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**January 28, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009. 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 9:00 a.m.

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

[9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson, K. Bridges, W. Enns and D. Halbert entered the meeting.]

**10:00 a.m. Auditor's Report – Review of 2008 Statements**

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

Mr. Halbert reviewed the letters to 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.

A number of matters were discussed. Mr. Chrumka requested that headings in the Annual Report Book be clear regarding the new September 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year end date, the 2007 12 month fiscal year and the 2008 9 month fiscal year. Mr. Wilson requested that coupon interest be added to the investment income shown on the cash flow statement so that the interest amount on this statement is the same as the interest amount shown on the income statement.

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.

[10:50 a.m. D. Halbert exited the meeting.]

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were deleted from the agenda and deferred to next week's meeting:

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Alberta Parks
- 12.01 Public Access Report
- 12.02 Request to use EID Lands for Ringneck Classic
- 12.03 PHD Report

**2009-01-001 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with deletions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

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

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 141, motion 2008-12-351, replace "...within the Eastern Irrigation District." with "...within the boundaries of the County of Newell and the Eastern Irrigation District."

**2009-01-002 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the December 22, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**2.02 2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

A shortened draft of the 2008 AGM Minutes were brought back for Board consideration. Direction was given to include all additional partners of the PHD Program in the short history portion of the PHD Report. These draft minutes will be included with the Annual Report Book sent to Water Users in March.

**2.03 November 25, 2008 Minutes – Correction of Dates**

The following item was noted for correction in the November 25<sup>th</sup> approved minutes:

- Page 130, 5.03, correct the nomination and election dates from "2008" to "2009"

**2009-01-003 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the November 25, 2008 Board Meeting be corrected as noted. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Remuneration Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

At the December 22, 2008 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of By-Law 870 (2008) were conducted, to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses for Directors.

**2009-01-004 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #870 (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 A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**4.0 Bylaws****4.01 2009 Rates Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2009 Rates Bylaw, which is based on a '0' water rate. It was requested by Directors that the Springhill Pressure System rate be increased to \$2/per acre to match the other pressure systems charges.

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**BY-LAW 871 (2009)**

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

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**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 "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	<b>\$2.00</b> per acre
(b) 03 East Branch Pressure System	<b>\$2.00</b> per acre
(c) Springhill Pressure System	<b>\$2.00</b> 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 **862 (2008)** is hereby repealed.
13. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

**2009-01-005 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #871 (2009) be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2009-01-006 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #871 (2009) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

#### **4.02 2009 Fees Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2009 Fees By-Law; amounts to be charged have not changed from 2008.

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#### **BY-LAW 872 (2009)**

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 "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 fees that apply to Household Purposes agreements are established as follows:
  - (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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, shall be \$163.00.
  
4.
  - (a) Each Household Purposes agreement fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw is due and payable in full by the later of the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in each year or the due date specified in the applicable Household Purposes agreement.
  - (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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April.
  - (c) In the event there is a past due amount on any Household Purposes agreement account, a penalty of 1% per month, compounded monthly (12.67% 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. In the event a Household Purposes agreement is issued after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in any month for the current year, a discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to the Household Purposes account provided the Household Purposes fee is paid in full prior to any water being withdrawn from the District's irrigation works.
  - (d) In the event any Household Purposes agreement fee is not paid in full by the due date specified in clause 4(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.
  
5. 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].

6. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> day of July, shall be	\$300.00  \$200.00
Country Residential – served by pressurized system At 100% of per acre foot cost (\$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	\$450.00

agreement, if issued on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, shall be \$275.00

Industrial at 110% of per acre foot cost (\$27.91 x 1.15 rounded to nearest \$0.50)	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$31.00	\$400.00
	The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of July, shall be	\$250.00

7.
  - (a) Each Rural Water Use agreement fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw is due and payable in full by the later of the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in each year or the due date specified in the applicable Rural Water Use Purposes agreement.
  - (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. To encourage prompt payment, a discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to each Rural Water Use Purposes agreement account on which the current year's Rural Water Use Purposes agreement fee is paid in full by not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.
  - (c) In the event there is a past due amount on any Rural Water Use Purposes agreement account, a penalty of 1% per month, compounded monthly (12.67% 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. In the event a Rural Water Use Purposes agreement is issued after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in any month for the current year, a discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to the Rural Water Use Purposes account provided the Rural Water Use Purposes fee is paid in full prior to any water being withdrawn from the District's irrigation works.
  - (d) In the event any Rural Water Use agreement fee is not paid in full by the due date specified in clause 7(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.
  
8. Notwithstanding clauses 3, 4, 6 and 7 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.

9. 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].
10. 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.
11. In the event there is a past due amount on any Water Conveyance agreement account, a penalty of 1% per month, compounded monthly (12.67% 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Bylaw numbered **863 (2008)** is hereby repealed.
15. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

**2009-01-007 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #872 (2009) be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2009-01-008 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #872 (2009) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

## **5.0 Financial Report**

### **5.01 December 31, 2008 Financial Statements**

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

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$5.4 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$1.5 million over the YTD budget and are about \$2.1 million more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$75,800 under the YTD budget and are about \$93,900 less than prior YTD.

Mr. Bridges advised that the change of year end has, in some cases, distorted the YTD budget and Prior YTD comparisons. This problem will continue throughout 2008-09 until the District has completed 12 months of operations using the new fiscal year.



**2009-01-009 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2008, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**5.02 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2008**

Mr. Bridges presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment report summarizing that the investment portfolio is down somewhat due to maturities being held in cash, pending budget approval and preparation of the cash flow forecast, so as to ensure sufficient funds were available to meet operating and capital cash requirements. Some of the money will now be reinvested to match the District's cash requirements.

