M. Seaton – NE 16-19-15 W4M

Canceling a turnout to this parcel, moving some acres to NW 16 and selling the balance to the District saves the District \$16,000.

• R. Bildersheim & W. Bildersheim – NW 15-19-15 W4M

Canceling a turnout and irrigation on this parcel (very high flood, steep rough slope), and moving a turnout 3 km upstream to a new pivot at lower elevation saves the District \$16,000.

These Infrastructure Savings Grants are being recommended in conjunction because if both water users cancel turnouts it saves the District \$63,000. Installing a domestic turnout for each water user at \$2,500 reduces the total to \$58,000. An Infrastructure Savings Grants of \$14,500 was recommended for each landowner.

2008-06-155 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grants for M. Seaton - NE 16-19-15 W4M, and R. Bildersheim & W. Bildersheim – NW 15-19-15 W4M, for canceling and moving turn-outs, saving the District \$58,000 combined. With the installation of a domestic turn-out on each parcel, the Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowners is \$14,500. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[11:08 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting; R. Green and C. Amos entered.]

11:00 a.m. Presentation on Aqueduct Park Restoration Project

Rick Green, Historic Site Planner for Culture and Community Spirit of the provincial government entered the meeting, along with Cindy Amos, Executive Director of Canadian Badlands Ltd. R. Green presented an overview of the proposed plan for the Aqueduct Park. The development of day use and wetlands areas is being funded through Canadian Badlands Ltd., the County of Newell, the City of Brooks, and the EID. Increased interpretive signage explaining the story of the Eastern Irrigation District was an earlier condition upon funding from the District. An agreement is required in regards to a small piece of EID owned land by the Aqueduct Park kiosk and for a hiking trail in order to authorize use of these lands and to create the appropriate indemnification provisions.

[11:43 a.m. – 12:43 p.m. Lunch break.]

6.04 IRP Funding Update

E. Wilson advised that the District received \$80,000 in 2008 Special Funding and \$187,000 in additional 2008 Special Funding through the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, to be applied to flow measurement devices and the SCADA system. A gate calibration project was not approved for funding. A further \$4 million is yet to be allocated to the districts using the condition evaluation data base.

7.0 Operations Report cont'd.**7.04 Possible Land Trade – Les Douglass**

A proposal has not been received as yet; it is likely that this will be deferred to fall.

8.0 General Manager's Report**8.01 Crawling Valley Campground**

The Crawling Valley Recreation Society is in consensus with the preliminary principles of agreement reviewed at last month's meeting. An actual agreement will now be drafted.

8.02 Report on AIPA Meeting – June 6, 2008

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen and E. Wilson attended the AIPA planning workshop on June 6th in Taber, and reported on the direction that the association adopted.

8.03 Duchess Shop

As the old Duchess shop will no longer be needed, it will be advertised for sale to be moved off the property by a certain date.

8.04 Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan

The Board was in agreement for Earl to sign off on the Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan to show the District's intentions to commit to working with the BRBC to achieve the outlined goals.

2008-06-156 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board accept the Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.05 2008 Irrigation Development

Mr. Wilson presented a short term plan for irrigation development in the far south area of the EID, involving transferring of current District water rights from south of Kitsim and allowing new irrigation acres to be opened up. As well, a limited amount of new development on the river throughout the District was proposed. Board discussion resulted in the request that a process for granting off-river infill irrigation acres only and new development below Lake Newell to be developed by administration. All irrigation development is to be advertised liberally.

2008-06-157 Moved by P. Hemsing that up to 1,000 irrigation acres be made available for infill on off-river parcels within the EID; to be sold according to criteria outlined by administration. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2008-06-158 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve irrigation development on 3 parcels on the lower portion of the Bow Slope Canal below the Rolling Hills Reservoir pump station, and on 1 parcel off the Rolling Hills Canal. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

8.06 Request for EID to Contribute to Reward

R. Martin received a request to contribute towards a reward for information leading to a conviction of antelope poachers. This request was declined.

8.07 County By-Law Officer

The District has been asked to become involved in the County By-Law Officer program to support the amount of time spent patrolling District lands. The scheduling will accommodate more time in spring, summer and fall and less time in winter; with weekends and the campgrounds also being included.

2008-06-159 Moved by C. Henrickson that the EID contribute \$15,600 per year towards the County By-Law Officer program to support the patrolling of District lands. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

8.08 EID Historical Park

A letter addressed to the Board was received from the EID Historical Park requesting assistance in trenching lines for sewer, water and power for their campground facilities.

2008-06-160 Moved by P. Hemsing that the EID contribute the use of a hi-hoe and operator to assist in installing sewer and water lines at the EID Historical Park. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED.

[2:27 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Short break.]

9.0 In-Camera

[2:43 p.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

10.0 Board In-Camera**11.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 11.01 | City of Calgary Water Tour | - TBA |
| 11.02 | Irrigation Council Tour | - Thursday, July 17 th |
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(B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, E. Wilson attending) |
| 11.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 11.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |

C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

July 22, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of July, 2008. 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 8:58 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.05 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
- 10.06 Growing Alberta Harvest Gala
- 10.07 Upcoming Conferences
- 10.08 Mileage Rate

2008-07-161 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 24, 2008**

The minutes from the June 24th Directors Meeting were accepted as circulated.

2008-07-162 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the June 24, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 June 30, 2008 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to June 30, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$9.6 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$175,300 over YTD budget and are about \$146,400 less than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$384,200 under YTD budget and are virtually equal to prior YTD.

2008-07-163 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2008, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report

Mr. Bridges presented the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed.

2008-07-164 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.03 2nd Quarter Investment Report

Mr. Bridges presented the 2nd Quarter Investment Report, noting that all investments are compliant with District policy requirements.

2008-07-165 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[9:20 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

5.0 Operations Report**5.01 Water Use to Date / Reservoir Status**

Diversion at the Bassano Dam is currently at about 1,700 cfs, and 3,200 cfs is going down the river. Approximately 227,000 acre feet of water, or an average of 8/10ths of an acre foot per parcel, has been used to date. Current irrigators are 529; a peak of 1000 irrigators has not been reached this year. Reservoir storage is at 90% capacity. Lake Newell has been drawn down 9" and will be lowered another 18" to accommodate a structure repair in late-August. TransAlta and other upstream reservoirs are at above normal capacities, thus adequate water should be available for refilling in fall.

5.02 2 Farm Improvements**5.02.1 Neil Fraser – NW 31-22-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 118 acres; new pivot area is 99 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 99 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 choosing to keep the 19 extra acres not under the pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$5,940 (99 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,700 (19 acres at \$300/acre) = \$240.

2008-07-166 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for Neil Fraser for the conversion of 99 acres flood to pivot in the NW 31-22-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 19 extra acres outside the pivot. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$5,940 (99 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,700 (19 acres at \$300/acre) = \$240. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.02.2 G. Martin – NE 28-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 73 acres wheels, 48 acres flood and 13 acres terminable flood for a total of 134 acres; new pivot area is 145 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 48 acres flood and 73 acres wheels to pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. 11 acres will be gained through efficiencies at a cost of \$300/acre. The terminable acres will be converted to irrigation acres at a cost of \$100/acre. A current subdivision on this quarter is being revised to lie outside the pivot circle. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$2,190 (73 acres wheels to pivot) + \$2,880 (48 acres flood to pivot) = \$5,070.

2008-07-167 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for G. Martin for the conversion of 73 acres wheels to pivot and 48 acres flood to pivot in the NE 28-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$2,190 (73 acres wheels to pivot) + \$2,880 (48 acres flood to pivot) = \$5,070. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

[9:30 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering Report

6.01 Kitsim Bypass Tender Results

Mr. Wilson advised that the acceptance of tenders on the earthworks portion of the Kitsim Bypass project has been closed. Top Notch Construction has been awarded the contract for the project with a bid of \$998,750.

Engineering Estimate	\$1,286,000
Company	Tender
Top Notch	\$ 998,750
Richardson Brothers	\$1,273,000
Mesken	\$1,373,635
Broersen	\$1,382,108
Caliber	\$1,417,835
BYZ	\$1,482,750
GW Cox	\$1,775,800

6.02 06B Springhill

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 2 km southwest of Rosemary and is slated for the 2008/09 construction year. The existing canal comes off the Secondary B Springhill and continues east for approximately 6 km. The current system irrigates 2,621 acres, 90% which are sprinkler. There is erosion and flow control problems with the current system.

Two options were presented, the first being a continuous gravity pipeline with one lateral, costing almost \$500,000 more but capturing all spill water and increasing pressure down the line. The alignment comes off the Springhill canal and combines the 06B Springhill and C Springhill systems, along with tying into the existing pipelines. The second option would consist of 2 separate gravity pipelines, one coming off the Secondary B Springhill canal and tying into existing pipelines and the second coming off of the Springhill canal. Option 1 was recommended.

2008-07-168 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 06B Springhill by installing a 9000 m gravity pipeline system at an estimated cost of \$3,538,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

[9:37 a.m. – 9:43 a.m. Short break.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 2 Irrigable Unit Discharges – Giles**

Infrastructure improvements, changes in deliveries and successive irrigable units have made these irrigable units registered in the 1970's and 1980's irrelevant.

2008-07-169 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the discharge of the following two irrigable units:

- NE, NW & SW 07-19-15 W4M, and
 - NE & SE 01-19-16 W4M, SW 06-19-15 W4M, LSD 11, 12 of NW 06-19-15 W4M;
- lands being owned by Delbert, Jean, Murry and Jason Giles. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

8.02 2 Irrigable Unit Registrations – Giles

In correlation with the 04-C Cassils rehabilitation project, Giles will be installing a pivot straddling the north south quarter section line in the west half, which will necessitate the registration of an irrigable unit. Secondly, an existing windshield pivot in the SE quarter swings into the NE quarter, which also requires an irrigable unit.

2008-07-170 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the registration of the following two irrigable units:

- E ½ 07-19-15 W4M, and
- W ½ 07-19-15 W4M;

lands being owned by Delbert, Jean, Murry and Jason Giles. Seconded by T. Livingston. **CARRIED**

8.03 Assessment Changes Report

E. Wilson summarized that in the last 4 months the District has grown in assessment by 134 acres, 94 of those are new acres below Lake Newell and 80 acres were gained through efficiencies. The District also purchased back 2 acres, and 24 acres were converted to Country Residential agreements.

2008-07-171 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Assessment Changes Report to July 16, 2008 as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

[9:47 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

7.0 Grazing Report

B. Hale reported that in general there is good grass coverage in all community grazing leases due to adequate rainfall; although some dugouts are short of water. He recommended an extended Round-Up Date of October 25th for community grazing associations. Various water projects were reviewed, noting that the well and solar pump in the Scandia area was working nicely. As well, progress on a few farming projects was discussed.

2008-07-172 Moved by N. Johnson that Community Grazing Associations be given the option to extend their Round-Up Date to October 25, 2008. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[10:19 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

8.0 Lands cont'd.**8.04 Irrigation Development**

Soil testing results for the proposed irrigation development on District land in Gem were received, revealing that only a few quarters passed and they have limited moisture holding ability. E.

Wilson recommended this project not proceed. Substitute options in the southern most part of the District were presented again for consideration. Pros and cons of 133 acre pivots vs 175 acre pivots, and placement of pivots were discussed for District land on the lower portion of the Bow Slope Canal and Sereda lease. The Board approved additional parcels to be developed from what was approved at the last meeting. Parcels are to consist of approximately 135 acre pivots.

2008-07-173 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve irrigation development on District land on 5 parcels on the lower portion of the Bow Slope Canal below the Rolling Hills Reservoir pump station, 2 parcels in E ½ 05-16-15 W4M and 1 parcel off the Rolling Hills Canal. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

In discussion of the development process, E. Wilson received direction and confirmation on the following details:

- all leaseholders/potential purchasers must meet eligibility requirements
- 10 year lease with lessee having the option to purchase at the end of the lease at the price bid
- annual lease payment will be 7% of bid price for purchase
- 2% of bid price per year applies to the purchase if leaseholder opts to buy
- leaseholder is responsible for pumps, mainline, pivots, etc.
- EID retains all existing oil and gas compensation during the duration of the lease
- leaseholder receives any new lease oil and gas compensation (not twin wells or rate changes on existing leases)
- a disability/death/hardship clause was suggested to be added to the lease agreement
- a minimum sale price was discussed and will be set prior to advertisement
- a live auction was recommended for this fall

Irrigation development on water user's land was also discussed at length and will consist of a special one time application process to take place in October/November of this year. As a result of on-farm efficiencies that have saved more water than the increase in assessment, the District will accept applications to irrigate additional land in areas without reservoir support, as well as those below Lake Newell and Crawling Valley. Applications must be received by November 1, 2008. All successful applications must pass the District's Irrigation Development Criteria, where higher scores are given to parcels with existing irrigation requiring less than 50 acres of new irrigation (intensification), good soils, and efficient delivery to the parcel and an efficient method of irrigation. Mr. Wilson advised that the District could safely add at least 1,500 acres to the assessment role in this manner.

Information on both irrigation development on District land and irrigation development on water user's land will be sent to all water users in a special newsletter and will be well advertised in the newspapers, and included on the website.

[11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break.]

8.05 Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria & Guidelines Policy

Mr. Wilson advised that the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines policy needs to be revised to allow room for the special review. The rating calculation process was reviewed and it was recommended that under "Ability to Deliver Water – for areas on the river" to change:

"on existing parcels that make on-farm changes, but still need some new water, subtract 1 point for every acre requiring new water, therefore would be at zero (0) and disqualified at 25 acres"

to:

"on existing parcels that make on-farm changes, but still need some new water, subtract 1 point for every 2 acres requiring new water, therefore would be at zero (0) and disqualified at 50 acres."

Discussion resulted in "infill/intensification acres" being limited to 50 acres or less; any additional acres would be considered "new acres". Directors advised that the capital assets charge for "new

acres” be raised from \$300/acre to \$700/acre. The Capital Assets By-Law will need to be brought to the August Board Meeting for revision. Conversion from terminable acres to irrigation acres will remain at \$100/acre. Acres from efficiency gains will remain at \$300/acre.

2008-07-174 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve a capital assets charge of \$300/acre for intensification acres (up to 50 acres) and \$700/acre for new acres or any intensification acres over the 50 acres; and that a revised by-law be brought to the next meeting for reading. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**2008-07-175 Moved by P. Hemsing that the “Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines” policy be revised under ‘Ability to Deliver Water for areas on the river’ to:
“on existing parcels that make on-farm changes, but still need some new water, subtract 1 point for every 2 acres requiring new water, therefore would be at zero (0) and disqualified at 50 acres”
Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Motion to Sell Loaders

E. Wilson requested approval to sell one 1991 John Deere E Loader, one 1995 Case 621 B Loader, and two 1997 John Deere 410 E Rubber Tire Hoes.

2008-07-176 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the sale of the 1991 John Deere E Loader, the 1995 Case 621 B Loader, and the 2 1997 John Deere 410 E Rubber Tire Hoe. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

9.02 Purchase of Excavators

Quotes are currently being requested from Finning Canada, Brandt Tractor Ltd. and Wajax Industries Ltd. for the purchase of 2 excavators this fall.

10.0 General Manager’s Report

10.01 Meeting with Minister Renner & License Amendment Update

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen and E. Wilson attended a meeting with Environment Minister Rob Renner and Dave McGee, Senior Water Policy and Implementation Manager on July 18th in Medicine Hat. A draft policy statement for Water License Change of Purpose was shared, with Mr. McGee requesting the District’s input. Mr. Chrumka, Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Wilson felt that the Alberta Environment draft policy seemed fine and recommended to the Board that we communicate that to Mr. McGee.

10.02 EID Scholarship Program

E. Wilson presented details of the EID scholarship program. The Board gave direction and confirmation on the following:

- up to 20 scholarships to be awarded annually
- 10 of the scholarships will be given out to students whose parents are 1st water users, or employees of the EID
- 10 of the scholarships will be given out to student who reside within the EID
- eligible applicants must:
 - be entering their 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th year of post secondary education at a recognized Canadian or American university or technical school; or
 - be entering their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of a certified trade school
 - provide marks from previous years of education
 - provide three references, at least one being an educator, and at least one being a previous employer

○ provide an outline of the applicant's education and career objectives (all career fields are eligible, however careers such as agriculture, water resources, engineering, land-use management, mechanics, electricians, automotive technicians, GIS and engineering technologies will receive preferential consideration)

- scholarships awarded to students in post-secondary education at a university or technical school will be \$2,000
- scholarships awarded to students in a certified trade will be \$1,000
- application deadline this year is September 12, 2008
- recipients will be requested to attend a special meeting at the District office to be presented the scholarships

The scholarship program will be announced by press release, and included in the newsletter, website and local newspapers. The scholarship selection committee will consist of B. Chrumka, C. Henrickson, P. Hemsing, E. Wilson and K. Bridges.