**2009-01-010 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**5.03 Request to use EID Land to Host EID Classic Sheepdog Competition**

Mr. Bridges passed on a request from Ian Zoerb for the use of the same field as last year near the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, for their EID Classic Sheepdog Competition. The event is planned for August 21-23, 2009. Mr. Zoerb is also requesting permission to place a small building on the grounds to be used as a judges' stand. E. Wilson advised to delay specifying a site until plans for these grounds can be brought to a later meeting for discussion.

**2009-01-011 Moved by F. George that correspondence be sent indicating that the District will accommodate the Sheepdog competition on the requested date, but may need to provide an alternate site. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

[11:56 a.m. T. Jensen and G. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**6.0 Lands**

**6.01 Oil & Gas Rate Reviews**

Mrs. Jensen and Mr. Redelback presented a summary of landspraying, seismic and dirt rates being charged by other companies. They recommended keeping the EID rates the same as last year as they are very comparable.

**2009-01-012 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rates for:**

**Landspraying - \$1,000/well**

**Seismic - \$1,250/mile on native prairie and \$1,350/mile on improved pasture**

**Dirt - \$2/cubic meter**

**for 2009. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**6.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Richard Hiebert & Lawrence Hiebert**

03-06 C North Branch pipeline was extended to allow the conversion of 693 terminable acres on lands jointly owned by Richard Hiebert and Lawrence Hiebert. Since there is one delivery only for all the lands, an irrigable unit must be registered.

**2009-01-013 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 11-22-16 W4M; NE, NW & SW 02-22-16 W4M; and NE & SE 03-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Richard Hiebert and Lawrence Hiebert. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[12:07 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Lunch break; T. Jensen & G. Redelback exited the meeting, I. Friesen entered.]

**[10:00 a.m.] Auditor's Report – Review of 2008 Statements con'td.**

It is Administration's recommendation to:

- Use \$1,811,429 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2008 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects.

- Transfer \$11,340,720 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 \$23,250 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development.

- 2009-01-014** Moved by T. Livingston that approval be granted to use \$1,811,429 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2008 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by C. Henrickson. **CARRIED**
- 2009-01-015** Moved by P. Hemsing that approval be granted to transfer, effective September 30, 2008, \$11,340,720 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**
- 2009-01-016** Moved by C. Henrickson that approval be granted to transfer, effective September 30, 2008, \$23,250 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development. Seconded by P. Hemsing. **CARRIED**
- 2009-01-017** Moved by P. Hemsing that the auditor's letter report to the Board dated January 21, 2009 be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by A. Nielsen. **CARRIED**
- 2009-01-018** Moved by T. Livingston that the auditor's report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2008 be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. **CARRIED**

**7.0 Engineering Report**

**7.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows, commenting on the progress of the Kitsim Feeder project.

<b>EID Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
T-Tilley	- complete, except spring clean up
11-H West Bantry	- complete, except spring clean up
Hiebert Pipeline	- pipelining complete (4.4 km)
04-C East Branch	- 14.25 km pipeline installed out of 30 km
06-B Springhill	- 9.5 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, to start end of January
Antelope Creek	
11 Springhill	

<b>Contract Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Kitsim Bypass (Top Notch)	- earthworks complete, work on cast-in-place structures ongoing
Kitsim Feeder (Horizon Earthworks)	- earthworks 75% complete, armour being hauled to site

**7.02 2009 Screens on Existing & New Pipelines**

Nine screen cleaners are proposed for installation this spring of which 5 are being installed on existing pipelines. The other 4 screen cleaners were approved as part of the pipeline projects being installed this winter. The 5 that need project approval include:

- 8 & 9 North Branch (NE 27-22-17 W4M) – Aqua Systems Inline Screen (Solar)
- 14 North Branch (SW 18-23-16 W4M) – Aqua Systems Inline Screen (A/C)
- 15 North Branch (NW 18-23-16 W4M) – Aqua Systems Inline Screen (Solar or A/C)
- 25 North Branch (SW 11-24-16 W4M) – Traveling Screen (A/C)
- 02 Bow Slope (NW 36-16-16 W4M) – Traveling Screen (A/C)

It is recommended that this program be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

**2009-01-019 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the installation of 5 screen cleaners on existing pipelines at an estimated cost of \$200,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.03 2009 Structures**

Five precast structures are planned for installation throughout the District:

- 01-11 West Bantry (NW 34-16-13 W4M) – replacement of existing check structure with precast check and manual leaf gate
- North Bantry (NE 31-18-13 W4M) – replace existing turnout with new precast turnout
- 04 C Springhill (SE 33 & NE 28-19-14 W4M) – replace existing CSP turnouts and pump wells with new precast turnouts and new pump wells
- Springhill Canal (NE 16-20-15 W4M) – replace existing CSP turnout with a precast turnout

It is recommended that this program be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$120,000.

**2009-01-020 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the installation of 5 precast structures at an estimated cost of \$120,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.04 Existing Screen Cleaners**

A list of existing screen cleaners installed with project, location and mechanical details was provided as information.

**7.05 Cost Breakdown on Projects**

In response to a previous request, pipe purchase and installation expenses were outlined for 2 projects, 04-C East Branch and 06-B Springhill, to illustrate the percentage to total project cost. On average for any given project, the pipe purchase expense is around 60%, but percentages fluctuate based on a several variables.