2008-07-177 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Scholarship Program as revised. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

10.03 Draft Newsletter

Mr. Wilson presented a draft newsletter for review. Some revisions will be made, with the intentions of mailing out the first full week in August. The newsletter will include information on irrigation development and the EID scholarship program, as well as reminders to all private grazing leaseholders and dial-up internet users.

10.04 Personnel Policy Report

Mr. Bridges presented a revised personnel policy on short and long term disability, and Worker's Compensation Benefit provisions for discussion. These changes were recommended in order for the District's policy to be compliant with current legal requirements and so that the benefits offered form part of a competitive compensation package.

2008-07-178 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the revision of the Mutual Group Insurance and Workers Compensation portions of the EID Personnel Policy Manual. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

10.05 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

The Board declined a request to contribute financially towards the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, as support is primarily directed towards the Bow River Basin Council.

10.06 Growing Alberta Harvest Gala

The Board declined attending the annual leadership award gala for Growing Alberta.

10.07 Upcoming Conferences

Administration is to present information on upcoming fall conferences when available. A Board Retreat may also be considered for this coming winter.

10.08 Mileage Rate

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

2008-07-179 Moved by C. Henrickson that the current District mileage rate be increased from \$.55/km to \$.60/km, and that a revised by-law be brought to the next meeting for reading. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

11.0 Upcoming Events

- 11.01 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 26th, 9:00 a.m.
- 11.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 23rd, 9:00 a.m.
- 11.03 Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Ceremony for Tom Livingston - Friday, September 26, Delta South, Edmonton

C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

August 26, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of August, 2008. 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 G.M. <i>[apologies]</i>
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 item was removed from the agenda:

- 7.02 Todd Irwin Private Grazing Lease #7057

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Remuneration Bylaw
- 7.02 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease #7062 – Hugh Green to Perry Green

2008-08-180 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions and deletions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 July 22, 2008**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Page 76, 4th bullet, after “2% of bid price” insert “per year”.
- Page 77, 10.02, insert “up to” prior to “20 scholarships will be awarded annually”.
- Page 73 & 74, 5.02.2, correct “t” to “to”

2008-08-181 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the July 22, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Capital Assets Bylaw**

In follow-up to a motion carried at July 22nd's meeting, the Capital Assets Bylaw was brought forward to raise the Capital Asset Charge for infill and intensification acres above 50 acres and for new acres (no existing irrigation), from \$300/acre to \$700/acre. Lengthy discussion revisited the \$700 amount. First and second readings were approved; third reading will be brought back to September's meeting. A confirmed amount is needed for information for those applying for irrigation acres on private land.

Eastern Irrigation District
BYLAW 866 (2008)
Being A Bylaw To Impose A Capital Assets Charge On Parcels That Have Irrigation Acres Added to the
Assessment Roll
[Irrigation Districts Act, Sections 125 and 177 (2)(d), (2)(j)]

WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act authorizes a district to pass a bylaw imposing a capital assets charge respecting parcels that have irrigation acres added to the assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District deems it expedient to pass a bylaw imposing a capital assets charge on parcels that have irrigation acres added to the assessment roll;

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

1.0 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Capital Assets Charges Bylaw".

Definitions

- 2.0 When used in this Bylaw,
- (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.

Capital Assets Charge

3.0 Effective on the date this Bylaw is finally passed, the capital assets charges shall be:

3.01 Conversion of Terminable Acres

- (a) For each acre that has continuously been recorded on the assessment roll as a terminable acre since the 2nd day of March, 2006 and that is added to the assessment roll as an irrigation acre, the capital assets charge shall be **\$100.00** per acre,

3.02 Infill and Intensification Acres

- (a) For each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll on a parcel that already has irrigation acres, the capital assets charge shall be **\$300.00** per acre for up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres per parcel.
- (b) The capital assets charge shall be **\$700.00** per acre for each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll in excess of the 50 irrigation acres described in clause 3.02(a).

3.03 New Acres

- (a) The capital assets charge for each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll, that is not added to the assessment roll pursuant to clause 3.01 (Terminable Acre) or pursuant to clause 3.02 (Infill and Intensification Acre), shall be **\$700.00** per acre.

3.04 In addition to the applicable capital assets charge set out in clauses 3.01, 3.02 or 3.03 above, the landowner 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 the irrigation acres are to be added to the assessment roll.

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

Payment of Capital Assets Charge

- 4.0 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:
- 4.01 Where additional irrigation works are 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 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 such costs shall be paid in addition to any capital assets charge.
- 4.02 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.
- 4.03 Where the capital assets charge is greater than One Thousand Dollars [\$1,000.00], the capital assets charge, at the request of the landowner, may be financed by the District for a maximum term of ten (10) years. Under such financing arrangement, the landowner shall agree to repay the principal to the District in up to ten [10] equal annual installments plus interest at the rate of five percent [5%] per annum, compounded annually. The first annual payment shall be due and payable upon execution of the capital assets financing agreement. Each subsequent payment shall be due and payable, including all accrued interest and penalties, prior to the 31st day of December in each year of the term.
- 4.04 In addition to any interest that may be added pursuant to clause 4.03, a penalty in the amount of eight (8) percent 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 Bylaws Repealed and Replaced

- 5.0 This bylaw supersedes and replaces all previous bylaws for capital assets charges.
- 5.01 **Bylaw 856 (2007)** is hereby repealed.
- 2008-08-182 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #866 (2008) 3.02(b) be amended to read \$400 per acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED**
- 2008-08-183 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #866 (2008) 3.02(b) be amended to read \$500 per acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED**
- 2008-08-184 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #866 (2008) be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of August, 2008. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**
- 2008-08-185 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #866 (2008) the second time this 26th day of August, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**
- 2008-08-186 Moved by P. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #866 (2008) this 26th day of August, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. DEFEATED**

3.02 Remuneration Bylaw

Also in follow-up to a motion carried at July 22nd's meeting, the Remuneration Bylaw was brought forward to raise the mileage rate for Directors and Staff from \$.55/km to \$.60/km as of July 22, 2008.

Eastern Irrigation District
BY-LAW 867 (2008)
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 bylaw 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. Definitions:
When used in this Bylaw,
 - (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) "Board" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
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:

\$390.00 per full day, or
\$195.00 if the meeting lasts less than 4 hours.
3. The expenses to be paid to a member of the Board shall be:

Mileage:

Sixty (\$0.60) 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 by the member of the Board to the Eastern Irrigation District on a quarter year basis for the periods ended March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.
8. **By-law 864 (2008)** is hereby repealed.
9. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the **22nd** day of **July, 2008**.

- 2008-08-187 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #867 (2008), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of August, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED
- 2008-08-188 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #867 (2008) the second time this 26th day of August, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED
- 2008-08-189 Moved by A. Nielsen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #867 (2008) this 26th day of August, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2008-08-190 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #867 (2008), being a by-law to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 July 31, 2008 Financial Statements

E. Wilson presented the Financial Statements to July 31, 2008 on behalf of K. Bridges, noting the following overall:

Revenues

- Water
 - revenues are \$28,000 less than last year; all of that is oil & gas
- Oil & Gas Leases
 - annual rentals are \$1.2 million higher than previous year; 73% of budget
 - new activity is \$630,000 less this year than last year; 55% of budget
 - we have processed quite a few new leases to be drilled this fall and have not received payment yet

Expenses

- Administration
 - expenses are very close to budget with no major concerns
- Maintenance
 - expenses are very close to budget with no major concerns
- Operations
 - expenses are slightly over budget, up \$120,000 from last year; \$65,000 of that is chemical which was budgeted, and the District has done a little more maintenance on houses; the year should finish very close to budget
- Equipment Pool
 - expenses are up \$300,000 from last year and are at 58% of budget which is very close
 - recoveries are up \$130,000 from last year and are 58% of budget
- Land Administration
 - overall expenses are very close to budget; grazing lease expenses are over in some areas but taxes are down which makes the overall look good; however taxes for 9 months is all that has been charged because of the District's year end change

- 2008-08-191 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2008, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 Operations Report

5.01 Water Use & Reservoir Status

Diversion at the Bassano Dam is currently at 890 cfs; it has just been dropped 200 cfs from yesterday's 1,090 cfs. An average of 1 foot/acre has been used to date. Lake Newell is down

2.35 feet from FSL and may be dropped an additional 6 inches in the next week to allow structure repairs. Rolling Hills Reservoir is at the same elevation as Newell but will be brought down in fall to prevent leakage. Overall, reservoir storage is at 77%, the river is strong and there should be good river levels for diversion in mid-September.

5.02 Water Shut Down Date

E. Wilson proposed a Water Shut Down date of Friday, October 10, 2008, just prior to the Thanksgiving weekend.

2008-08-192 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board set the Shut Off date for irrigation water at Friday, October 10, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

5.03 4 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the Farm Improvements on behalf of J. Meador.

5.03.1 Frank & Judy Bear – SW 36-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 139 acres; new pivot area is 100 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 100 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 water user wishes to sell back 7 acres in the SW and NE pivot corners; and continue to irrigate the balance of this parcel with a combination of wheel moves and hand sets. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,000 (100 acres wheels to pivot) + \$4,900 (7 acres at \$700/acre) = \$7,900.

2008-08-193 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Frank & Judy Bear for the conversion of 100 acres wheels to pivot in the SW 36-20-15 W4M. The water user is requesting to sell 7 acres of water rights in the southwest and northeast pivot corners back to the EID at \$700/acre. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,000 (100 acres wheels to pivot) + \$4,900 (7 acres at \$700/acre) = \$7,900. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

5.03.2 Steve Beblow – SE 34-17-14 W4M

Current assessment is 102 acres; assessment will remain the same. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 300' of 12" solid pipe and 2,600' of 12" gated pipe. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

2008-08-194 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Steve Beblow for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the SE 34-17-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

5.03.3 Marvin & Loretta Berg – SW 06-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 135 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-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user wishes to keep the 1 extra acre not under the pivot at a Capital Assets charge of \$300. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,020 (134 acres wheels to pivot) - \$300 (1 acre at \$300) = \$3,720.

2008-08-195 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Marvin & Loretta Berg for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot in the SW 06-22-16 W4M. The water user is requesting to keep the extra 1 acre of water rights at \$300/acre. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,020 (134 acres wheels to pivot) - \$300 (1 acre at \$300/acre) = \$3,720. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

5.03.4 Jason Hale – SE 14-21-17 W4M

Current assessment is 52 acres wheels and 31 acres wild flood. The new pivot area is 85 acres; however a drain runs through the pivot area therefore only 83 acres are farmable. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 52 acres wheels and 31 acres flood to 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 \$1,560 (52 acres wheels to pivot) + \$1,860 (31 acres flood to pivot) = \$3,420.

2008-08-196 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Jason Hale for the conversion of 52 acres wheels and 31 acres flood to pivot in the SE 14-21-17 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,560 (52 acres wheels to pivot) + \$1,860 (31 acres flood to pivot) = \$3,420. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[10:21 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following three rehabilitation projects.

6.01 03-01 Bow Slope

This rehabilitation project is located southwest of Kitsim Reservoir. Currently the ditch provides irrigation to 500 irrigable acres, 360 of which are under pivot. This canal suffers from erosion, seepage and slumping of banks. The recommended rehabilitation consists of installing a 30" open pipeline at an estimated cost of \$533,000.

2008-08-197 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 03-01 Bow Slope by installing a 30" open pipeline at an estimated cost of \$533,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.02 07-02D Springhill

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 5 km east of the Duchess/Patricia highway intersection and runs east off the 02-D Springhill canal. This system starts in the NE 14-20-14 W4M and continues to the SE 24-20-14 W4M, serving 248 irrigable acres. The most significant problem with this system is that its capacity is not large enough to handle the demand of the landowners' irrigation needs. The existing system consists of 600 m of 350 mm diameter PVC pipe that feeds about 2,000 m of ditch. It is recommended that a new pipeline be installed through to each delivery at a cost of \$450,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2008-08-198 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 07-02-D Springhill by pipelining through to each delivery at an estimated cost of \$450,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.03 01-21 North Branch

In follow-up to discussions in January and February of this year, two options for 21 North Branch were presented to the Board for consideration. The Board gave direction to proceed with designing the 01-21 sub-lateral that ties back into the existing 21 lateral that could be pipelined in the future. This project will be brought back at a later date for final approval.

6.04 06B Springhill – Rod Dyck

Further to the 06B Springhill rehabilitation project approved last month, E. Wilson presented a landowner's request to hook onto the north end of this system. Rod Dyck is proposing to install a pivot on SE 01-21-16 W4M, but would like to switch his existing delivery point from the 11-B canal to the 06-B pipeline. The final ¼ mile of this pipeline does not have adequate capacity; therefore twinning would be required. The landowner would be responsible for extra mainline and power costs, is not applying for a Farm Improvement grant, and has allowed the District to cross his land for another project with savings to the District. In consideration of the above, and more so that

any spill on this quarter would no longer enter Matzhwin Creek but now be captured in Rock Lake, the twinning was recommended.

2008-08-199 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the twinning of 06-B SH Springhill by installing ¼ mile of 12" pipe at an estimated cost of \$30,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[10:54 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting; Representatives from Ducks Unlimited Canada entered.]

11:00 a.m. Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Dinner Presentation

Representatives from the Brooks Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada were welcomed to the boardroom: Bill Wells, Co-Chairman of DUC Brooks Chapter; Archie Balaski, Southern Alberta Fundraising Manager; Brian Peers, Co-Chairman of DUC Brooks Chapter; and Lloyd Derry, Southern Alberta Development Manager. A basic overview of Ducks Unlimited was given, highlighting that it is a national, nonprofit, charitable organization that conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl and other wildlife. Within the EID 37,626 wetland acres and 150,000 upland acres are managed by DU with a 30,000 acre foot water license conveyed by the EID. Funding initiatives were explained, noting that overall funding comes from individual and corporate donors, and through fundraising events. The local Brooks DU Fundraising Dinner and Auction ranks in the top 25 of 585 events held in Canada. It was noted that all contributions are given corresponding recognition. Various questions were responded to by DU. The party enquired if the District would consider being a major sponsor of the annual Brooks DU fundraising event to be held this September 19th, and thanked the Board for their time and consideration of this request.

[11:22 a.m. B. Wells, A. Balaski, B. Peers and L. Derry exited the meeting.]

2008-08-200 Moved by F. George that the District give sponsorship of \$10,000 per year for 5 years to Ducks Unlimited for the Brooks Fundraising Dinner. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[11:31 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

7.0 Lands

B. Hale presented the following transfer requests. He also commented on grazing issues, one issue being a proposed mandatory tagging and tracking system for all cattle, mentioning the hassles that would be involved with the Community Grazing Leases.

7.01 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7030 Bryce Burrows to Murray Jorgensen

Bryce Burrows wishes to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7030 to Murray Jorgensen of Speargrass Cattle Co. Ltd. The Transferee meets the eligibility requirements.

2008-08-201 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Private Grazing Leases #7030 to be transferred from Bryce Burrows to Murray Jorgensen. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

7.02 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7062 Hugh Green to Perry Green

Hugh Green wishes to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7062 to Perry Green. The Transferee meets the eligibility requirements.

2008-08-202 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Private Grazing Leases #7062 to be transferred from Hugh Green to Perry Green. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[11:45 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

[11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break.]

8.0 Equipment

8.01 Results of Bids for Sale of Loaders and Backhoes

E. Wilson presented the results of bids for the sale of a 1991 JD E Loader, 1995 Case 621 B Loader, a 1997 JD 410 E Rubber Tire Hoe, and a 1997 JD 410 E Rubber Tire Hoe. CPA's bid on 1 loader and 2 backhoes was accepted, along with Michener Allen's bid on 1 loader.

8.02 Quotes on New Hi-Hoes

Mr. Wilson also presented quotes received to rent with the option to purchase two new hi-hoes.

2008-08-203 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the rental and option to purchase of a 350 Hitachi Excavator for \$285,890 and a 240 Hitachi Excavator for \$230,120 from Wajax Industries Ltd. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.0 General Manager's Report

9.01 Bassano Swimming Pool

A letter addressed to the Board was received from the Town of Bassano, requesting assistance in demolishing the old pool and change room building at the Bassano Pool. Trucking and disposal of the rubble will be provided by a local business person.

2008-08-204 Moved by A. Nielsen that the EID contribute the use of a hi-hoe and operator to assist in the demolition of the old pool and change room building at the Bassano Pool. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

9.02 Crawling Valley Campground

A letter addressed to the District was received from Marty Anderson and Fred Schrader requesting that the EID delay their development work so that a re-vote date may be arranged, and a revised collaboration may be developed. K. Bridges has responded to them that the District is in receipt of their letter. Mr. Wilson stated that the District will continue to work directly with the Crawling Valley Recreation Society and not any individual campers. E. Wilson and Duane Lindsay will be reviewing development plans with the Society on site this Thursday.

9.03 Request to Cooperate in Survey from the University of Alberta

A letter addressed to the District was received from Chokri Dridi, Assistant Professor of the Department of Rural Economy, of the University of Alberta. Mr. Dridi was requesting to conduct a survey with EID irrigators with questions relating to a hypothetical drought similar to that of 2001. Mr. Wilson recommended denying their request, stating that the department's full understanding of the issues is questionable, and that these questions may prove counterproductive to the facts and current situation. The BRID and SMRID are also denying this survey request.

9.04 Correspondence from Landowners on 02-C North Branch

A letter addressed to the Board was received from Andrew Braun, Art Paetkau and Abe Berg requesting once again that the EID consider pipelining a portion of the 02-C and 04-02-C North Branch system. Mr. Wilson stated that this portion was rehabbed around 1982 or 1983, so it will eventually be coming due, but needs to be rated. Planning will begin this fall for a new 3 year rehabilitation plan.

9.05 AIPA Executive Director Monthly Report

The Executive Director's Monthly Report from Ron McMullin is now distributed to each irrigation district and not just the executive board; it was included as information.

9.06 AIPA Water Conservation Workshop – September 18, 2008

AIPA is working on a water conservation plan regarding the irrigation industry for the Alberta Water Council. They are holding a one day workshop on September 18th in Lethbridge. E. Wilson will attend; there is room for one Director to attend as well.

10.0 Letter from AIPA

A letter addressed to EID Chair, Bob Chrumka, was received from AIPA requesting that the EID consider rejoining the association. Considerable discussion was held regarding the District's satisfaction with progress made through AIPA and future potential. E. Wilson will respond.

2008-08-205 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Eastern Irrigation District rejoin AIPA if the proposed new bylaws are accepted. Seconded by F. George. (TABLED)

2008-08-206 Moved by C. Henrickson that Motion 2008-08-205 be Tabled. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

9.0 General Manager's Report cont'd.**9.07 Bow City Power Project**

This Community Update was received as information.

9.08 Irrigation Development on EID Land

Mr. Wilson reported on the progress of soil testing, road allowances, legal subdivisions, etc. in regards to the 8 parcels of District irrigation development land. A number of questions were posed for discussion, with the following results:

- administration is to prepare land information packages, pre-bid authorization eligibility requirements and advertisements based on a live auction process; venue and auctioneer (if needed) are to be booked
- auction will likely be early December, 2008
- certified cheque deposits in the amount of \$10,000 will be required
- proxy bidders will be allowed
- the policy limiting new irrigation acres per water user on private land will not disqualify; each eligible water user is eligible to purchase 1 quarter
- a minimum bid price of \$1,800 per irrigated acre and \$500 per dry acre will be set for each parcel
- the lease agreement will allow for the first year to break the land (deposit given to EID); rent will begin on the 2nd year

2008-08-207 Moved by P. Hemsing that a live auction with pre-bid authorization be held for the disposal of District irrigation development land. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-08-208 Moved by P. Hemsing that a minimum bid price of \$1,800 per irrigated acre and \$500 per dry acre be set for auctioned District irrigation development land. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

9.09 Private Grazing Leases

It is expected that numerous leases may go up for bid. One third of the responses have been received to date. E. Wilson recommended a sealed bid process; Directors confirmed the following:

- administration is to prepare grazing lease bid packages and advertisements based on a sealed bid process
- the bid process will likely be January, 2009
- a current leaseholder has the right to bid on a lease and then let his current lease go in order to meet eligibility requirements; there then could be a second round of leases going for sealed bid

- leaseholders with 1st rights of refusal will have a limited time to decide

2008-08-209 Moved by C. Henrickson that Private Grazing Leases going up for bid be done by a sealed bid process. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

9.10 PC Convention – October 3 – 5, Jasper

Directors were asked if the District should consider sending a couple people this year since there has been quite a change in people involved. Details will be forwarded to Directors for possible confirmation on attending this convention.

9.11 Staffing

Mr. Wilson will be running advertisements for a number of positions; not all positions may be filled.

11.0 Upcoming Events

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| 11.01 | EID Staff Golf Tournament | - Friday, September 5 th , Duchess |
| 11.02 | Agriculture Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony | - Friday, September 26 th , Edmonton |
| 11.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 23 rd |

C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

September 23, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of September, 2008. 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 8:53 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.0 General Manager's Report
- 10.01 Duchess Shop
- 10.02 Irrigation Council Update
- 10.03 AIPA Meeting Update
- 10.04 Irrigation Development
- 10.05 Letter from St. Joseph's Collegiate School Council
- 10.06 Harvest Gala
- 10.07 Scholarships *[moved under GM Report]*
- 10.08 Staffing

2008-09-210 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 August 26, 2008**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 87, Ducks Unlimited Presentation, change "150,00 upland acres " to "150,000 upland acres"

2008-09-211 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the August 26, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Capital Assets Bylaw – 3rd Reading**

At the August 23, 2008 Board Meeting, the first and second readings of By-Law 866 (2008) were conducted, imposing a capital assets charge on parcels that have irrigation acres added to the assessment roll. Discussion once again revisited the \$700/acre amount.

2008-09-212 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #866 (2008) 3.02(b) be amended to read \$500 per acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED

2008-09-213 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #866 (2008), being a Bylaw to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

[9:40 a.m. – 9:47 a.m. Short break.]

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 August 31, 2008 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to August 31, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$11.8 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$990,300 over YTD budget and about \$1 million more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$340,300 under YTD budget but are about \$205,900 more than prior YTD.

Mr. Bridges also made note of the new Fiscal Year End, stating that these financial statements are mostly based on the former December 31st year end accounting practices. They are working now on the adjustments necessary to account for the September 30th year end and some of the adjusting entries have been posted, therefore some of the year to year comparisons and some of the budget variance calculations presented are distorted due to this year's 9 month fiscal period. Mr. Bridges expects the auditors will begin their on-site work in October and that the 2008 financial statements and audit will be completed in January. In order to meet the 4 month filing deadline, it will be necessary for the auditor to present his report to the Board in late January, perhaps at the January 27, 2009 Board Meeting.

B. Chrumka requested that the Crawling Valley Campground development work be taken out of Special Projects and given its own line in the financial statements.

2008-09-214 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2008, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.02 Lake Newell Utility Inc. Dissolution

Mr. Bridges advised that the sale of Lake Newell Utility Inc.'s assets to the County of Newell has been concluded. The titles for the sewage pumping station site and for the water treatment plant site have been transferred to the County and the EID has received the agreed upon compensation of \$200,000. The District is in the process of amending the EID's insurance policies to reflect this disposition. As Lake Newell Utility Inc. now has no assets, no liabilities and no further purpose, it is in order the EID's Board of Directors to consider dissolving that corporation.

2008-09-215 WHEREAS the Corporation has no property and no liabilities and it is desirable that the Corporation be dissolved;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation is not carrying on business and does not intend to carry on business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Corporation be and is hereby dissolved pursuant to subsection 211(2) of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta); and**
- 2. Any director or officer of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized to execute all documents and instruments in writing and to do all things as may be considered necessary or advisable to implement this resolution, including sending to the Registrar of Corporations Articles of Dissolution in the prescribed form.**

Moved by N. Johnson, Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Currently connected are 190 Dial-Up customers and 1,010 Wireless customers. PCCC Inc. made some hardware and programming changes to their network on September 9th that resulted in unforeseen problems in the District's network. Customers using Linksys routers and/or Windows Vista lost the ability to connect to the internet. The issues were resolved on Monday 15th when PCCC removed all of the new equipment and reinstalled the old. The manufacturers still have not been able to explain why the problems occurred. The engineering reports for a number of towers have been received and will be looked at to determine a course for further upgrades and expansion.

[10:04 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations Report

6.01 Water Use & Reservoir Status

E. Wilson informed that diversion at the Bassano Dam this morning is at 950 cfs. So far this year, 378,000 acre feet have been diverted, with an expected total for the year to be 400,000 acre feet. The District's license is for 680,000 acre feet, a low water usage year, which has also been the 4th low year in a row. Currently 58 farmers are irrigating, with 15 on order. Overall reservoir total storage is just below winter levels; Rolling Hills and Crawling Valley will be lowered somewhat prior to winter, and Lake Newell will be the only reservoir needing to be topped up prior to winter.

Mr. Wilson cautioned that around 20 farmers are over their allotted 24", and this could increase to 40 by the end of the week. This ongoing issue will need to be re-addressed; along with the problem of irrigators not calling or calling late when they are taking available water.

6.02 Farm Improvements

6.02.1 D. & R. Dafoe – N ½ 16-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 154 acres (84 acres in the NE, and 70 acres in the NW). New pivot areas are 53 acres in the NW and 140 acres in the N ½. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 154 acres flood to low pressure pivots, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. Contrary to the landowner's request to pump out of the drain and to supplement the drain from the legal deliveries, the pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$9,240. Subject to the landowner's compliance with pipelining, 39 additional acres will be needed at \$300/acre; all new acres will be gained through efficiencies. An Irrigable Unit will also be needed.

A previous Farm Improvement was originally passed in February of 2007 with 9 fewer acres and piping from the legal deliveries. Approval expired after 1 year, and the Farm Improvement application was now modified.

2008-09-216 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for D. & R. Dafoe for the conversion of 154 acres flood to pivots in the N ½ 16-16-16 W4M; subject to the landowner pipelining from his delivery to the pivot points. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$9,240. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.02.2 Kevin & Sherri Halsted – NW 19-17-16 W4M

Current assessment is 117 acres (44 acres flood and 73 acres wheels); new pivot area is 90 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 30 acres flood and 60 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 water user wishes to transfer 27 acres of water right to the Bow City Hutterian Brethren for use in NE 27-17-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$1,800 (30 acres flood to pivot) + \$1,800 (60 acres wheels to pivot) = \$3,600.

2008-09-217 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Kevin & Sherri Halsted for the conversion of 44 acres flood and 73 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 19-17-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,800 (30 acres flood to pivot) + \$1,800 (60 acres wheels to pivot) = \$3,600. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

2008-09-218 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 27 irrigated acres from NW 19-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by Kevin & Sherri Halsted, to NE 27-17-17 W4M, lands being owned by Bow City Hutterian Brethren. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**

6.02.3 M. Tamura – NW 01-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 105 acres (50 acres flood and 55 acres wheels); new pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 50 acres flood and 55 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. 19 additional acres are needed, which are gained through efficiencies; 19 acres at \$300/acre = \$5,700 cost to the water user. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,000 (50 acres flood to pivot)+ \$1,650 (55 acres wheels to pivot) = \$4,650.

2008-09-219 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for M. Tamura for the conversion of 50 acres flood and 55 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 01-21-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,000 (50 acres flood to pivot) + \$1,650 (55 acres wheels to pivot) = \$4,650. Seconded by F. George. **CARRIED**

6.02.4 Andrew Walde – SW 04-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 125 acres; new pivot area is 120 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 120 acres gated pipe 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. Four crossings will need to be installed. The water user is wishing to sell the 5 additional acres back to the EID at \$700/acre. A gated pipe grant of \$2,500 was paid out on this quarter in June of 2007, so this amount will be deducted from the grant. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,200 (120 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,500 (previous gated pipe grant) = \$4,700 less crossings.

2008-09-220 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for Andrew Walde for the conversion of 125 acres gated pipe to pivot in the SW 04-23-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,200 (120 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,500 (previous gated pipe grant) = \$4,700 less crossings. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

[10:36 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting, I. Friesen entered.]

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the project status and the following rehabilitation projects.

7.01 Project Status

Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
T-Tilley	√	100%	- construction started Sep 8'08
04-C East Branch	√	95%	- domestics yet to be signed
06-B Springhill	√	95%	- couple of additions to be sorted out
11 Springhill	√	0%	- 1 landowner

14 Springhill	√	100%	
07-02-D Springhill	75%	0%	- 2 landowners
9 & 10 G North Bantry	√	100%	
7-H West Bantry	√	100%	
03 Bow Slope	√	0%	- 2 landowners
Hiebert Pipeline	80%	0%	- 4 landowners
01-21 North Branch	√	0%	- project not approved
11-H West Bantry	50%	0%	- project not approved
Antelope Creek	50%	0%	- project not approved
J-06 West Bantry	- this project was originally proposed to be a liner canal job, however when looked at in the design stage it was determined that this project could be pipelined. It is recommended that this project be postponed until 2009/10 construction year as this year's construction season appears to have enough pipeline already.		

7.02 01-21 North Branch

This rehabilitation project is located northeast of Gem in W ½ 27-23-16 W4M where the ditch comes off of 21 North Branch canal, currently providing irrigation to 261 irrigable acres via pivots. There is seepage, slumping, erosion of the banks, and tree growth on the canal banks. The recommended rehabilitation consists of installing approximately 1.5 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$175,000. The landowner will still have to pump the water from a wet well to the pivot centers.

2008-09-221 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01-21 North Branch by pipelining approximately 1.5 km at an estimated cost of \$175,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.03 11-H West Branch

This rehabilitation project is located southwest of Tilley in SW 25-16-13 W4M; currently providing irrigation to 175 irrigable acres, and draining 7 km of preceding ditch. The remaining 800 m of 11-H West Bantry suffers from slumping failures and increasing erosion. The recommended rehabilitation consists of installing a lined and armoured canal for 550 m and an armoured spillway for the remaining 250 m of steep decline at an estimated cost of \$285,000.

2008-09-222 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 11-H West Bantry by lining and armouring 550 m of canal and armouring a 250 m spillway at an estimated cost of \$285,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

7.04 Kitsim Bid Results

Top Notch Construction Ltd. has been awarded the Kitsim Bypass Canal Structures contract.

COMPANY	TENDER TOTAL
Charmar Enterprises Ltd.	\$1,443,000.00
Top Notch Construction Ltd.	\$1,274,250.00
Robin Hanson Construction	\$1,354,000.00

[10:45 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Irrigation Development Request from Thacker Family**

A letter addressed to the Board of Directors was received from Dale Thacker and family requesting consideration of a farming expansion proposal. This proposal will be dealt with in November, along with the other irrigation development applications; but because of its size and differences from other applications, the information was presented to Directors so they can think about it.

[10:52 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

8.02 Request to Transfer Private Grazing lease - #7077 Luke Kropf to Joel Kropf

Luke Kropf wishes to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7077 to Joel Kropf. The Transferee meets the eligibility requirements.

2008-09-223 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7077 to be transferred from Luke Kropf to Joel Kropf. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

8.03 Request to Transfer Portion of Private Grazing Lease - #7093 John Straub to Luke Kropf

John Straub wishes to transfer his portion of Private Grazing Lease #7093 to Luke Kropf. The Transferee meets the eligibility requirements.

2008-09-224 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the John Straub portion of Private Grazing Lease #7093 to be transferred to Luke Kropf. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.04 Rosemary Grazing Association – Loan Request

Mr. Hale forwarded a request from the Rosemary Grazing Association for an interest free loan of \$100,000 to rebuild corrals at their south camp.

2008-09-225 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve a \$100,000 loan at 0% interest for a 10 year term for the Rosemary Community Grazing Association, for replacing corrals at the south camp. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[11:07 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

9.0 General Manager's Report**9.01 Duchess Shop**

E. Wilson advised that that the old shop will not be advertised for sale to be removed from the property as this would delay driveway access for several months, and monetary compensation would be minimal.

9.02 Irrigation Council Update

Mr. Wilson updated the Board regarding Irrigation Council vacant positions, and passed on personal congratulations from Len Ring to Tom Livingston for being inducted into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame on September 26th in Edmonton.

9.03 AIPA Meeting Update

Copies of an email from Ron McMullin to Earl Wilson were distributed and discussed. The decision to rejoin AIPA will be set aside until the full minutes from the last AIPA meeting are received.

9.04 Irrigation Development

An update regarding the subdivision and road allowances of parcels was given. Eligibility requirements were reconfirmed.

[11:45 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.05 Letter from St. Joseph's Collegiate School Council

A letter addressed to the Board was received from the Parents of St. Joseph's Collegiate School Council regarding illegal activities happening on or near EID land. B. Chrumka will respond by letter.

9.06 Growing Alberta Harvest Gala – October 17, 2008

In support of Growing Alberta, a table will be booked for the Harvest Gala in Calgary where Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame inductees will also be recognized.

9.07 Scholarships

Mr. Wilson informed the Directors not on the selection committee of the rating system, number and quality of applications, and broadness of eligibility. The Scholarship Selection Committee will meet soon to select recipients.

9.08 Staffing

A replacement Water District Supervisor for S3 Bow Slope, Peter Thiessen, has been hired. Also a new hoe operator, John Dyck, has been rehired. An update was also given in regards to staff on leave, and potential applicants for other positions.