[1:18 p.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Spring Information Meetings**

Mr. Chrumka asked if there would be a need this year for any Spring Information Meetings. Directors and administration will review possible topics and bring this back to the following meeting for discussion.

**10.0 County of Newell Meeting**

E. Wilson will contact the County to see what matters they may be planning for discussion at the upcoming meeting. Presently, no issues were brought forward by Directors, but may be brought forward at the following meeting.

**11.0 AIPA Conference – February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge**

The 2009 AIPA Conference “Crops, Communities, Economics, the Environment: Are We at the Crossroads?” will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. Attending will be B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, F. George, T. Livingston, C. Henrickson, N. Johnson, E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen, K. Green, M. Redelback, and M. Porter.

[1:35 p.m. D. Thacker, K. Thacker, G. Thacker, C. Aylwin entered the meeting.]

**1:35 p.m. Presentation by Thackers to Obtain Water Rights for 2010**

B. Chrumka welcomed Dale Thacker, Kyle Thacker, Gavin Thacker and Cole Aylwin to the meeting. D. Thacker noted that his brother Jim Thacker could not be at the meeting but is a partner in the project. Mr. Thacker gave background to their previous irrigation application which the Board deferred from the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The application consists of 3 section pivots proposed for a total of 1,500 acres, currently dryland, in 01 & 02-14-12 W4M and 06-14-11 W4M. The delivery to these parcels would be 12 Mile Coulee, they would then pump by pipeline to a storage pond, then re-pump to the pivots. D. Thacker indicated that they need the storage pond to be able to have access to water early in the year and to be able to pump more at night with cheap power. In order for the project to be viable it will require a minimum of 1,000 acres. If the project goes ahead, their infrastructure would need to be in place in the fall of 2009, with the actual irrigation of these parcels in 2010. Minimum project size, possible infrastructure cost sharing, and a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre were all discussed. Mr. Thacker replied to a number of questions and left vials of peppermint, dill, and spearmint with the Board. Mr. Chrumka thanked the group for their presentation.

[2:06 p.m. D. Thacker, K. Thacker, G. Thacker, C. Aylwin exited the meeting.]

E. Wilson noted that this is the second largest return flow site in the District; and is a steady source of water throughout the summer that could be available for more irrigation.

**2009-01-021 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 12 Mile Coulee. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

A letter of response will be sent by the Board, which will work out the details of the application.

[2:27 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Short break.]

**8.0 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan**

Mr. Wilson presented the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan, noting that there is less pipelining and more open canal work involved than usual which will make scheduling of crews somewhat difficult. It is possible to spread the work over a 4 year span as it may be too aggressive for 3 years. The plan will be brought back to next week's meeting for final approval.

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 12.01 | Special Board Meeting  | - Friday, February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m.             |
| 12.02 | AIPA Conference        | - February 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> , Lethbridge |
| 12.03 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.           |
| 12.04 | AIPA Meeting           | - Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office              |
| 12.05 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>                        |
| 12.06 | Nominations Close      | - Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>                         |

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:23 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**February 6, 2009 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man. <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] <i>[apologies]</i>		

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 13.03 Letter from Ross Owen
- 13.04 Crawling Valley Campground
- 13.05 Remuneration Bylaw

**2009-02-022 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 January 28, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2009-02-023 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the January 28, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Rates Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

At the January 28, 2009 Board meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of Bylaw 871 (2009) were conducted, to set the Annual Agreement Rate, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts.

**2009-02-024 Moved by C. Henrickson that Bylaw #871 (2009), 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, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.02 Fees Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

At the January 28, 2009 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of Bylaw 872 (2009) 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.

**2009-02-025 Moved by C. Henrickson that Bylaw #872 (2009), being a bylaw 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 N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**3.03 Richard Hiebert – Terminable (2<sup>nd</sup>) Water Conversion & Pipeline Extension**

Clear direction was given by the Board a year ago to present the following charges as per policy, but a formal motion was never made.

**2009-02-026 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the following for Richard Hiebert, in NE, NW, SW 02-22-16, E ½ 03-22-16, SW 11-22-16 W4M 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:**

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

**Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**3.04 Thacker Irrigation Application – Sec. 01 & 02-14-12 & Sec. 06-14-11 W4M**

In follow up to the presentation by Thackers in January, the following motion was approved.

**2009-02-027 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Thacker application of 5 individuals to increase the assessment on Sec. 01, 02-14-12 & Sec. 06-14-11 W4M from 0 acres to 1,000 acres, no individual can have more than 300 acres, at a Capital Assets Charge of \$700/acre, subject to soils and the installation of the low pressure pivots by December 1, 2010. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**4.0 Report on Meeting with Min. Rob Renner & Min. George Groeneveld**

A meeting with Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, and George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Development, was held in Edmonton on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. E. Wilson and B. Chrumka requested the meeting to address the Bassano Dam Land Claim as it is presented to Cabinet; this was suggested by the Alberta legal negotiations. The District's Water License Amendment was a secondary item at the meeting. MLA Arno Doerksen could not attend so Mr. Wilson and Mr. Chrumka met with him at the EID office the Friday prior.

[10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; R. Martin & M. Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Lands**

**5.02 Public Access Report**

R. Martin presented the Public Access Report for 2008. Periodic patrols were conducted by District Staff of reservoir shorelines and other lands in spring, summer and fall. Extra attention was given to long weekends and specific hunting times. A few units were found camping in non-camping areas and 10 vehicles were found in violation of hunter access guidelines. Dinosaur Park Conservation Officers and Fish and Wildlife Officers also assisted with patrols. Three groups of dirt bikers were evicted from EID lands, written warnings were given out to five hunters, and compliance with EID access guidelines was encouraged. This is a compliance rate of 96% which is consistent with the last few years. Mr. Martin stated that generally the vast majority of the public are cooperating with the District's access policies and some are actually assisting by providing license plate numbers of violators. Support from the Parks Conservation Officers and the Fish and Wildlife Officers has been most helpful and the new agreement with the Community Peace Officers will be a great asset in the future.