10.0 Upcoming Events

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| 10.01 | Agriculture Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony | - Friday, September 26 th , Edmonton |
| 10.02 | Harvest Gala | - Friday, October 17 th , Calgary |
| 10.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 28 th |

C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

October 8, 2008 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 8th day of October, 2008. 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] <i>[apologies]</i>		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 9.0 Land – Private Grazing Leases and New Irrigation Development

2008-10-226 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 23, 2008**

The minutes from the September 23, 2008 Directors Meeting were accepted as circulated.

2008-10-227 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the September 23, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

3.0 Kitsim Feeder Canal

E. Wilson advised that tender opening for the Kitsim Feeder Canal resulted in Horizon Earthworks being the lowest bidder. As this was an unfamiliar company and further details were needed, additional information was gathered from them and the next lowest bidder, Top Notch. The physical conditions of the job warranted further discussions with Horizon, and resulted in a satisfactory recommendation for the contract.

2008-10-228 Moved by A. Nielsen that Horizon Earthworks be awarded the Kitsim Feeder Canal contract. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.0 Henrickson Lease 'A' Grazing/Irrigated

Mr. Wilson requested that a new 5-year rental rate be set for the irrigated portion of Lease 'A', as well as the renewal fee for both portions of the lease. Rates of other irrigated leases were compared, resulting in the following motion. Policy was reviewed regarding renewal fees, and it was confirmed that 100% of the annual lease payment be charged for the irrigated portion, and 50% of the annual lease payment for the grazing portion.

2008-10-229 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the five year rental rate for the irrigated portion of Lease 'A' at \$40/acre on 431 wetted acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2009 through 2013. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

5.0 Staffing Update

Ronan Moen has been hired for a newly created Information Technologist position. He will be involved with the internet business, computer networking system and operation controls.

6.0 AIPA Executive Director's Monthly Report

This report was presented as information. AIPA membership discussion will be deferred to the next meeting.

7.0 Water, Agriculture and the Environment Conference – November 27 & 28, 2008 - Lethbridge

Directors and a few staff members are considering attending this conference.

8.0 CRWUA Conference – December 15 – 17, 2008 – Las Vegas

Directors are considering attending this conference.

9.0 Land – Private Grazing Leases and New Irrigation Development

Details of the Private Grazing Lease tender process and the New Irrigation Development live auction process were discussed. Information will be provided to water users in a newsletter at the end of October or beginning of November. Complete information packages will be available for pick up at the office; and newspaper advertisements will also be run.

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager

October 27, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of October, 2008. 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 9:33 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.04 Letter from Del Giles
- 12.06 Remembrance Day Service
- 12.07 Cactus Pheasant Classic
- 12.08 Rodeo Grounds

2008-10-230 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 8, 2008**

The minutes from the October 8, 2008 Directors Meeting were accepted as circulated.

2008-10-231 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 D. & R. Dafoe – N ½ 16-16-16 W4M – Increase in Assessment & Irrigable Unit**

A farm improvement was approved last month conditional upon the landowner pipelining from the delivery to the pump site. The landowner is in agreement, thus the following motions were presented.

2008-10-232 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the increase in assessment from 154 acres to 193 acres on N ½ 16-16-16 W4M; 39 additional acres at a capital asset charge of \$300/acre = \$11,700. The increase in acres being granted is a result of efficiencies made in converting 154 acres flood to low pressure pivot. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

2008-10-233 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on N ½ 16-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by D. & R. Dafoe. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[9:36 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering Report**7.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows.

Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
T-Tilley	√	100%	- earthworks complete, armouring ongoing, structures remain
11-H West Bantry	√	100%	- earthworks started
Hiebert Pipeline	√	100%	- pipeline installation to start end of October
04-C East Branch	√	95%	- domestics yet to be signed
06-B Springhill	√	95%	- couple of additions to be sorted out
11 Springhill	√	0%	- 1 landowner
14 Springhill	√	100%	
07-02-D Springhill	75%	0%	- 2 landowners
9 & 10-G North Bantry	√	100%	
7-H West Bantry	√	100%	
03-Bow Slope	√	100%	
01-21 North Branch	√	100%	
Antelope Creek	75%	100%	- project not approved

Project Name	Comments
Kitsim Bypass (Top Notch)	- earthworks complete, armouring complete, concrete structures started
Kitsim Feeder (Horizon Earthworks)	- started to de-water, equipment to arrive October 27

7.02 Request to Finance Infrastructure on 11 Springhill – Carl Kern

11 Springhill rehabilitation was approved in May of this year at a cost of \$360,000. The landowner of the SW 17 & NW 17-20-15 W4M has requested the District pipeline to the pivot centers. The cost to accommodate this request is \$15,000; all of which will be the landowner's expense. The landowner has also requested the District finance the \$15,000. The Board confirmed that infrastructure requests such as these are not open to financing agreements and therefore declined the financing request.

7.03 Antelope Creek Canal

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 5 kms northwest of Bow City and is slated for the 2008/09 construction year. The existing canal is a continuation of the Antelope Creek Canal that was rehabbed in 2005, and continues south for approximately 2 kms. There is seepage and erosion problems with the current canal system. The new system will supply 375 acres, 100% which are sprinkler. The proposed rehabilitation consists of replacing the existing works with 2,000 m of PVC gravity pipeline. The recommended alignment is to come off the end of the rehabilitation done in 2005 and continue along the existing route and tie into an existing pipeline. This project is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$700,000.

2008-10-234 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of the Antelope Creek Canal by installing 2,000 m of PVC pipe at an estimated cost of \$700,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

7.04 Letter from Del Giles

A letter addressed to the Board was received from Del Giles regarding an existing concrete pipeline on his land in NW 08 & SW 17-19-15 W4M. This pipeline will be abandoned once the 04 Cassils rehabilitation has been completed. Leakage and liability were of concern to Mr. Giles. It was suggested by a Director that an easement be kept by the District, thereby addressing both issues distinctly. A letter of response will be sent from Mr. Chrumka.

[10:02 a.m. – 10:06 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 Preliminary September 30, 2008 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2008, noting that accounts payables and receivables along with year end adjusting entries continue to be made on a daily basis. He highlighted the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$11.6 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$90,200 over YTD budget and about \$123,500 more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$296,200 under YTD budget but are about \$366,100 more than prior YTD.

2008-10-235 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2008, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.02 Request to Open Account with Bank of Nova Scotia

Mr. Bridges requested that the Board approve opening a new account with The Bank of Nova Scotia in order to access additional competitive investment proposals.

2008-10-236 Moved by C. Henrickson that an account in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

- a) Scotia Capital Inc. ("ScotiaMcLeod"),
- b) ATB Securities Inc,
- c) BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. / BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.,
- d) Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
- e) Chinook Credit Union Ltd.,
- f) Community Credit Union Ltd. and,
- g) The Bank of Nova Scotia

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 Scotia Capital Inc., ATB Securities Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd., Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Chinook Credit Union Ltd., Community Credit Union Ltd., or The Bank of Nova Scotia.

Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet report on behalf of R. Hayes. Current active dial-up accounts total 34; wireless accounts total 1,042. There have been problems with the power at the Springside tower location. The power is continually cycling up and down in a manner that forces the UPS to cut in and out. The battery on the UPS never has a chance to fully recharge and it eventually goes dead. Fortis has located the problem and was to be out on October 24th to replace a faulty transformer. Patricia has had similar problems before but appears better now, except that the UPS batteries are dead and so the unit will be replaced.

[10:19 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations Report

6.01 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

6.01.1 D. & P. Braun (Andrew Braun) – N ½ 25-22-17 W4M

Current assessment is 141 acres in the NW and 61 acres in the NE west of the drain; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 136 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 wishes to keep all the acres outside the pivot area. The NE & SE corners totaling 8 acres will be deducted at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$8,160 (136 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,760. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-10-237 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for D. & P. Braun (Andrew Braun) for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in the N ½ 25-22-17 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$8,160 - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,760. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2008-10-238 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on N ½ 25-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by D. & P. Braun. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.01.2 R. & W. Davidson – NE 35-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 122 irrigable acres and 18 terminable acres; new pivot area is 128 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 122 irrigable wheel acres and 6 terminable

wheel acres 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 remaining 12 terminable acres will be canceled. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,660 (122 acres wheels to pivot) - \$600 (6 terminable acres converted to irrigable acres at \$100/acre) = \$3,060.

2008-10-239 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for R. & W. Davidson for the conversion of 122 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 35-16-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,660 - \$600 (6 terminable acres converted to irrigable acres at \$100/acre) = \$3,060. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.01.3 Larry Hirsch – NE 31-14-13 W4M

The Farm Improvement application was based on a 118 acre pivot, but can be increased to 119 acres and still fit within the boundaries. Mr. Hirsch will be given 30 days to consider increasing his pivot wiper layout by 1 acre from 118 acres to 119 acres. 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-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user wishes to keep the remaining 21 acres outside the pivot area. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,140 (119 acres flood to pivot) - \$6,300 (21 acres at \$300/acre) - \$800 (tee installation) = \$40.

2008-10-240 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Larry Hirsch for the conversion of 119 acres flood to pivot in the NE 31-14-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,140 - \$6,300 (21 acres at \$300/acre) - \$800 (tee) = \$40. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.01.4 G. & P. Norton – NE 24-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 142 acres; new pivot area is 125 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 125 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 wishes to keep the remaining 21 acres in corners. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,500 (125 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,400.

2008-10-241 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for G. & P. Norton for the conversion of 125 acres flood to pivot in the NE 24-21-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,500 - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,400. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

[10:36 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting; B. Hale entered.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Irrigable Unit Registration – Bow City Colony – Sec. 29-17-17 W4M

A 132 acre pivot was earlier approved for installation on NW 29-17-17 W4M. The pivot was actually installed SE of the quarter center pivot point and thereby reaches portions of all 4 quarters necessitating an irrigable unit.

2008-10-242 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 29-17-17 W4M, lands being owned by Hutterian Brethren of Bow City. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Norman & Sheila Musgrove – N ½ 30 & S ½ 31-20-12 W4M

A pivot was earlier approved for installation on N ½ 30 & S ½ 31-20-12 W4M but an irrigable unit was not registered.

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- 2008-10-243 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on N ½ 30-20-12 W4M and S ½ 31-20-12 W4M, lands being owned by Norman & Sheila Musgrove. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**
- 8.03 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7026 Beasley to Beasley**
The executor of the Estate of Lee Beasley, Carl Beasley, is requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7026 be transferred from the estate to Chuck Beasley. The pre-dated letter submitted has been forwarded for legal opinion.
- 8.04 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7035 Deschner to Deschner**
The executor of the Estate of Karl Deschner, Dave Deschner, is requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7035 be transferred from the estate to numbered company 724863 Alberta Ltd. The Board advised that it was prudent to await legal opinion on estates in regards to transferring private grazing leases, before approving this transfer. If given approval, the shareholder(s) will need to submit legal correspondence of identification in order for the transfer to be completed.
- 8.08 Private Grazing Lease #7048 – Estate of Kenneth Hanscam**
As the farm of the Estate of Kenneth Hanscam is currently for sale, a request for transfer of Private Grazing Lease #7048 may be expected this year yet. The Board advised to receive the application for transfer of this lease in light of the upcoming legal opinion.
- 8.05 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7053 Hirsch to Hirsch**
Reinhold and Charlotte Hirsch wish to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7053 to Reinhold Hirsch and Sheila Hirsch. Both Transferees meet the eligibility requirements.
- 2008-10-244 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7053 to be transferred from Reinhold & Charlotte Hirsch to Reinhold Hirsch & Sheila Hirsch. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**
- 8.06 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7075 Owen to Owen**
Alvin Owen, Darrell Owen and Jeff Owen wish to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7075 to Jeff Owen. The Transferee meets the eligibility requirements.
- 2008-10-245 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7075 to be transferred from Alvin Owen, Darrell Owen & Jeff Owen to Jeff Owen. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**
- 8.07 Private Grazing Lease #7038 – Les Douglass**
A letter was received from Les Douglass regarding Private Grazing Lease #7038. Mr. Douglass is requesting to purchase the lease. He will be invited to attend the November 25th Regular Board Meeting for further discussion.
- 8.09 Private Grazing Lease #7245 – Ducks Unlimited**
Ducks Unlimited has indicated that they are not interested in continuing with Private Grazing Lease #7245, but are requesting that this lease continues to include their project and hold some special conditions.
- 2008-10-246 Moved by C. Henrickson that Private Grazing Lease #7245 be put up for bid as a long term lease (15 years with the option to renew for an additional 15 years) with special conditions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**
- 8.10 Private Grazing Lease #7278 – Alfred Piper**
B. Hale advised that Private Grazing Lease #7278 has not been fenced as yet. The Board requested that Mr. Hale write a letter to Alfred Piper stating that he has 1 month to put his fence up, otherwise the lease will revert back to the EID.

8.11 Private Grazing Lease Bid Process

E. Wilson outlined the bid process for Private Grazing Leases, with Directors giving input:

- all bids must be submitted on official tender form 'A' by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008 (forms may be obtained from the EID office after November [date yet to be set])
- bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11th at the EID office; all bidders and existing leaseholders are welcome to attend
- no individual can bid on more than 2 leases
- if an individual bids on more than 1 lease he must indicate 1st and 2nd choice
- if an existing leaseholder bids on a different lease and is successful in getting the lease (ie. is the high bidder and existing leaseholder does not match), and the combination of leases puts him over the 640 acre limit then he must return his original lease to the EID and the EID will put it up for bid at a later date
- all bids must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of the bid (unsuccessful bids will have their cheques returned no later than December 18th)
- existing leaseholders will have until Tuesday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m. to match the high bid

These details will be laid out in next week's newsletter. Packages should be available approximately 3 weeks in advance. Tender deadline is December 11th 11:00 a.m.; tender opening is December 11th 1:30 p.m.

The Board requested that the Private Grazing Leases not going up for bid (those choosing option #2) are to have lease agreements that specifically state that the lease expires in 15 years.

[11:40 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting; Lunch break until 12:34 p.m.]

8.12 Irrigation Development

Mr. Wilson advised that the subdivision process is delaying the release of information to the public; packages will be available 2 – 3 weeks prior to the auction. Each development parcel was reviewed, noting that the parcel in N ½ 02-15-15 W4M did not pass soils and will not be included for auction. Directors gave input on the details of the auction. The auction will be held at the EID office; date yet to be confirmed, likely the first or second week of December. An auctioneer needs to be booked, and a time set. Details will be outlined in the newsletter. A \$10,000 certified cheque will be required to receive a bid number, and for the awarded bidder will be considered payment for the 1st year's rent.

9.0 Draft Newsletter

Suggestions for revisions were made. The newsletter will be mailed out likely Monday, November 3rd.

10.0 Budget Discussion

10.01 Capital Purchases

E. Wilson advised that due to the heavy activity this fall (irrigation development, new irrigation acres, private grazing leases, canal and drain ratings, etc.) the budget will be delayed from its normal timeline of 1 to 2 months after year-end. Some capital purchases (½ ton trucks, gravel truck, printer) will need to be purchased prior to budget approval. B. Chrumka requested that Solar Bees or some other solution for the foul smelling and algae laden water in the Tilley area be included in the budget.

11.0 Equipment

E. Wilson summarized the table of quotes on six ½ ton, three ¾ ton and one extended cab ¾ ton trucks, recommending that the District purchase all 10 vehicles from Martin Chrysler in Brooks as

they were the lowest quoted. Following discussion, it was decided to purchase two ½ ton trucks from Park City Toyota and the rest from Martin Chrysler.

2008-10-247 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of two ½ ton trucks from Park City Toyota; and one ¾ ton extended cab truck, three ¾ ton trucks and four ½ ton trucks from Martin Chrysler, for delivery in 2009. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

12.0 General Manager's Report

12.01 Crawling Valley Campground

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the Crawling Valley Campground development project. The District will be developing 2 loops instead of 1 loop this winter; they are in the process of excavating the marina; a concrete pad has been poured for the boat launch; and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is being kept informed. Currently lake water is treated for drinking but it is favoured to haul drinking water to a cistern in the future. The lease document and operational details have yet to be finalized.

12.02 Request for Funding from Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

A letter requesting funding was received from the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance for a "State of the Watershed Report" project. As return flows from the Eastern Irrigation District systems impact downstream sections of the Red Deer River, the Board passed the following motion.

2008-10-248 Moved by N. Johnson that the District donate \$2,500 to the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance to be directed towards the "State of the Watershed Report". Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[1:43 p.m. C. Henrickson was excused for the remainder of the meeting.]

12.03 Request to Purchase or Lease Land from Block 1, Lake Newell Resort

A letter addressed to the Board of Directors was received from Paul Seaton on behalf of the Block One Lake Newell Condominium Board requesting to purchase or lease two parcels of land to be used as guest parking areas. The option to lease was approved as stated below.

2008-10-249 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve a 10 year Lease for two 70' x 100' parking areas at a combined cost of \$1,000/year with Block One Lake Newell Condominium Board, with the following conditions:

- full development cost is at the Condominium Board's expense
- parking lots must be fenced to not allow parking on neighbouring lands
- parking lots must be aesthetically pleasing; Condominium Board is responsible for clean up
- no commercial vehicles or RV storage allowed; Condominium Board is responsible for patrolling

Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.04 Letter from Ducks Unlimited

A letter of thanks was received from Ducks Unlimited and presented as information.

12.05 AIPA Membership

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on members of the AIPA Executive Committee; and changes to the organization's structure were also discussed. Debate on membership ensued, with the following tabled motion from August's meeting being lifted from the table.

2008-08-205 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Eastern Irrigation District rejoin AIPA if the proposed new bylaws are accepted. Seconded by F. George. (TABLED)

2008-10-250 Moved by F. George to lift Motion 2008-08-205 from the Table. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2008-10-251 Moved by F. George that the Eastern Irrigation District rejoin AIPA if the proposed new bylaws are accepted. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED

This item will be brought back to November's Regular Board Meeting for further discussion.

12.06 Remembrance Day Service

N. Johnson will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service on behalf of the District.

12.07 Cactus Pheasant Classic

A. Nielsen will represent the EID at the opening ceremonies of the Cactus Pheasant Classic curling event in Brooks.

12.08 Rodeo Grounds

In response to a request for an update, Mr. Wilson replied that there has been some hassles regarding drainage and relocating underground power, but he will be getting the committee together soon.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Special Board Meeting | - Wednesday, November 19 th , 9:30 a.m. |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.03 | Water, Ag & the Environ. Conference | - Thur. & Fri., Nov. 27 th & 28 th , Lethbridge |
| 13.04 | Private Grazing Lease Bid Opening | - Thursday, December 11 th , 1:30 p.m. |
| 13.05 | New Irr. Develop. Live Auction | - EID Office, Date & Time TBA |
| 13.06 | CRWUA Conference | - December 15 th – 17 th , Las Vegas |
| 13.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, December 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.08 | Scholarship Awards Ceremony | - Monday, December 22 nd , 5:00 p.m. |

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

November 19, 2008 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 19th day of November, 2008. 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 9:30 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 6.0 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – District Land

2008-11-252 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 27, 2008**

The minutes from the October 27, 2008 Directors Meeting were accepted as circulated.

2008-11-253 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the October 27, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

3.0 Review of Bylaw & Policy Regarding Water Applications**3.01 Capital Assets Bylaw**

In follow-up to an earlier Board request, Mr. Wilson presented a revised Capital Assets Bylaw which specifically outlines District and landowner contributions towards infrastructure costs associated with approved Capital Assets projects. The following sentence was added to paragraph 3.04:

“The EID will contribute 75% of the cost of any irrigation works specifically required for any new parcel (turnout, pipeline extension to property, check structure, etc.), up to 25% of the Capital Asset charge.”

Eastern Irrigation District

BYLAW 868 (2008)

Being A Bylaw To Impose A Capital Assets Charge On Parcels That Have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll

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

WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act authorizes a district to pass a bylaw imposing a capital assets charge respecting parcels that have irrigation acres added to the assessment roll;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District deems it expedient to pass a bylaw imposing a capital assets charge on parcels that have irrigation acres added to the assessment roll;

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

1.0 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Capital Assets Charges Bylaw".

Definitions

2.0 When used in this Bylaw,

- (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
- (b) "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the District.
- (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
- (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.

Capital Assets Charge

3.0 Effective on the date this Bylaw is finally passed, the capital assets charges shall be:

3.01 Conversion of Terminable Acres

- (a) For each acre that has continuously been recorded on the assessment roll as a terminable acre since the 2nd day of March, 2006 and that is added to the assessment roll as an irrigation acre, the capital assets charge shall be **\$100.00** per acre,

3.02 Infill and Intensification Acres

- (a) For each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll on a parcel that already has irrigation acres, the capital assets charge shall be **\$300.00** per acre for up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres per parcel.
- (b) The capital assets charge shall be **\$700.00** per acre for each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll in excess of the 50 irrigation acres described in clause 3.02(a).

3.03 New Acres

- (a) The capital assets charge for each irrigation acre added to the assessment roll, that is not added to the assessment roll pursuant to clause 3.01 (Terminable Acre) or pursuant to clause 3.02 (Infill and Intensification Acre), shall be **\$700.00** per acre.

3.04 In addition to the applicable capital assets charge set out in clauses 3.01, 3.02 or 3.03 above, the landowner 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 the irrigation acres are to be added to the assessment roll. The EID will contribute 75% of the cost of any irrigation works specifically required for any new parcel (turnout, pipeline extension to property, check structure, etc.), up to 25% of the Capital Asset charge.

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

Payment of Capital Assets Charge

4.0 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:

4.01 Where additional irrigation works are 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 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 such costs shall be paid in addition to any capital assets charge.

- 4.02 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.
- 4.03 Where the capital assets charge is greater than One Thousand Dollars [\$1,000.00], the capital assets charge, at the request of the landowner, may be financed by the District for a maximum term of ten (10) years. Under such financing arrangement, the landowner shall agree to repay the principal to the District in up to ten [10] equal annual installments plus interest at the rate of five percent [5%] per annum, compounded annually. The first annual payment shall be due and payable upon execution of the capital assets financing agreement. Each subsequent payment shall be due and payable, including all accrued interest and penalties, prior to the 31st day of December in each year of the term.
- 4.04 In addition to any interest that may be added pursuant to clause 4.03, a penalty in the amount of eight (8) percent 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 Bylaws Repealed and Replaced

5.0 This bylaw supersedes and replaces all previous bylaws for capital assets charges.

5.01 **Bylaw 866 (2008)** is hereby repealed.

2008-11-254 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #868 (2008) be introduced and read the first time this 19th day of November, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2008-11-255 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #868 (2008) the second time this 19th day of November, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2008-11-256 Moved by T. Livingston that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #868 (2008) this 19th day of November, 2008. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-11-257 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #868 (2008), being a Bylaw to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

3.02 Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy – Formulas

Mr. Wilson reviewed the current Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy as revised in July to accommodate the special District wide irrigation applications for 2008. He advised that a simpler formula could be used in the intensification / on-farm efficiencies sections. The following is the portion from the current policy:

- o *Intensification:*

▪ <i>on-farm conversion factor \geq required acres;</i>	<i>Rating</i> 50
▪ <i>on-farm conversion is \geq 50% of required acres and additional acres over conversion is less than 10;</i>	30
▪ <i>on-farm conversion \leq 50% required acres or more than 10 acres above conversion $(\frac{\text{acres from conversion}}{\text{total additional acres}}) \times (20)$</i>	20

- o *Efficiency of Delivery:*

▪ $(\frac{\text{water used by crop}}{\text{water diverted at Bassano}})$	<i>Rating</i> 30
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The following is the recommended change that would replace the above:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intensification & On-Farm Efficiency Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intensification: $\left[\frac{\text{Existing Acres} + \text{Efficiency Acres}}{\text{New Assessment}} \right] \times 20$ ▪ On-Farm Efficiency Changes: $\left[\frac{\text{On-Farm Efficiency Acres}}{\text{Total New Acres Applied For}} \right] \times 30$ ○ Efficiency of Overall Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ $\left[\frac{\text{water used by crop}}{\text{water diverted at Bassano}} \right] \times 30$ | <p>Rating</p> <p>0-20</p> <p>Rating</p> <p>0-30</p> <p>Rating</p> <p>0-30</p> |
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2008-11-258 Moved by C. Henrickson that the “Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines” policy be revised under the “Intensification” section beginning on page 3 as outlined above. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

It is recommended that in 2009 the policy revert back to the regular guidelines, but keep these simpler formulas. The policy will be brought back to a meeting in the new year.

4.0 Review & Approval of Water Applications

E. Wilson presented the 65 irrigation applications received, in general order of rating. The Capital Assets Charge for acres added through efficiency gains and intensification (less than 50 acres per irrigable unit where there is existing irrigation) is \$300/acre. The Capital Assets Charge for new parcels or parcels receiving more than 50 additional acres is \$700/acre. In cases where the applicant is already irrigating without approval, if the application rates high enough it will be added to the assessment role, but the Capital Assets Charge will be \$700/acre, not \$300, for the first 50 acres.

4.01 Irrigation Applications – Reclaimed Acres

The first 3 applications are ones that could have been received at any time but happened to be submitted during this special time period. They were reviewed separately and approved as a group. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

4.01.1 Harry Hjorth – NW 34-16-13 W4M

The applicant has reclaimed 5 acres of well leveled flood land adjacent to the canal on the east side of the quarter after the District lined the canal.

4.01.2 Carter Curran – SW 27-19-14 W4M

The canal on the west side of the quarter has been relocated further west, and land reclaimed, allowing the pivot to complete a full circle. The applicant is applying for 14 infill acres.

4.01.3 South Slope Feeders – NW 19-16-15 W4M

The applicant is draining a slough and dugout in the NE portion on the quarter and reclaiming the 3 acres to complete his pivot circle.

2008-11-259 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the irrigation applications to increase the assessments on:

- Harry Hjorth – NW 34-16-13 W4M from 131 acres to 136 acres
- Carter Curran – SW 27-19-14 W4M from 116 acres to 130 acres
- South Slope Feeders – NW 19-16-15 W4M from 122 acres to 125 acres

at a cost of \$300/acre. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.02 Irrigation Applications – Unapproved Acres

The following 4 applications are ones that have been irrigating more acres than currently approved for. They were reviewed separately and approved as a group.

Mr. Wilson advised that old policy mandates 5 years water charges be applied to any illegal irrigating, and as water charges have not been applied since 2002, updated policy is necessary. Directors confirmed that only additional acres that meet the District rating system will be considered for approval; all other unapproved acres must have irrigation terminated at once. For acres that will receive approval, the highest Capital Assets charge of \$700/acre be applied to all unapproved irrigation acres; and if terminable acres are included in the parcel and are eligible for conversion, that they be charged at \$700/acre as well.

4.02.1 J.H. Graham – SE 25-16-16 W4M

The old pivot has been replaced with a slightly larger new pivot with an end gun. The applicant is applying for 9 additional acres.

4.02.2 G. Graham – NE 10-17-16 W4M

The old pivot has been replaced with a slightly larger new pivot with an end gun. The applicant is applying for 10 additional acres.

4.02.3 Lathom Hutterian Brethren – SW 22-19-17 W4M

Previously, 120 acres were approved for transfer to this quarter, but a 132 acre pivot was installed. The applicant is applying for 12 additional acres. As the pivot in the SW reaches into the NW and SE, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

4.02.4 Takeda Feeding – NE 26-14-16 W4M

34 terminable acres of wild flood were replaced with an 86 acre pivot. The applicant is applying for 52 additional acres; but the 34 terminable acres will also need to be paid for by the applicant at the same rate. The approval for the additional acres is subject to the parcel passing soils testing.

2008-11-260 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the irrigation applications to increase the assessments on:

- **J.H. Graham – SE 25-16-16 W4M from 121 acres to 130 acres**
- **G. Graham – NE 10-17-16 W4M from 121 acres to 131 acres**
- **Lathom Colony – SW 22-19-17 W4M from 120 acres to 132 acres**
- **Takeda Feeding – NE 26-14-16 W4M from 34 terminable acres to 86 irrigable acres, pending soils**

at a cost of \$700/acre. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

4.03 Irrigation Applications – Terminable Acres

The following 3 applications are ones that involve terminable acre conversions. A Capital Assets Charge of \$100/acre will apply for approved conversions.

4.03.1 Kanegawa Farms – NE 23 & SE 26-15-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 114 terminable acres and is applying to have 108 acres converted to irrigation for a proposed wiper pivot; the remaining 6 terminable acres will be canceled. The District will cost-share the expense of the required turnout at a 75% EID / 25% landowner rate, up to 25% of the Capital Assets Charge (\$2,700). As well, since there will be one delivery only for the 2 parcels, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-261 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Kanegawa Farms application to convert 108 terminable acres to irrigation acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$100/acre, to accommodate a wiper pivot on NE 23 & SE 26-15-15 W4M. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.03.2 Mark Watson – SW 26-21-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 128 terminable acres under wheels, is applying to have all the acres converted to irrigation acres, and is requesting to have the delivery off the pipeline if possible. As there is not enough capacity in the pipeline at this point, the delivery will need to be off the drain in the SE 27-21-16 W4M.

2008-11-262 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Mark Watson application to convert 128 terminable acres to irrigation acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$100/acre, on SW 26-21-16 W4M. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.03.3 Carl Kern – NW 19-21-16 W4M

The applicant is applying to have 90 terminable acres converted to irrigation acres to accommodate a pivot that has been in place for a few years. Soil testing did not pass previously and the landowner was given 5 years to see if there was any improvement and to retest. Retesting of soils is required.

2008-11-263 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board request Carl Kern to retest the soils on NW 19-21-16 W4M, and if they pass the terminable acres will be converted at \$100/acre, and if they do not the terminable acres will be canceled. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04 Irrigation Applications – Additional Acres

The remaining applications are those that fall under the main category of requests for additional acres.

4.04.1 Ron Christianson – SE 34-23-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 76 acres under flood and is applying for an additional 22 acres, all to be under a proposed 98 acre wiper pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-264 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Ron Christianson application to increase the assessment on SE 34-23-16 W4M from 76 acres to 98 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.2 George Ketchmark – SW 20-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 98 acres under flood and wheels and is applying for an additional 35 acres, all to be under a proposed 133 acre pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-265 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the George Ketchmark application to increase the assessment on SW 20-17-16 W4M from 98 acres to 133 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.3 C. & J. Sewall – SE 22-18-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 89 acres under flood and is applying for an additional 48 acres, all to be under a proposed 137 acre pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the parcel passing soils testing, and on the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply. As the pivot in the SE reaches into SW 23 an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-266 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the C. & J. Sewall application to increase the assessment on SE 22-18-16 W4M from 89 acres to 137 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to soils and to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.4 Joel Kropf – NE 12-16-14 W4M

The applicant currently has 64 acres under flood and is applying for 32 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 96 acre wiper pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the parcel passing soils testing, and on the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-267 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Joel Kropf application to increase the assessment on NE 12-16-14 W4M from 64 acres to 96 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to soils and to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.5 Les Douglass – S ½ 30-24-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 122 acres under pivot, 11 acres under flood, and is applying for 26 additional acres, all to be under the same pivot with a proposed added corner unit. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the installation of a corner unit by December 1, 2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply. As the corner unit of the pivot in the SW will swing into the SE an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-268 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Les Douglass application to increase the assessment on S ½ 30-24-15 W4M from 133 acres to 159 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a corner unit by December 1, 2010. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Review of Bylaw & Policy Regarding Water Applications – con'td.

3.03 Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy – Maximum Number of Acres

E. Wilson advised that as the Crawling Valley Reservoir has adequate storage capacity for more water than is being applied for, an increase in the maximum number of acres allowed per person or corporation could be warranted. An increase from 150 acres to 300 acres for water users below Crawling Valley was recommended as a permanent change to present policy.

2008-11-269 Moved by P. Hemsing that section 17.0 of the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy be revised to allow a maximum of 300 acres per person or corporation for water users below Crawling Valley. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04 Irrigation Applications – Additional Acres cont'd.

4.04.6 Clearview Hutterian Brethren – N 14, S ½ 23-23-18 W4M

The applicant currently has no existing irrigation on this parcel and is applying for 120 new acres for a wiper pivot. The portion of the pivot encroaching on EID right-of-way could be offered as an irrigated lease. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply. An Irrigable Unit currently covers the S ½ of 23, but as the pivot will also swing into the N ½ of 14 an additional Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-270 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Clearview Hutterian Brethren application to increase the assessment on N 14, S ½ 23-23-18 W4M from 0 acres to 120 acres at a

Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.7 Brian Murray – NE 18-19-15 W4M

The applicant has transferred 34 flood acres and 36 wheel acres to this parcel previously, and is applying for 60 additional acres, all to be under a 130 acre proposed pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply for the first 50 acres, and \$700/acre for the remaining 10 acres. As there is only one delivery which serves both SE 18-19-15 W4M and NE 18-19-15 W4M, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-271 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Brian Murray application to increase the assessment on NE 18-19-15 W4M from 70 acres to 130 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 10 acres, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.8 Mark Hermus – NE 10-18-14 W4M

The applicant currently has 79 acres under wheels and is applying for 24 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 103 acre wiper pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-272 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Mark Hermus application to increase the assessment on NE 10-18-14 W4M from 79 acres to 103 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Short break.]

4.04.9 Thacker & Sons – Sec. 01 & 02-14-12 W4M & Sec. 06-14-11 W4M

An earlier proposal was received from the Thacker family in September and was now given consideration as rated against the other irrigation applications. After some discussion, it was decided to request that Thackers present to the Board at a later meeting.