**5.03 Partners in Habitat Development Report**

M. Jarvis Redelback presented the PHD Report for 2008. The PHD program had a successful but challenging year with spring rains delaying some projects, less funds being raised by Pheasants Forever, and some staff turn over.

Within the EID in 2008 the PHD:

- planted 34,291 trees & shrubs on 18 different project sites (total since 1998: 386,969)
- constructed 7.7 km of fence to protect existing & new planting sites (total since 1998: 90.3 km)
- installed 2 water deliveries, 1 to irrigate a new planting site, 1 to supply a wetland (total since 1998: 33)
- established winter wildlife feeding stations
- conducted numerous wildlife surveys throughout the year
- gave a number of PHD presentations at various meetings.

Within southern Alberta in 2008 the PHD in total:

- planted 77,539 trees & shrubs
- constructed 14.8 km of fence
- installed 3 water deliveries on 34 project sites.

**5.04 Request to use EID Lands for Ringneck Classic**

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 2009 and will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of this year. Another property is being requested for use, in addition to the 8 used in previous years.

**2009-02-028 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 9 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 N. Johnson. CARRIED**

A second letter was received requesting GIS maps of approximately 60 hunt locations being used so that event organizers could provide boundaries, access routes, and staging/parking location information to the participants, thus lessening confusion as in previous years. It was agreed that the District would provide the prints, with the organizers adding their information subsequently.

**2009-02-029 Moved by C. Henrickson that the District provide to the event organizers maps for all hunt locations being used for the Ringneck Classic. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[10:41 a.m. R. Martin and M. Jarvis Redelback exited the meeting.]

**5.01 Request to Transfer Irrigated Lease #8271**

Harold Hawkins, 409456 AB Ltd, is requesting to transfer Irrigated Lease #8271 to Arie & Marcia Groenenberg. The Transferees will meet the eligibility requirements once the purchase of the Hawkins farm is complete.

**2009-02-030 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Irrigated Lease # 8271 to be transferred from 409456 AB Ltd. (Harold Hawkins) to Arie & Marcia Groenenberg, subject to eligibility requirements being met. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**



**5.05 Request from Patricia Grazing Association for Additional Funds for Corral Relocation**

A letter was received from the Patricia Grazing Association requesting additional funds to complete the relocation of their corrals from NW 34-19-12 W4M. The Board denied additional funds, stating that the Association may finance the remainder through the District if it so wishes.

[10:55 a.m. Gord Graham, Mike Graham and George Graham entered the meeting.]

**10:55 a.m. Presentation by Grahams re Appeal of Capital Assets Charges**

B. Chrumka welcomed Gord Graham, Mike Graham and George Graham to the meeting. A letter was presented and reviewed with the Board stating their appeal regarding the Capital Asset charges on SE 25-16-16, NE 10-17-16, and Sec. 11-17-16 W4M. Mr. Chrumka thanked them for their presentation. Discussion was tabled to later in the meeting.

[11:31 a.m. G. Graham, M. Graham and G. Graham exited the meeting.]

[11:42 a.m. Phil Hofer entered the meeting.]

**11:42 a.m. Presentation by Alberta Parks re Additional Land for Kinbrook Island Provincial Park**

B. Chrumka welcomed to the meeting Phil Hofer, District Manager of Dinosaur, Kinbrook Island and Tillebrook Provincial Parks. Mr. Hofer presented a power point outlining the need and 9 phase plan for revitalization and growth at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park. To proceed with this large scale plan the government is requiring that the land immediately east of the island (720 acres) be owned by Alberta Parks, and the land further east (440 acres) be leased. Mr. Chrumka thanked Mr. Hofer for his presentation.

[12:28 p.m. P. Hofer exited the meeting.]

Discussion was tabled to later in the meeting.

[12:34 p.m. – 1:23 p.m. Lunch break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Infrastructure Savings Grant – Lammert Lyzenga – NW & Pt. SW 17-20-15 W4M**

Presently 1 turnout is used to irrigate both quarters. The landowner proposes to move his delivery upstream approximately 520 m, which will reduce the amount of larger pipe used. Additional savings include not requiring a stilling pond as per landowner's request, which will also eliminate a structure.

**2009-02-031 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Lammert Lzenga, NW & Pt. SW 17-20-15 W4M, for moving his delivery upstream and not requiring a stilling pond, saving the District \$87,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$22,500 (1 ½ quarters at \$15,000/quarter max.). Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**8.0 Update on 06B Gas Line Hit**

I. Friesen summarized an incident in mid-January where a 2", 40-45 lb charged sweet gas pipeline was hit by one of the District's operators ½ mile south of Rosemary. There were no injuries involved. The current energy company that owns the line was not aware of it, so pre-project locating did not occur. Representatives of the EUB have investigated and have found no fault for either the energy company or the District.

[1:30 p.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**6.0 Quotes on Tractor & Mowers**

E. Wilson presented quotes on 115 – 125 Hp tractors and mowers.

**2009-02-032 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of a John Deere 115 Hp tractor for \$76,750 from Evergreen Implements; and a Bush Hogg mower for \$19,815 from Brooks Farm Center. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

**10.0 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Update**

A meeting with representatives of the Silver Sage, Kinsmen, City, and County met at the EID February 3<sup>rd</sup> in regards to placement of facilities and utilities. Mr. Wilson will be checking with the County and City to see if they agree with the revised corral plans for the Silver Sage.

[1:47 p.m. C. Henrickson was excused for the remainder of the meeting.]

**11.0 County of Newell Meeting**

E. Wilson will contact the County to see if they still require a meeting with the District; no matters were brought forward by Directors.

**12.0 Spring Information Meetings**

Through consensus it was decided that 2 meetings will be held, possibly in Scandia and Duchess, either in the last week of February or the first week of March. Topics may include the irrigation development land sale, water license amendment update, community investments (scholarships, rescue boat, Crawling Valley Campground, etc.), 2008 irrigation applications, 3 Year Rehabilitation Plan, etc.

**13.0 Other****13.01 Handheld Recording Device Demonstration**

Mr. Wilson advised that a company from California will be coming to demonstrate a hand held water recording device that calculates volume and downloads to computers directly from the Ditch Rider. This device was observed at the CRWUA conference this past December. E. Wilson, M. Porter, I. Friesen, J. Meador, A. Olson, I. Morey, and K. Tebo will attend the demonstration at the office on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**13.02 Ron Renwick Retirement**

B. Chrumka announced that Ron Renwick, General Manager of the St. Mary River Irrigation District will be retiring shortly. A. Nielsen added that Verna Lees, Administrator for AIPA will also be retiring. It was expected that they will be recognized at the upcoming AIPA conference.

**13.03 Letter from Ross Owen**

A written statement of Mr. Owen's presentation to the Board last November appealing the Capital Asset charges on Sec. 08-21-12 W4M was received by the Board. Mr. Wilson will respond by letter that the Board has not reversed its earlier decision.

**[11:00 a.m.] Presentation by Grahams re Appeal of Capital Assets Charges cont'd.**

This item was discussed and tabled to the following meeting.

**[11:30 a.m.] Presentation by Alberta Parks re Additional Land for Kinbrook Island Prov. Park cont'd.**

This item was tabled to the following meeting. More information on current caveats regarding the land in question was requested. Suggestions as to what sort of compensation for the land, if it were sold, were put forward for consideration.

### 13.0 Other cont'd.

#### 13.04 Crawling Valley Campground

E. Wilson gave a short update on development work at Crawling Valley Campground, identifying marina work that will shortly be underway.

#### 13.05 Remuneration Bylaw

Directors requested that the Remuneration Bylaw be brought back to the next meeting with the same cost of living increase percentage granted to the staff, added to the bylaw. This would negate the occasional rate jump.

### 9.0 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan

Mr. Wilson presented an alternative plan that is a little less aggressive on open canals and drains and may be more realistic in what can actually be done in the allotted time frame. Additional engineering will be prepared in case weather and contracts go well, allowing for extra work to be included.

**2009-02-033 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Alternative #2 of the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan from 2009/2010 to 2012/2013. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

### 14.0 Upcoming Events

14.01	AIPA Conference	- February 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> , Lethbridge
14.02	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.
14.03	AIPA Meeting	- Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office
14.04	Annual General Meeting	- Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>
14.05	Nominations Close	- Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>

**T. Livingston moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:07 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**February 24, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1] 9:23	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] <i>[apologies]</i>		

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Update
- 3.03 Request to use EID Land to Host EID Classic Sheepdog Competition
- 15.0 Staffing Update

**2009-02-034 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 February 6, 2009**

**2009-02-035 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Minutes of the February 6, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Remuneration Bylaw**

It was requested by Directors that clause 2 be tied in with the annual cost of living increase.

**2009-02-036 Moved by C. Henrickson that Bylaw #873 (2009), be introduced and read the first time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2009-02-037 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #873 (2009) the second time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.02 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Update**

E. Wilson has checked with Kevin Stephenson and Ike Schroeder of the County and Martin Shields of the City of Brooks regarding the revised corral plans for the Silver Sage and they were in agreement with the revisions.

**3.03 Request to use EID Land to Host EID Classic Sheepdog Competition**

K. Bridges has contacted Ian Zoerb and indicated that the EID would provide space for the competition, but did not guarantee the same exact location.

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

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## 5.0 Operations

### 5.01 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

#### 5.01.1 Brent & Coralee Jakobsen – NE 05-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 137 acres; new pivot area is 118 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-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user wishes to keep all 19 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,080 (118 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,700 (19 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,380. The assessment will remain the same at 137 acres.

**2009-02-038 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Brent & Coralee Jakobsen for the conversion of 118 acres flood to pivot in the NE 05-17-13 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 \$7,080 (118 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,700 (19 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,380. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

#### 5.01.2 Jorgen Jakobsen – S ½ 09-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 45 acres in the SE and 138 acres in the SW; 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 4 corners (17 acres) outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. He will also be keeping the remaining 30 acre piece. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$8,160 (136 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,060. The assessment will remain the same at 137 acres (45 in the SE and 138 in the SW).

**2009-02-039 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Jorgen Jakobsen for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in the SW ½ 09-17-13 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 17 extra acres in corners. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$8,160 (136 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,060. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[9:23 a.m. F. George joined the meeting.]

#### 5.01.3 Donald Owen – SE 18-20-12 W4M

Current assessment is 55 acres; new pivot area is 84 irrigable acres of a 95 acre pivot. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 55 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. 29 acres are currently being added to this quarter under a separate agreement. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,300. New assessment on this quarter will be 84 acres.