4.04.10 Lee Nygaard – NW & SE 31-14-12 W4M

The applicant currently has 61 terminable acres available for these two parcels and is applying for 110 additional acres, all to be under a proposed ¼ section pivot in the SE and separate wheel moves in the NW. The delivery to these parcels will be 12 Mile Coulee Lake in N ½ 31-14-12 W4M. The District will cost-share the construction of the required pump site at a 75% EID / 25% landowner basis, up to a maximum amount of 25% of the total Capital Assets Charge. The approval for the conversion and new acres is conditional on the soil tests being completed and passing class 4 or better, and the installation of a pivot and wheels by December 1, 2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$100/acre will apply for the 61 conversion acres, \$300/acre for the first 50 new acres, and \$700/acre for the remaining 60 new acres. As the applicant will be using one delivery in the NW out of 12 Mile Coulee to supply parcels in the NW and SE an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-273 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Lee Nygaard application to increase the assessment on NW & SE 31-14-12 W4M from 61 terminable acres to 171 irrigable acres, at a Capital Assets Charge of \$100/acre for the 61 terminable acres, \$300/acre for the first 50 new acres, and \$700/acre for the remaining 60 new acres, subject to soils and the installation of wheels and low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.11 George Ketchmark – NW 20-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 60 acres under flood and is applying for 63 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 123 acre pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional on the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 13 acres will apply.

2008-11-274 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the George Ketchmark application to increase the assessment on NW 20-17-16 W4M from 60 acres to 123 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 13 acres, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

4.04.12 Bob Bildersheim – Sec. 09-19-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 135 acres under pivot and is applying for 50 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 185 acre pivot. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply. As the pivot will be serviced from one delivery but will cover parts of 4 quarters, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-275 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Bob Bildersheim application to increase the assessment on Sec. 09-19-15 W4M from 135 acres to 185 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.13 Brad Niznik – NE 32-18-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 68 flood acres on this parcel that are not eligible for conversion as they were purchased from an EID water rights auction. He is applying for 40 additional acres, to be combined with the 68 under a proposed 108 acre pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional upon soil tests being completed and passing for irrigation, and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-276 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Brad Niznik application to increase the assessment on NE 32-18-16 W4M from 68 acres to 108 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to soils and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.14 Jamie Buteau – NW 20-18-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 65 irrigable acres of his own and applies for an alternate parcel agreement for the remaining acres each year to complete a 99 acre pivot. He is applying for 34 irrigable acres to replace the need for an alternate parcel agreement. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-277 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Jamie Buteau application to increase the assessment on NW 20-18-16 W4M from 65 acres to 99 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.15 High Plains Cattle – NE 14-21-17 W4M

The applicant currently has 80 irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 13 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 93 acre wiper pivot. 13 acres is the maximum addition before soil testing is required and if additional acres are requested the applicant would be required to test soils and reapply to the Board. This application is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-278 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the High Plains Cattle application to increase the assessment on NE 24-21-17 W4M from 80 acres to 93 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.04.16 Ron Christianson – SW 23-23-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 98 acres under pivot and is applying for 17 additional acres to complete some of the infill. A conversion from flood to pivot quite a few years ago enabled the landowner to reclaim these acres; a remnant will remain as non-irrigable. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply. As well, since there is one delivery only for both the SW and NW 23-23-16 W4M, an Irrigable Unit is required.

2008-11-279 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Ron Christianson application to increase the assessment on SW 23-23-16 W4M from 98 acres to 115 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.17 Duane Hale – SE 20-22-17 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 80 acres to be under a proposed pivot. Approval is conditional upon soil tests being completed and passing for class 4 or better, installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009, that the delivery for this parcel is the North Branch canal in SE 17-22-17 W4M, and that an Irrigable Unit remain on SE 20 & E ½ 17-22-17 W4M. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply.

2008-11-280 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Duane Hale application to increase the assessment on SE 20-22-17 W4M from 0 acres to 80 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soil tests being completed and passing for class 4 or better, installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009, that the delivery for this parcel is the North Branch canal in SE 17-22-17 W4M, and that an irrigable unit remain on SE 20 & E ½ 17-22-17 W4M. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

4.04.18 Lathom Hutterian Brethren – N ½ 19-19-16 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 140 acres to be under a proposed pivot. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. The District will cost-share the installation of the required turnout and pumping well on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis, up to 25% of the Capital Assets Charge for the new parcel. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply. As the pivot straddles the east-west boundary line in the N ½ and also reaches into the SW, and Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-281 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Lathom Colony application to increase the assessment on N ½ 19-19-16 W4M from 0 acres to 140 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.19 Jack Harbinson – Sec. 19-19-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this section and is applying for 135 – 140 acres to be under a proposed pivot mostly in the SW and extending into the NW and SE. Approval is conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. The District will cost-share the installation of the required turnout on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis up to 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply. As the pivot in the SW reaches into the NW and SE an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-282 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Jack Harbinson application to increase the assessment on Sec. 19-19-15 W4M from 0 acres to 135 – 140 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soils being completed and passing for class 4 or better,

and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.20 Allan Kay – SW 08-19-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 50 acres under wheels and flood and is applying for an additional 12 acres to extend his wheels. Approval is conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, and that the development occurs by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-283 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Allan Kay application to increase the assessment on SW 08-19-15 W4M from 50 acres to 62 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to soils being completed and passing class 4 or better, and the development occurring by December 1, 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.21 Allen Nielsen – Sec. 36-16-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 138 acres under pivot and flood and is applying for an additional 69 acres to complete his pivot circle. A Capital Assets charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 19 acres will apply. As the completed pivot circle will reach into all 4 quarters an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-284 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Allen Nielsen application to increase the assessment on Sec. 36-16-16 W4m from 138 acres to 205 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 19 acres. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.22 Mark Kasdorf – Sec. 03-21-16 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this section and is applying for up to 150 acres to be under a proposed pivot mostly in the SW and extending into the other 3 quarters. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. The District will cost-share the installation of the required turnout and dugout or manhole on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis up to 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply. As the pivot covers parts of all 4 quarters an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-285 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Mark Kasdorf application to increase the assessment on Sec. 03-21-16 W4M from 0 acres to up to 150 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.23 Les Douglass – S ½ 20-24-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this half section and is applying for 52 acres to be under a proposed pivot straddling the east-west quarter section line. Approval is conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. The required control structure on Spring Creek to accommodate the delivery will be cost-shared 75% EID, 25% landowner, up to 25% of the total Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply.

2008-11-286 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Les Douglass application to increase the assessment on S ½ 20-24-15 W4M from 0 acres to 52 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soils being completed and passing class 4 or better, and installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.04.24 C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. – SW 24-15-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 135 acres to be under a proposed pivot. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1,

2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply. As the delivery will be in SE 23 an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-287 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. application to increase the assessment on SW 24-15-15 W4M from 0 acres to 135 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.25 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Sec. 27-17-17 W4M

The applicant currently has 27 irrigable acres on this section and is applying for 150 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 177 acre pivot. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. The District will cost-share the installation of the required turnout and dugout or manhole on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis, up to 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets charge of \$700/acre will apply. As the pivot in the NE will reach into the other 3 quarters, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-288 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Bow City Colony application to increase the assessment on Sec. 27-17-17 W4M from 27 acres to 177 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.26 Dave Corcoran – E ½ 08-21-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 45 acres under wheels north of an existing pivot, and is applying for 25 additional acres, for a proposed 70 acre wiper pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for irrigation, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply. An Irrigable Unit is already registered.

2008-11-289 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Dave Corcoran application to increase the assessment north of the existing pivot on E ½ 08-21-16 W4M from 45 acres to 70 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to soils being tested and passing for irrigation, and the installation of a low pressure wiper pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.27 John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 W4M

The applicant currently has 80 acres under wheels and is applying for 50 additional acres, all to be under a proposed 130 acre pivot. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2009. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-290 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the John Miller application to increase the assessment on S ½ 23-17-17 W4M from 80 acres to 130 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.28 G. & J. & G. Graham & Graham Feeders – Sec. 11-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 78 acres on each quarter and is applying for an additional 50 acres for each quarter, all to be under a section pivot. This will replace the need to apply annually for an alternate parcel of 200 acres. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 150 acres will apply. An Irrigable Unit is already registered.

2008-11-291 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the G. & J. & G. Graham & Graham Feeders application to increase the assessment on Sec. 11-17-16 W4M from 312 acres to 512 acres

at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 150 acres. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

4.04.29 Lathom Hutterian Brethren – SW 23-20-17 W4M

The applicant currently has 86 acres under pivot and is applying for 10 additional acres to complete some of the infill; a remnant will remain as non-irrigable. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-292 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Lathom Colony application to increase the assessment on SW 23-20-17 W4M from 86 acres to 96 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.30 Brad Calvert – SW 30-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 35 irrigable acres of his own and applies for an alternate parcel agreement for the remaining acres each year to complete a 115 acre pivot. He is applying for 80 irrigable acres to replace the need for an alternate parcel agreement. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 30 acres.

2008-11-293 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Brad Calvert application to increase the assessment on SW 30-17-16 W4M from 35 acres to 115 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.31 Harley Tateson – SW 08-15-15 W4M & SE 08-15-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on the SW 08-15-15 W4M and is applying for 130 acres to be under a proposed pivot. 40 acres of wild flood could be transferred from the SE. This application would also qualify for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was conditionally approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are subject to soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining acres would apply.

The applicant currently has 40 acres wild flood on SE 08-15-15 W4M and is applying for 90 acres, all to be under a proposed pivot. This application would also qualify for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was conditionally approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are subject to soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining acres would apply.

2008-11-294 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve one of the Harley Tateson applications, his choice of either SW or SE 08-15-15 W4M to increase the assessment to 130 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining acres, subject to soils being tested and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.32 John Ketchmark – SW 10-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 132 acres to be under a proposed pivot. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply.

2008-11-295 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the John Ketchmark application to increase the assessment on SW 10-17-16 W4M from 0 acres to 132 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

4.04.33 Bernard Schulz – SW 14-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 130 acres to be under a proposed pivot. Approval is conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for class 3 or better, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply.

2008-11-296 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Bernard Schulz application to increase the assessment on SW 14-17-16 W4M from 0 acres to 130 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soils being tested and passing for class 3 or better, and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.34 Leo Wiebe – SE 27-21-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 129 acres on this quarter as a portion of a section pivot, and is applying for 19 acres to be under a small wiper pivot in the SE corner. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-297 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Leo Wiebe application to increase the assessment on SE 27-21-16 W4M from 129 acres to 148 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre, subject to the installation of the low pressure wiper pivot by December 1, 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.35 Jim Culligan – W ½ 24-21-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 50 acres flood in the NW and is applying for 80 additional acres all to be under a proposed pivot mainly in the SW and NW, and reaching into the SE. This application also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Grant, which was approved following the irrigation application reviews. Both approvals are conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010, that the delivery point be in the SE corner of SE 24-21-15 W4M, and that the water be piped directly from the delivery to the pivot. The District is willing to cost-share the required turnout and pumping well or dugout on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis, up to a maximum of 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 30 acres will apply. As the delivery will be located in SE 24, and the pivot in the SW will reach into the NW and NE, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-298 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Jim Culligan application to increase the assessment on W ½ 24-21-15 W4M from 50 acres to 130 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre for the first 50 acres and \$700/acre for the remaining 30 acres, subject to soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010, that the delivery point be in the SE corner of SE 24-21-15 W4M, and that the water be piped directly from the delivery to the pivot. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.36 Ryan Andrews – Sec. 01-18-17 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this quarter and is applying for 150 acres to be under a proposed pivot mostly in the SW and reaching into the other 3 quarters. Approval is conditional upon soil testing being completed and passing for class 3 or better, and the installation a pivot by December 1, 2010. The District is willing to cost-share the required turnout and pumping well or dugout on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis up to a maximum of 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply.

2008-11-299 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Ryan Andrews application to increase the assessment on Sec. 01-18-17 W4M from 0 acres to 150 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soils being tested and passing for class 3 or better, and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.37 Carter Curran – NE 27-19-14 W4M

The applicant currently has 30 acres under wheels and is applying for 7 additional acres to extend his wheels. A Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre will apply.

2008-11-300 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Carter Curran application to increase the assessment on NE 27-19-14 W4M from 30 acres to 37 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$300/acre. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04.38 Monfred & Seig Haag – E ½ 29-16-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on this half section and is applying for 210 acres for a proposed wiper pivot. Approval is conditional upon the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. The District is willing to cost-share the required turnout and pumping manhole on a 75% EID, 25% landowner basis up to a maximum of 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre will apply. As the wiper pivot covers E ½ 29 and reaches into SW 28, an Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2008-11-301 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Monfred Haag and Seigfred Haag application to increase the assessment on E ½ 29-16-15 W4M from 0 acres to 210 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.04.39 South Slope Feeders – SE 12-17-16 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigable acres on the SE 12-17-16 W4M and is applying for 140 acres to be under a proposed pivot. Approval is subject to soil testing being completed and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2010. The District is willing to cost-share the required turnout and pumping manhole on at 75% EID, 25% landowner basis up to a maximum of 25% of the Capital Assets Charge. A Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre would apply.

2008-11-302 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the South Slope Feeders application to increase the assessment on SE 12-17-16 W4M from 0 acres to 130 acres at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soils being tested and passing for class 4 or better, and the installation of a low pressure pivot by December 1, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.05 Irrigation Applications - Denied

The remaining irrigation applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the maximum new acres per water user limit had already been met
- the 2,500 acre District maximum expansion limit had already been met for 2008, (Bylaw 840)
- did not meet 'land classification' requirements
- did not meet 'ability to deliver' water requirements
- did not meet 'size of parcel' requirements
- did not meet 'intensification/on-farm efficiency changes' requirements
- did not meet 'overall efficiency of proposed delivery' requirements

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Lathom Hutterian Brethren Sec. 13-20-17 W4M
- South Slope Feeders SW 12-17-16 W4M
- Bears Paw Management NE 16-21-14 W4M
- Richard Wiens SW 11-21-16 W4M
- Harley Tateson NE 04-15-15 W4M
- Isaak Wall NE 15-16-16 W4M
- Tony Brummelhuis SW 18-16-15 W4M
- John Lawson NW 35-20-14 W4M
- Carter Curran NE 27-19-14 W4M

- Daryl Bunney SE 35-20-14 W4M
- Carter Curran SW 27-19-14 W4M
- WTT Livestock E ½ 06, Sec. 07-18-15 W4M
- Clarence Procknow NW 13-18-15 W4M
- Bar 4T SW 16-19-12 W4M
- George Armstrong N ½ 32-20-18 W4M

5.0 Farm Improvement Grants & Irrigable Units

5.01 Farm Improvement Grants

The following Farm Improvement Grants associated with the irrigation applications were reviewed separately and approved as a group:

2008-11-303 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the following Farm Improvements less any applicable expenses for turnouts, crossings, etc.:

- Ronn Christianson – SE 34-23-16 W4M, 54 acres flood to pivot = \$3,240
- George Ketchmark – SW 20-17-16 W4M, 54 acres flood to pivot (\$3,240) + 44 acres wheels to pivot (\$1,320) = \$4,560
- Cliff Sewall – SE 22-18-16 W4M, 89 acres flood to pivot = \$5,340
- Joel Kropf – NE 12-16-14 W4M, 64 acres flood to pivot = \$3,840
- Les Douglass – SE 30-24-15 W4M, 11 acres flood to pivot = \$660
- Brian Murray – NE 18-19-15 W4M, 34 acres flood to pivot (\$2,040) + 36 acres wheels to pivot (\$1,080) = \$3,120
- Marc Hermus – NE 10-18-14 W4M, 79 acres wheels to pivot = \$2,370
- George Ketchmark – NW 20-17-16 W4M, 60 acres flood to pivot = \$3,600
- Brad Niznik – NE 32-18-16 W4M, 40 acres flood to pivot = \$2,400
- Dave Corcoran – E ½ 08-21-16 W4M, 45 acres wheels to pivot = \$1,350
- John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 W4M, 80 acres wheels to pivot = \$2,400
- Harley Tateson – SE or SW 08-15-15 W4M, 40 acres flood to pivot = \$2,400
- Jim Culligan – W ½ 24-21-15 W4M, 50 acres flood to pivot = \$3,000

Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

5.02 Irrigable Units

As several of the irrigation applications require Irrigable Units, the following motion was approved.

2008-11-304 Moved by F. George that the Board approve all Irrigable Units required for applicable irrigation applications. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.0 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres

6.01 Newell Hutterian Brethren – E ½ 15-23-18 W4M to N ½ 09 & N ½ 10-23-18 W4M

Newell Colony has requested to transfer 320 irrigation acres from E ½ 15-23-18 W4M to 2 pivots in N ½ 09 & N ½ 10-23-18 W4M.