**2009-02-040 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Donald Owen for the conversion of 55 acres flood to pivot in the SE 18-20-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,300. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

### 5.02 Grahams Appeal of Capital Assets Charges

Discussion regarding this appeal was continued from the last meeting. The Board did not change its earlier decisions regarding the 3 pivots. Mr. Wilson will respond by letter.

[10:06 a.m. – 10:14 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**5.03 Report on Handheld Recording Device Demonstration**

E. Wilson reviewed the pros and cons of the H2O Pro Field Measurement System. The benefits do not appear to outweigh the costs and drawbacks. This system will continue to be evaluated before considering a pilot project.

**6.0 Engineering Report**

**6.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows, commenting on a buried gas line that was struck, which sweepers missed 3 times. The line did have a tracer wire and was indicated on the map.

<b>EID Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
T-Tilley	- complete, except spring clean up
11-H West Bantry	- complete, except spring clean up
Hiebert Pipeline	- pipelining complete
04-C East Branch	- 22 km pipeline installed out of 30 km, structures installed, stilling pond built
06-B Springhill	- pipeline complete, structures installed, stilling pond remains to be done
14 Springhill	- pipeline complete, structure and stilling pond remain to be done
07-02-D Springhill	- near complete, (Dinosaur Gas Co-op line strike Feb 19)
9 & 10-G North Bantry	- next on schedule for construction
7-H West Bantry	
03-Bow Slope	
01-21 North Branch	- complete, except spring clean up
Antelope Creek	
11 Springhill	

<b>Contract Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Kitsim Bypass (Top Notch)	- earthworks complete, work on cast-in-place structures ongoing
Kitsim Feeder (Horizon Earthworks)	- earthworks 85% complete, armour being placed

**6.02 01-12 Rolling Hills**

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 4 km north of Rolling Hills and is slated for the 2009 construction year. The canal comes off an existing pipeline and continues west for approximately 800 m. The current system irrigates 264 acres, all of which are sprinkler. The proposed rehabilitation consists of installing 800 m of PVC pipe tied onto the pipeline and

extended to the deliveries, supplying the same acres. It is recommended that this project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$151,000.

- 2009-02-041 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01-12 Rolling Hills by installing 800 m of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$151,000. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[10:27 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

#### **4.0 Financial Report**

##### **4.01 January 31, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to January 31, 2009, noting that due to working in 2 different fiscal years, the software system is unable to give a correct Prior Year To Date total. He highlighted the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$6.5 million.
- YTD total revenues are tracking on YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 17% (\$358,600) under YTD budget.
- 2 properties/accounts are included in the 2009 Enforcement Return.

- 2009-02-042 Moved by C. Henrickson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2009, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

##### **4.02 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable**

Mr. Bridges presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed.

- 2009-02-043 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2008 as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

#### **7.0 Crawling Valley Campground**

##### **7.01 Report on Meeting with Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

E. Wilson reported on the meeting with the CVRS that he, Kevin Bridges, Duane Lindsay and Floyd George attended on February 18<sup>th</sup>. An operating agreement has been worked on and is close to signing. This will enable the cancelation of the original lease from the District to the County, which was sublet by the County to the CVRS.

##### **7.02 2009 Plans**

Plans for 2009 are to:

- install power & irrigation, gravel pads & fire pits in the 2 loops that have been leveled
- install a septic field
- hook up the 3 cisterns to the existing washrooms
- excavate a channel to the marina boat launch area
- install a few boat docks
- not level any other loops until fall of 2010
- plant trees & shrubs in early 2010, possibly some larger bare root stock in August

The CVRS is requesting that an overflow area be developed to the south of the existing campground, between the road and pasture fence to be used during the 4 or 5 years of construction and to remain in place for overflow for long weekends, etc. The Board was in agreement, stating that no services or fire pits would be installed, and that the area is to be regularly mowed to minimize the fire risk.

The CVRS also requested that as many boat docks be installed as the Board would agree to.

- 2009-02-044 Moved by T. Livingston that the District invest \$100,000 for the construction of boat slips at the Crawling Valley Campground marina, and that the amount recovered by the District from rental of these boat slips be \$400 per regular sized slip per year. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[11:10 a.m. M. Hauck, L. Scarpino, G. Philips, T. Jensen and G. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**11:10 a.m. EnCana Presentation – Update on Current Plans**

B. Chrumka welcomed from EnCana: Murray Hauck, Community Relations Advisor; Luciano Scarpino, Brooks North Tyrrell Team Lead, and Grant Philips, Senior Surface Landman to the meeting, along with T. Jensen and G. Redelback. Mr. Scarpino gave a quick overview of EnCana's history in the area, levels of activity and community investments. He noted that the previously announced restructuring split of the EnCana Corporation, for natural gas and Cenovus Energy Inc. for oil has been put on hold until the market stabilizes. The current plans for the area show a decrease in conventional drilling and focus more on "recompletes", where existing wells are used to access dry, shallow coal bed methane identified as McKay and Taber coal seams in the 300 m depth range. A number of questions from the Board were responded to. Mr. Chrumka thanked the representatives for their presentation and invited them to stay for lunch.

[11:53 a.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch break; EnCana representatives, T. Jensen and G. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**

**8.01 Set Rates for 2009**

E. Wilson reviewed the rates from 2008. The Board was in agreement with leaving the camping and marina rates the same for 2009.

- 2009-02-045 Moved by A. Nielsen that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2009 camping season be set at:**  
    **\$20/night on all daily sites,**  
    **\$1,200/season for the Marina & Upper Tier seasonal sites,**  
    **\$1,400/season for the Waterfront seasonal sites,**  
**and that the Seasonal Application Fee be \$500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

- 2009-02-046 Moved by A. Nielsen that the seasonal boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2009 boating season be set at:**  
    **\$400/season or \$250/month for boats up to 21 feet;**  
    **\$600/season or \$380/month for boats over 21 feet up to 24 feet; and**  
    **\$800/season or \$510/month for boats over 24 feet; or**  
    **\$10/day for a minimum of 3 days;**  
**and that the Seasonal Application Fee be \$400. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**8.02 2009 Plans**

Mr. Wilson proposed an expansion of the Rolling Hills campground, approximately 40 – 50 sites directly south of the current campground. He reasoned that if an expansion was to be considered in the near future, heavy equipment construction at this point would be economically favourable.

- 2009-02-047 Moved by C. Henrickson that the District expand the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground to the south by 40 to 50 campsites. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**



**9.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park**

Mr. Wilson advised of the caveats on the land currently being leased by Alberta Parks; and further discussion outlined additional caveats that should be considered. The Parks proposal will be discussed at the upcoming joint meeting with the County, and also with MLA Arno Doerksen.

**10.0 Lands****10.01 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Lease #8252 – Les Douglass**

The rental rate must be established for the final years of this lease, which expires December 31, 2014.

**2009-02-048 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8252 on S ½ 12-24-16 W4M at \$50/acre on 140 wetted acres plus \$5/acre on 33 dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2009 through 2014. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**10.02 Lease Renewal – Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club**

This land has been leased since 1973 by firearm related clubs. The Brooks Small Bore and Pistol Club has leased this location for the past 10 years, through two 5 year leases at \$250/year. The current lease will expire April 30, 2009, and although the club would like a long term lease of 20 years, another 5 year lease is recommended at the same rate.

**2009-02-049 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve to renew the lease with Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club on the NE 18-19-14 W4M for a further 5 year term at the rate of \$250 per year. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[1:20 p.m. B. Hale and R. Martin entered the meeting.]

**10.04 Bantry Grazing Association**

Mr. Chrumka addressed a couple of matters that have been brought to his attention.

**10.04.1 Fencing of Twelve Mile Drain**

In response to discussions on water quality related to drains, a suggestion came forward to fence off a portion of the 12 Mile Drain to prevent further damage to the banks and wandering of the cattle. Mr. Hale acknowledged that there have been problems in this area; Mr. Wilson noted that it will be one of the drains scheduled to be worked on but not for a few years. Direction was given to split the installation labour cost for approximately 1 mile of fencing along the 12 Mile Drain in the Bantry Community Grazing Lease.

**10.04.2 Outstanding Grazing Bill, & Private Grazing Lease #7041 – Dick Edwards**

Discussion centered on the appropriate handling of these matters.

**2009-02-050 Moved by T. Livingston that \$3,340.37 be refunded to Bantry Grazing Association for swingfield grazing fees owing by the estate of Richard Edwards and that District staff contact the estate's executor regarding payment of these fees and to discuss options available for Private Grazing Lease #7041. Seconded by C. Henrickson. CARRIED**

[1:38 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**10.03 Report on Ringneck Classic Pheasant Hunt**

Mr. Martin reported that there were 7 hunting groups this year: Calgary, Lethbridge, Drumheller, Brooks and various southern Alberta locations were represented. The hunt went smoothly, with hunt marshals being very familiar and cooperative with District guidelines. As requested, a PHD display was set up and attended by M. Redelback. She found there to be significant interest in

the PHD program and the EID. A number of landowners enquired about the operation of the PHD; and the EID Wildlife Guides were popular.

[1:40 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting, M. Porter entered.]

## **11.0 Public Relations**

### **11.01 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary EID Photo Book**

M. Porter outlined a proposal for a book showing the impact of water in this area. His idea is for a coffee table style book, with very little text, showing the contrast of land with water compared to without, and highlighting all the various categories such as farming, recreation, oil & gas, native prairie, grazing, PHD, wildlife, Dinosaur Provincial Park, etc. If the Board were to be interested, he would be willing to do this for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year in 2010. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Porter.

[1:49 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

The Board was in agreement for Mr. Porter to proceed with the photo book. E. Wilson will recommend a financial arrangement at a later date.

## **12.0 Equipment**

### **12.01 Quotes on Long Stick for Hi Hoe**

Mr. Wilson presented 2 quotes on the supply and installation of a long stick attachment. Direction was given for E. Wilson to check auctions for hi hoes with long sticks, before committing to ordering a separate attachment.

### **12.02 Picker Truck**

Approval was given for E. Wilson to bid on a suitable picker truck if one were to be available at auction. The Board is to be faxed a notification if going to the auction to bid.

### **12.03 Bidding Process**

It was re-emphasized that the District only request quotes on equipment that will be considered for purchase.

## **13.0 EIDNet Report**

An EIDNet report for the month of February was accepted as information. There are 1,128 customers currently connected. Outages and interference problems are being dealt with as they arise. A trial upgrade on backhaul radios was begun February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **14.0 EID Scholarships**

The Scholarship Program launched in 2008 was discussed in regards to public response, ease of administration and future considerations. It was agreed that scholarships will be offered again in 2009:

- approximately 20 one-time-only scholarships, for a combined amount of approximately \$40,000
- only 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year post-secondary students, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> year apprentices
- advertising will begin earlier; deadline will be extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>; application form to be used
- scholarship awards to be handed out at Christmas break

**15.0 Staffing Update**

E. Wilson advised that Stacie Wirachowsky will not be coming back to the District this spring. This WDS position is currently being advertized. A new position and a maternity leave position will also be run shortly.

**16.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 16.01 | Spring Information Meeting | - Monday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Scandia Hall, 2:00 p.m.                                  |
| 16.02 | Spring Information Meeting | - Monday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Duchess Hall, 7:00 p.m.                                  |
| 16.03 | WATSUP Symposium           | - March 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary (Earl, Floyd, Bob, Neil, Allen, Clint) |
| 16.04 | Joint EID/County Meeting   | - Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2:30 p.m., EID Office                                  |
| 16.05 | AIPA Meeting               | - Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office  |
| 16.06 | Lunch                      | - Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m. at the Heritage                           |
| 16.07 | Annual General Meeting     | - Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> at the Heritage  |
| 16.08 | Nominations Close          | - Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>   |

**C. Henrickson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:03 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**March 31, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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.

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

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

**2009-03-051 Moved by P. Hemsing that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by T. Livingston.**

**2009-03-052 Moved by A. Nielsen that nominations cease. Seconded by P. Hemsing.**

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.

**2009-03-053 Moved by N. Johnson that A. Nielsen be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by P. Hemsing.**

**2009-03-054 Moved by T. Livingston that nominations cease. Seconded by F. George.**

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

**2.0 Appointments****2.01 AIPA Executive**

A. Nielsen will continue, with B. Chrumka as alternate.

**2.02 Prairie Conservation Action Committee**

T. Livingston will continue.

**2.03 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce**

N. Johnson was appointed to attend the first couple meetings, after which a decision will be made whether or not to have an EID representative at the Chamber of Commerce.

**2.04 Scholarship Selection Committee**

B. Chrumka, P. Hemsing, N. Johnson, F. George, E. Wilson and K. Bridges were appointed.

**2.05 Crawling Valley Recreational Society**

F. George will continue.

**2.06 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds**

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson and E. Wilson will continue.

**2.07 County of Newell Watershed Committee**

R. Owen was appointed.

**2009-03-055 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

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

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Grahams Appeal of Capital Assets Charges

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 10.08 Pipeline Locates

**2009-03-056 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 February 24, 2009**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 23, 7.02, replace "between the ditch and pasture fence" with "between the road and pasture fence".

**2009-03-057 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the February 24, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Remuneration Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

At the February 24, 2009 Board Meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of Bylaw 873 (2009) were conducted, to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses for Directors.

**2009-03-058 Moved by T. Livingston that Bylaw #873 (2009), being a bylaw to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[9:44 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

**3.02 Grahams Appeal of Capital Assets Charges**

F. George brought back the Graham appeal of Capital Assets charges for reconsideration. He emphasized that \$700/acre on expanded acres on pivots was charging too much, and that all acre charges should be \$300. As well, Mr. George interprets 'parcel' to mean land title. E.

Wilson and J. Meador explained that the District has always defined 'parcel' to be 'irrigable unit', that it is the most impartial way of dealing with pivots that reach into more than one quarter section, and that in 90% of the cases it is to the financial benefit of the water user to be viewed this way. Discussion continued, with mention of other water users that were approved under similar conditions. Policy was reviewed and supported. F. George's motion was defeated.

**2009-03-059 Moved by F. George that the Board re-examine District policy regarding parcel definition. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED**

#### **4.0 Financial Report**

##### **4.01 February 28, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to February 28, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$8 million.
- YTD total revenues are tracking on YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 15% (\$370,700) under YTD budget.

**2009-03-060 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2009, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[10:23 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

#### **6.0 Operations**

##### **6.01 Farm Improvements**

Mr. Meador presented the summaries on 5 farm improvements.

##### **6.01.1 Johnson Farms – NW 10-21-14 W4M**

Current assessment is on this piece of land is 122 acres (156 for full quarter); new pivot area is 99 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 99 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 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 \$5,940 (99 acres flood to pivot) + \$16,100 (23 acres at \$700) = \$22,040. New assessment on this piece of land will be 99 acres (133 for full quarter).

**2009-03-061 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Johnson Farms for the conversion of 99 acres flood to pivot in the NW 10-21-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$5,940. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2009-03-062 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of Johnson Farm's 23 acres of water rights on NW 10-21-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 23 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$16,100. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

##### **6.01.2 Rasmussen Farms Ltd. – NE 18-19-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 142 acres; new pivot area is 140 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 140 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 2 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,200 (140 acres wheels to pivot) - \$600 (2 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,600. The assessment will remain the same at 142 acres.

**2009-03-063** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Rasmussen Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 140 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 18-19-13 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 2 extra acres outside the pivot area. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200 (140 acres wheels to pivot) - \$600 (2 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,600. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

**6.01.3 Hubert & Wally Rommens – NW 34-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 155 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 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 the 23 acres outside the pivot area to NE 34-20-14 W4M for another pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$4,650 (155 acres wheels to pivot). New assessment on this quarter will be 132 acres.

**2009-03-064** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Hubert & Wally Rommens for the conversion of 155 acres wheels to pivot in the NW 34-20-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$4,650. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

**2009-03-065** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 23 irrigation acres from NW 34-20-14 W4M to NE 34-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Hubert & Wally Rommens. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**6.01.4 Hubert & Wally Rommens – NE 34-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 122 acres; new pivot area is 154 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 122 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 is transferring 23 acres from NW 34-20-14 W4M. With the current assessment now being 145 acres and the new pivot area being 154 acres, 9 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. New assessment on this quarter will be 154 acres. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,660 (122 acres wheels to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$960