2008-11-305 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 320 irrigation acres from E ½ 15-23-18 W4M to N ½ 09 & N ½ 10-23-18 W4M, all lands being owned by Newell Hutterian Brethren. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.02 Eastern Irrigation District – SE 05-18-12 W4M to NE 04 & SE 09-13-13 W4M

E. Wilson advised that 133 irrigation acres need to be transferred from SE 05-18-12 W4M to NE 04 & SE 09-13-13 W4M for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8333.

2008-11-306 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the transfer of 133 irrigation acres from SE 05-18-12 W4M to NE 04 & SE 09-13-13 W4M, all lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

6.03 Eastern Irrigation District – S ½ 18 & N ½ 07-17-15 W4M to E ½ 05-16-15 W4M
E. Wilson advised that 186 irrigation acres need to be transferred from S ½ 18 & N ½ 07-17-15 W4M to E ½ 05-16-15 W4M for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8327 and #8328.

2008-11-307 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the transfer of 186 irrigation acres from S ½ 18 & N ½ 07-17-15 W4M to E ½ 05-16-15 W4M, all lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by T. Livingston. **CARRIED**

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

November 25, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of November, 2008. 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] [11:17 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:

- 2.01 Irrigation Development Leases
- 2.02 Irrigation Development Applications – Water Rights Financing
- 6.08 Regional Agricultural Fair & Rodeo Grounds
- 6.09 Email from Martin Shields

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 2.0 Approval of Minutes – November 19th and November 25th

2008-11-308 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions and deletions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising**2.01 Irrigation Development Leases**

E. Wilson advised that the minimum bid per acre calculations should not include oil and gas lease acres. In discussing the auction it was noted that Johnny Charlton has been reserved to be the auctioneer on the 12th.

2008-11-309 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board remove the applicable oil and gas lease acres from the minimum bid per acre calculations for the Irrigation Development Parcels. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2.02 Irrigation Development Applications – Water Rights Financing

In reply to a Director's enquiry as to whether water users have the option to finance the purchase of irrigation acres, Mr. Wilson confirmed that they do. All applicants will be sent letters, and those approved for irrigation acres over a certain minimum will be given the option to finance at 5% interest. Mr. Wilson further explained that based on a number of factors, some applications will be approved and categorized under 2008, some will be given until the end of 2009 to have their pivots in place, and others until 2010.

[9:19 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

3.0 Engineering Report**3.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows.

EID Construction Projects

Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
T-Tilley	√	100%	- earthwork complete, structures remain
11-H West Bantry	√	100%	- earthwork complete, structures remain
Hiebert Pipeline	√	100%	- pipelining complete (4.4 km)
04-C East Branch	√	95%	- 7 km pipeline installed out of 30 km
06-B Springhill	√	100%	- 2.5 km pipeline installed out of 10 km
14 Springhill	√	100%	
07-02-D Springhill	√	100%	
9 & 10-G North Bantry	√	100%	
7-H West Bantry	√	100%	
03-Bow Slope	√	100%	
01-21 North Branch	√	100%	
Antelope Creek	90%	100%	
11 Springhill	√	0%	- postponed

Contract Construction Projects

Project Name	Comments
Kitsim Bypass (Top Notch)	- cast-in-place structures remain, bases poured
Kitsim Feeder (Horizon Earthworks)	- earthworks started

3.02 Infrastructure Savings Grant – Springview Colony – 01-21 North Branch

In regards to the 01-21 North Branch rehabilitation project, the Springview Hutterite Colony has opted to move their pump shack closer to the east quarter line, saving the District 205 m of 20" pipe, for a total savings of \$24,000. Under the Infrastructure Savings Grant, the Springview Colony is eligible for \$12,000.

2008-11-310 Moved by F. Geoge that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Springview Hutterite Colony, NW 27-23-16 W4M, for moving their pump shack closer to the east quarter line, saving the District \$24,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$12,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[9:27 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 Annual Rate of Interest to be applied to Construction Loan Agreements**

K. Bridges advised that the current financing agreement for capital construction charges is at 5% per annum, with a maximum repayment term of 10 years. Mr. Bridges recommended setting this annual rate at the current interest rate of 5% for any construction loan agreements entered into during the coming year.

2008-11-311 Moved by A. Nielsen that effective January 1, 2009, 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 5th 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 1st day of January and to any amount that is past due on the first day of July in each year.

Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.02 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Current active wireless accounts total 1,056. Dial-up connections are being discontinued as of the end of the month, and sign-ups over to wireless have been steady. A waiting list of about 20 – 25 people exists, as there was a delay in equipment. A couple of towers have had network cards installed to notify the department when towers are down; this is planned for all towers and will allow EIDNet to monitor the power status instead of relying on PCCC for notification. Detailed costs on the tower upgrades have been received and are being reviewed.

4.03 EIDNet Monthly Subscription Rates

Mr. Bridges advised that in April 2004, as part of the approval of the EIDNet Business Plan, a reduced monthly subscription rate of \$25 was approved for staff and for water users with first water rights. It is not certain whether it was intended that a water user having only terminable water rights would not be eligible for the reduced rate. With the impending termination of dial-up service, a small number of requests have come in that would fall under this category.

2008-11-312 Moved by P. Hemsing that landowners with terminable acres be included in the water user reduced rate for EIDNet subscriptions. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

4.04 3rd Quarter Investment Report

Mr. Bridges presented the 3rd Quarter Investment Report, noting that since the District's investments are conservative in nature, the portfolio gained value through the year, despite the economic downswing the country is currently experiencing.

2008-11-313 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.05 Flex It Fitness Lease Renewal

Mr. Bridges informed that the lease for the space occupied by Flex It Fitness will expire at the end of 2008. At the end of 2007, Flex It Fitness chose to enter into a 1 year lease with a 6% rental rate increase. Star Tech Automotive (in the same building), chose to enter into a 5 year lease with a 4% rental rate increase each year. Consideration of the slowing economy, lower inflation rate and desire for a long term rental contract were discussed, with the following motions being approved.

2008-11-314 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board waive the increase for the 2009 lease for Star Tech Automotive. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2008-11-315 Moved by F. George that the Board offer a lease for 2009 at the same rate as 2008 to Flex It Fitness. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[9:59 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break.]

[10:24 a.m. Ross Owen entered the meeting.]

10:30 a.m. Ross Owen – Appeal to Board to have Capital Assets Charge Reduced

In May of this year, a letter to the Board was received from Ross, Don and Neil Owen, requesting that the District base the irrigation reclassification charges for Sec. 08-21-12 W4M at the former rate of \$200/acre stating that the application was begun prior to the rate increase. After Board discussion, this request was denied. A letter was received from Ross Owen this month requesting to present to the Board.

B. Chrumka welcomed R. Owen to the meeting. Mr. Owen proceeded to explain the process and delays with his pivots, his communication with various staff and his intent of application. A variety of questions from the Board were responded to by Mr. Owen.

[10:46 a.m. R. Owen exited the meeting.]

2008-11-316 Moved by C. Henrickson that the EID and Ross Owen split the difference on Capital Asset charges on the land in question, and offer a Farm Improvement for the pivot that was installed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED

2008-11-317 Moved by P. Hemsing that Ross Owen be charged \$300 in Capital Asset charges on all acres on the land in question, and offer a Farm Improvement for the pivot that was installed. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

E. Wilson to respond by letter; with administration ensuring that all future irrigation applications and Farm Improvement Grant applications from water users are accepted in writing.

[11:08 a.m. Les Douglass entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Les Douglass – Request to Purchase Grazing Lease #7038

B. Chrumka welcomed Les Douglass to the meeting. Mr. Douglass presented rationale to his request to purchase Private Grazing Lease #7038 in E ½ 30-24-15 W4M and SW 25-24-16 W4M, stating that the lease consists of 2 small pieces with alkali and access difficulties, and borders his land to the east and west.

[11:16 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting; N. Johnson entered the meeting.]

After discussion with the Board, Les was asked to put a land trade proposal together for Board consideration to be brought back at a later meeting. The land trade would involve SE 18-24-16 W4M which Mr. Douglass owns inside the outer boundaries of the Gem Community Grazing Lease and has been discussed previously. Purchasing the Private Grazing Lease outright was denied.

As a side note, Les asked that it be recorded that he owns the north and east boundary fences for his Irrigated Lease, which were put up in 1995 or 1996.

[11:34 a.m. L. Douglass exited the meeting.]

[11:40 a.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break; E. Wilson rejoined the meeting.]

5.0 Meetings, Nominations, Elections

5.01 2009 Dates

The dates leading up to the Annual General Meeting and Elections, if necessary, were reviewed. It was decided to move the AGM up 1 week, to the second last Wednesday in March.

January Regular Board Mtg & Mtg with the Auditor	- Tuesday, January 27, 2009
February Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, February 24
March Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, March 24
Annual General Meeting	- Wednesday, March 18
Nominations Close	- Thursday, March 19
Elections (if necessary)	- Friday, April 17

5.02 2008 AGM Minutes

The AGM Minutes will be shortened and brought back to the December's Board Meeting.

5.03 Bylaw 869 Setting the Date for the Election of Directors, Divisions 3 & 6

By-Law 869 (2008) was presented to the Board for the 2009 Election of Directors for Division 03 (Clint Henrickson), and Division 06 (Bob Chrumka), establishing the date for nominations of Directors ceasing on Thursday, March 19, 2009, with an election date if necessary on Friday, April 17, 2009.

2008-11-318 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law 869 (2008), 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 C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-11-319 Moved by P. Hemsing that By-Law 869 (2008), be read the second time. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

2008-11-320 Moved by P. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #869 (2008) this 25th day of November, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-11-321 Moved by C. Henrickson that By-Law 869 (2008), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

6.0 Lands**6.04 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7026 Beasley Estate**

The executor of the Estate of Lee Beasley, Carl Beasley, is requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7026 be transferred from the estate to Beasley Ranching Ltd., with Chuck Beasley being a shareholder. Mr. Wilson confirmed that this would be a legitimate transfer.

2008-11-322 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7026 to be transferred from the Estate of Lee Beasley to Beasley Ranching Ltd. (Chuck Beasley). Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.05 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7035 Deschner Estate

The executor of the Estate of Karl Deschner, Dave Deschner, is requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7035 be transferred from the estate to numbered company 724863 Alberta Ltd. Mr. Wilson confirmed that this would be a legitimate transfer. The shareholder(s) will need to submit legal correspondence of identification in order for the transfer to be completed.

2008-11-323 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7035 to be transferred from the Estate of Karl Deschner to 724863 AB Ltd. (Deschner Farms, Dave Deschner). Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

6.06 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease - #7048 Hanscam Estate

The executor of the Estate of Kenneth Hanscam is requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7048 be transferred from the estate to Vern Parker. Mr. Wilson confirmed that this would be a legitimate transfer.

2008-11-324 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease # 7048 to be transferred from the Estate of Kenneth Hanscam to Vern Parker. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.07 Request to Purchase Pond in NW 20-16-15 W4M

E. Wilson received a request from M. Haag to purchase a pond on EID land in NW 20-16-15 W4M. The Bow Slope Canal severs the SE corner of this quarter in which a pond is located. This request was denied by the Board.

6.08 Regional Agricultural Fair & Rodeo Grounds

Mr. Wilson advised that the media conference and public announcement will be held at 3:00 p.m. today. A formal motion is needed to support the EID's offer of donating the land and sharing the cost of the earthworks.

2008-11-325 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District contribute the land and half of the earthworks cost for a Regional Agricultural Fair & Rodeo Grounds on NW 20-18-14 W4M. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.09 Email from Martin Shields

The email was received as information; it will be discussed at December 8th's Joint Meeting with the City of Brooks.

[12:55 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

6.01 Report on GAC Meeting

B. Hale reported on the GAC Meeting held November 21, 2008. The main items of discussion with the associations were dugout cleaning and replacement, as well as fencing. Most associations keep up with fencing by doing a certain amount each year; some associations are finding that they need to catch up.

GAC08-06 Moved by D. Plumer that fencing labour be added to the EID's offer of 0% financing for all Grazing Associations. Seconded by D. Moss. CARRIED

2008-11-326 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District offer a 5 year loan at 5% interest for all Grazing Associations for a one-time catch up for fencing. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.02 Set Total Number of Cattle for Community Grazing Leases

For the 2009 grazing season, B. Hale recommended a total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 75,000 head, which translates to 15,000 head over 5 months. It is expected that the number of members will likely go down, but may not warrant increasing the number of head per member.

2008-11-327 Moved by P. Hemsing that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 15,000 head (75,000 AUM) for the 2009 grazing season. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.03 AUM Grazing Rate

The listing for 2009 is expected to be around 15,000. It was accepted that to cover the District's costs, an AUM rate of \$12.50 be set for 2009.

2008-11-328 Moved by N. Johnson that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2009 season be set at \$12.50/AUM. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

[1:17 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

7.0 AIPA

A discussion on AIPA membership was held by the Board, with the following motion resulting.

2008-11-329 Moved by F. George that the Eastern Irrigation District rejoin AIPA. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

A. Nielsen will be the District's representative, with B. Chrumka as alternate. A letter to AIPA will be sent from the Board.

9.0 Other**9.01 Letter from John Pakorney**

A letter to the Board was received from John Pakorney regarding a variety of matters. It was suggested that a letter of reply be sent to Mr. Pakorney.

9.02 Letter from Red Deer River Watershed

This letter of thanks for the financial donation was received as information.

8.0 Budget Discussion

E. Wilson presented the preliminary budget. Discussion was held on a variety of items. The final budget will be brought to the Board for approval at the December Meeting.

10.0 Upcoming Events

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| 10.01 | Water, Ag & the Environ. Conference | - Thur. & Fri., Nov. 27 th & 28 th , Lethbridge |
| 10.02 | Tour of Crawling Valley Campground | - Monday, December 8 th , 2:30 p.m., meet at office |
| 10.03 | EID/City of Brooks Joint Meeting | - Monday, December 8 th , 7:00 p.m., EID Office |
| 10.04 | Private Grazing Lease Bid Opening | - Thursday, December 11 th , 1:30 p.m. |
| 10.05 | New Irr. Development Live Auction | - Friday, December 12 th , 1:30 p.m. |
| 10.06 | CRWUA Conference | - December (13 th) 15 th – 17 th , Las Vegas |
| 10.07 | EID Staff Christmas Party | - Friday, December 19 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 10.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, December 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 10.09 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Monday, December 22 nd , 5:00 p.m. |

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

December 22, 2008 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of December, 2008. 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 9:15 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Reclassification Charge on NE 26-14-16 W4M – Takeda Feeding Co.
- 8.07 Irrigable Unit Registration – Anderson Farms Ltd.
- 8.08 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update
- 9.03 Remuneration Bylaw

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 3.01 AGM Minutes

2008-12-330 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions and a deletion. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 November 19, 2008**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Page 112, add “x 30” to Efficiency of Overall Delivery calculation.
- Page 123, motion 2008-11-301, correct “Monred” to “Monfred”.

2008-12-331 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the November 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

2.02 November 25, 2008

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 126, motion 2008-11-309, change “...from the minimum bid calculations...” to “...from the minimum bid per acre calculations...”
- Page 130, 6.04, change “...Chuck Beasley” to “...Beasley Ranching Ltd., with Chuck Beasley being a shareholder.”

2008-12-332 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the November 25, 2008 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Reclassification Charge on NE 26-14-16 W4M – Takeda Feeding Co.**

E. Wilson advised to revisit the reclassification charge on the Takeda irrigation application, citing that the improvements made by the landowner warranted charging the standard \$100/acre terminable to irrigation conversion rate, while keeping the added acres at the \$700/acre.

2008-12-333 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adjust the Capital Assets Charge to Takeda Feeding Co. for NE 26-14-16 W4M to \$39,800. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 November 30, 2008 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to November 30, 2008, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$4.0 million.
- Preparation of the 2008 financial statements and completion of the audit are progressing on schedule. It is planned to present the 2008 financial statements and auditor's report at the January 27, 2009 Board Meeting.

2008-12-334 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2008, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Current wireless accounts total 1091, up 33 from the previous month and up 258 from the previous year. The 5.8 radios that were back ordered did arrive and the backlog has been cleared. New install requests have slowed but should pick up in the New Year. A backhaul radio went down between Brooks and Rainier that forced a reroute of Scandia, Rainier and Cassils back up through Rosemary. This caused some slowdowns in those areas for a few days until the link at Brooks could be replaced. There were also some frequency interference problems in Duchess, One Tree and Tilley that caused a couple of days of sporadically slower service.

[9:45 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations

6.01 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

6.01.1 E. Conners (Fred) – NW 28-20-12 W4M

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 200 feet of 24" pipe and 900 feet of 10" gated pipe. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

2008-12-335 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. Conners for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the NW 28-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.01.2 D. & R. Dafoe – SE 29-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 33 acres; new pivot area is 58 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 33 acres flood to low pressure wiper pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. 11 acres are gained through efficiencies, therefore leaving 14 acres which the Water User is requesting to transfer from NW 17-16-16 W4M. These 14 acres qualify for the grant as well, but approval is subject to soils. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$2,820. New assessment on this parcel will be 58 acres.

2008-12-336 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 14 irrigated acres from NW 17-16-16 W4M to SE 29-16-16 W4M, both lands being owned by D. & R. Dafoe. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

2008-12-337 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. & R. Dafoe for the conversion of 47 acres flood to pivot in the SE 29-16-16 W4M, subject to soils. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,820. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

6.01.3 D. & E. Jensen – NE 12-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 147 acres; new pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to low pressure wiper 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 wishing to sell the 23 additional acres back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,720 (124 acres wheels to pivot) + \$16,100 (23 acres at \$700) - \$1,200 (pump well) = \$18,620 less cost of approximately 14 crossings. New assessment on this quarter will be 125 acres.

2008-12-338 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. & E. Jensen for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 12-20-14 W4M. The Water User is requesting to sell 23 acres of water rights outside the pivot circle back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,720 (124 acres wheels to pivot) + \$16,100 (23 acres at \$700/acre) - \$1,200 (pump well cost) = \$18,620 less crossings. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**

6.01.4 D. Martin Farming Inc. – Sec. 08-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 65 irrigable acres in the SE, 6 terminable acres in the NE, 34 terminable acres in the NW, and 73 terminable acres and 40 irrigable acres in the SW. The new pivot area is 112 acres, based in the SW and reaching into the NW and SE. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 40 acres flood to low pressure wiper pivot, and 72 terminable acres to irrigation acres. The pivot must be complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off, and be piped from delivery to pump site. The remaining terminable acres will be canceled. The assessment in the SE will remain the same, new assessment in the NE is 0, and the new assessment in the W ½ is 112. As the delivery site is in the SE, and the pivot reaches 3 quarters, an Irrigable Unit is needed.

2008-12-339 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. Martin Farming Inc. for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in SW 08-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

2008-12-340 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the conversion of 72 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SW 08-19-14 W4M at a cost of \$100/acre; and approve the cancellation of 1 terminable acre in the SW, 34 in the NW and 6 in the NE 08-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by D. Martin Farming Inc. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

2008-12-341 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 08-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by D. Martin Farming Inc. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

6.01.5 N. Pedersen – SW 02-15-15 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres; new pivot area is 125 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 125 acres flood to low pressure wiper pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user wishes to keep the 18 extra acres not under the pivot at a penalty of \$300/acre. The Farm

Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,500 (125 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,400 (18 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,100. Assessment on this quarter remains the same at 143 acres.

2008-12-342 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for N. Pedersen for the conversion of 125 acres flood to pivot in the SW 02-15-15 W4M. The Water User is choosing to keep the 18 extra acres outside the pivot circle. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,500 (125 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,400 (18 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,100. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

6.01.6 D. Verostik – NW 08-15-13 W4M

Current assessment is 134 acres; new pivot area is 85 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 85 acres flood to low pressure wiper pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user wishes to keep the 18 extra acres not under the pivot at a penalty of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$5,100 (85 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$300. Assessment on this quarter remains the same at 134 acres.

2008-12-343 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. Verostik for the conversion of 85 acres flood to pivot in the NW 08-15-13 W4M. The Water User is choosing to keep the 16 extra acres outside the pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,100 (85 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$300. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

6.01.7 E. & A. Walde – SW 09-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 141 acres (106 acres wheels, 35 acres flood); new wheels area is 141 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 35 acres flood to wheels. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$875.

2008-12-344 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. & A. Walde for the conversion of 35 acres flood to wheels. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$875. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

[9:55 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting, I. Friesen entered.]

7.0 Engineering Report

7.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows, noting that excepting out the last week due to the cold weather, construction progress has been good and both crews are ahead of the original schedule.

EID Construction Projects	
Project Name	Comments
T-Tilley	- earthwork complete, structures are presently being installed
11-H West Bantry	- earthwork complete, structures remain
Hiebert Pipeline	- pipelining complete (4.4 km)
04-C East Branch	- 13 km pipeline installed out of 30 km
06-B Springhill	- 6.75 km pipeline installed out of 10 km
14 Springhill	

07-02-D Springhill	
9 & 10-G North Bantry	
7-H West Bantry	
03-Bow Slope	
01-21 North Branch	- next in line for construction
Antelope Creek	
11 Springhill	- postponed

Contract Construction Projects	
Project Name	Comments
Kitsim Bypass (Top Notch)	- earthworks complete, work on cast-in-place structures ongoing
Kitsim Feeder (Horizon Earthworks)	- earthworks proceeding

7.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan

Mr. Friesen presented the District's IRP 3 Year Plan for the construction years 2009/10 to 2011/12. Completed projects and continuing projects are listed in the report, with new projects as follows:

Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1	Flow Measurement, Automation 2008	\$280,000
	Open Flow Canal Measurement	\$162,000
	F Springhill	\$4,500,000
	Antelope Creek	Option 1 – TBA Option 2 – \$3,000,000
	North Bantry Canal	\$4,000,000
Proposed Year 2	North Bantry Canal	\$8,000,000
Proposed Year 3	North Bantry Canal	\$8,000,000

2008-12-345 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2009/10 to 2011/12. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED.

I. Friesen advised that a feasibility study is needed for Option 1 of the Antelope Creek project. Once the study has been completed a cost comparison will be run.

[10:10 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting, B. Hale entered.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Report on Private Grazing Lease Tenders

E. Wilson reported that all Private Grazing Leases that had tenders submitted, resulted in the current leaseholder matching the bid price. The only lease to change hands was the old Ducks Unlimited lease which was awarded to Carl & Wendy Chomistek. Directors requested that the 15 year leases (those who chose not to go up for tender) be clearly stated as to how the leases would be handled at time of expiration.

Lease #	Leaseholder	Minimum Bid	Tenders	Awarded To
7032	C. & W. Chomistek	\$5,922.79	(no tenders)	C. & W. Chomistek
7045	Max Tateson	\$17,578.03	\$19,434.47 D. Christman	Max Tateson (matched bid)
7050	P. & M. Hemsing	\$7,649.82	(no tenders)	P. & M. Hemsing
7065	Don MacIntyre	\$5,302.50	(no tenders)	Don MacIntyre
7070	H. & G. Stikker	\$4,326.13	(no tenders)	H. & G. Stikker
7071	H. & G. Stikker	\$8,118.20	\$10,500.00 T & M Hemsing	H. & G. Stikker (matched bid)
7074	G.W. Ranches	\$115.76	(no tenders)	G.W. Ranches
7076	Henry Neufeld	\$4,942.35	\$8,700.00 Douglass Agro	
			\$6,300.00 A. Marquess	
			\$16,000.00 Reed Crapo	Henry Neufeld (matched bid)
7080	A. & G. Patterson	\$10,192.88	(no tenders)	A. & G. Patterson
7081	Greg Patterson	\$4,570.13	\$8,925.00 C. Chomistek (2 nd choice)	Greg Patterson (tender dropped)
7088	Wendell Rommens	\$5,557.51	(no tenders)	Wendell Rommens
7096	W.C. Shanks	\$6,197.49	(no tenders)	W.C. Shanks
7098	R. Gordon Simpson	\$8,950.90	(no tenders)	R. Gordon Simpson
7099	Robert C. Simpson	\$15,386.30	(no tenders)	Robert C. Simpson
7105	Nelson Weaver	\$3,711.49	(no tenders)	Nelson Weaver
7108	Lily Murray	\$2,432.06	(no tenders)	Lily Murray
7109	Patti Murray	\$6,862.44	(no tenders)	Patti Murray
7113	G.W. Ranches	\$217.48	(no tenders)	G.W. Ranches
7119	Rick Volek	\$3,278.63	(no tenders)	Rick Volek
7182	C. & D. Mindorff	\$5,963.22	\$7,389.67 D. Christman	
			\$21,000.00 W. Frizzell	C. & D. Mindorff (matched bid)
			\$7,901.25 Martin Timko	
7186	B. & S. Gutfriend	\$2,478.13	(no tenders)	B. & S. Gutfriend
7245	EID (was D.U.)	\$4,412.23	\$5,500.00 Dale Pfahl	
			\$5,250.00 T & M Hemsing	
			\$10,080.00 C. Chomistek	C. Chomistek
7246	Dick Vossepoel	\$7,024.23	(no tenders)	Dick Vossepoel

2008-12-346 Moved by F. George that all leases which did not go up for tender this year (those choosing the "Transferable within the Family Only" option) be bid through a fair process offered to other water users at the expiration of the lease at the end of 2023; the current leaseholder will not have the right to match, but will receive compensation for improvements made. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.02 Report on Irrigated Lease Auction

Mr. Wilson noted that the 2 parcels receiving no bids at the auction will remain in the community pasture. Comments received after the auction were the north quarter would have quite a bit of earthwork required to make the drainage work, and the south quarter access and soils were not as good as the others.

Lease #	Land Location	Minimum Bid	High Bid	Awarded To
8327	NE 05-16-15 W4M	\$252,200	\$288,000	Herman Meurs
8328	SE 05-16-15 W4M	\$245,810	\$285,000	Stuart Kanegawa
8329	N 1/2 11-15-15 W4M	\$264,000	\$367,000	Bruce Takeda
8330	S 1/2 11-15-15 W4M	\$255,960	\$353,000	Nancy Takeda
8331	N 1/2 35-14-15 W4M	\$251,900	(no bidders)	
8332	S 1/2 35-14-15 W4M	\$250,800	(no bidders)	
8333	NE 04, SE 09-14-13	\$265,400	\$286,000	Jacob de Jager

8.03 Oil & Gas Report

An Oil & Gas Report submitted by G. Redelback for the period January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 was received as information, highlighting the following:

- New Surface Acquisitions - 229
- New Twinned Wells - 110
- New Pipelines - 444.22 acres (or 74.03 miles)
- Seismic Activity - 1 permit (11.06 miles)

The total payout amount for well sites, pipelines and seismic activity for Grazing Associations, EID Right-Of-Ways and Private Leases was:

- January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 - \$56,690.56

8.04 2009 Cattle Listing

B. Hale reported on grazing applications received for 2009. He noted that members are down 23 this year, from 360 in 2008 to 337 for 2009. Members used to be over 400, but over the last 10 years, 5 years especially, the membership has dropped. As 15,000 head (75,000 AUM) was approved at the last Board Meeting for the 2009 season, a short discussion was held regarding increasing the number per member or extending the grazing season.

Association	2009	2008	Difference	New Members	Dropped Out	Late Entry
Bantry	571	583	-12	0	1	3
Bassano	823	889	-66	0	2	2
Duchess	1239	1475	-236	1	5	3
Eyremore	1157	1140	+17	2	1	2
Gem	2165	2051	+114	3	0	5
Newell	2052	2316	-264	0	6	4
Patricia	2254	2402	-148	3	5	2
Rolling Hills	1560	1585	-25	0	3	1
Rosemary	1631	1771	-140	0	5	0
Tilley	988	1098	-110	2	6	3
Totals	14,440	15,310	-870	11	34	25

2008-12-347 Moved by P. Hemsing that for the 2009 grazing season, the individual associations be allowed a choice of either 54 cow/calf pairs per full grazing association member for 5 months, or 50 cow/calf pairs per full grazing association member for an extended grazing season. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

8.05 Letter from Crawling Valley Recreation Society

E. Wilson advised that a letter was received from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society requesting that the District consider developing a permanent or temporary overflow camping area to compensate the campground with the loss of campsites during construction. A response to this letter will be sent after the Board has had the opportunity to tour the campground.

[10:53 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

8.06 Request to Trade Land or Purchase Land – Rod Hood

A request has also been received from Rod Hood asking to purchase a lot in Lathom owned by the District. The CP Railway severs SW 29-20-17 W4M from the NW corner to the SE corner. The portion south of the railway was originally subdivided for a hamlet and the District owns 1 lot near the center of this triangular area. Rod Hood is the owner of all the other lots and subdivisions south of the railway and would like to purchase the District lot, less than 1 acre, out of the center. This is an open field; there is no development on any of the lots.

2008-12-348 Moved by F. George that the District sells Lot 'A', Block 9 in Plan 7126AM in Lathom to Rod Hood for \$500/acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED

2008-12-349 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District sells Lot 'A", Block 9 in Plan 7126AM in Lathom to Rod Hood for \$1000/acre. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.07 Irrigable Unit Registration – Anderson Farms Ltd. – Sec. 30-15-13 W4M

This section contains a pivot in each quarter, with one delivery serving all 4 pivots, necessitating the registration of an Irrigable Unit.

2008-12-350 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on NW, NE, SW, SE 30-15-13 W4M, lands being owned by Anderson Farms Ltd. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED

8.08 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update

Mr. Wilson advised that Dennis Roth will attend January's meeting to update the Board on the settlement of this claim.

[11:00 a.m. Kevin Swanson entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Brooks Fire Department Presentation

B. Chrumka welcomed Kevin Swanson to the meeting. Mr. Swanson began his presentation with an overview of the September Lake Newell rescue attempt for a family of 5, which resulted in the loss of life of a young girl. Event circumstances were discussed and examined against possible preventative measures for future incidents. At an earlier Joint Meeting between the City of Brooks and the EID, it was requested of the District to consider helping to fund an additional rescue watercraft. Mr. Swanson outlined the watercraft requirements, storage, and personnel training involved, and answered a variety of questions.

[11:35 a.m. K. Swanson exited the meeting.]

In discussion, it was emphasized that it would be preferable for the District to fund the purchase of the watercraft and have the City of Brooks and County support the ongoing training.

2008-12-351 Moved by C. Henrickson that the District fund the purchase of an emergency rescue boat, up to \$70,000; to be housed at the Brooks Fire Station to respond to emergencies within the boundaries of the County of Newell and the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

A letter to Mr. Swanson, the City of Brooks and the County of Newell will be sent outlining the District's offer.

[11:46 a.m. – 12:23 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.0 Budget

Mr. Wilson presented the final 2008 Budget based on a "\$0" Water Rate, noting adjustments that had been made from the preliminary budget presented in November. A variety of questions were responded to by Administration.

9.01 Cost of Living Increase

A short discussion was held regarding a cost of living increase, with the following motion being approved.

2008-12-352 Moved by A. Nielsen that a 3% cost of living increase be granted to EID staff. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

9.02 Budget Approval

Further items were discussed by the Board. It was suggested to itemize the funding of the rescue watercraft under special projects.

2008-12-353 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board of Directors approve the 2009/2010 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as revised. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.03 Remuneration Bylaw

Due to the fluctuation in fuel prices and to review the per diem rate, the Remuneration Bylaw was brought back for Board consideration. It was approved to lower the mileage rate from .60¢/km to .55¢/km, and to keep the current per diem rate. This bylaw will come into effect January 1, 2009.

Eastern Irrigation District

BYLAW 870 (2008)

Bylaw 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 bylaw 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. Definitions:
When used in this Bylaw,
 - (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
 - (b) "Board" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
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:

\$390.00 per full day, or
\$195.00 if the meeting lasts less than 4 hours.

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

Mileage:

Fifty-five (\$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 by the member of the Board to the Eastern Irrigation District on a quarter year basis for the periods ended March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.
5. **Bylaw 867 (2008)** is hereby repealed.
6. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the 1st day of **January, 2009**.

2008-12-354 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #870 (2008), be introduced and read the first time this 22nd day of December, 2008. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

2008-12-355 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board read and approve Bylaw #870 (2008) the second time this 22nd day of December, 2008. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

2008-12-356 Moved by P. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #870 (2008) this 22nd day of December, 2008. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

Although consent for third reading of Bylaw #870 was carried, it did not have unanimous approval. Third reading will be taken to January's meeting.

10.0 Irrigation Council Appointments

E. Wilson updated the Board on Irrigation Council members. Minister Groeneveld recently appointed Richard Stamp as replacement for Henry Doeve; and Dave Ardell, representing Alberta Environment, as replacement for Denis Magowan.

11.0 AIPA Report

A. Nielsen gave a verbal report on the AIPA Executive Meeting he attended in Lethbridge on December 5th.

The new Executive Committee consists of the following representatives:

Richard Phillips (BRID)	- Chairman
John Vandenberg (LIND)	- Vicechair
Allen Nielsen (EID)	- Member
Bob Dykstra (SMRID)	- Member
Kent Bullock (TID)	- Member
Jim Webber (WID)	- Member
Gordon ZoBell (RID)	- Member (representing AID, LID, MID, MVID, RCID, RID & UID)

Mr. Nielsen highlighted policy development, award nominations and future meetings. An AIPA meeting open to all members will be held at the EID office on Monday, March 16th, with a second open meeting in Raymond in September and an annual meeting planned for December. The annual AIPA conference is planned for February, details to follow.

12.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on a couple staffing matters, noting that Darryl Louey has been hired to fill the vacant electrician position.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Monday, December 22 nd , 5:00 p.m. |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting & Meeting with the Auditor | - Tuesday, January 27, 2009 |

P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager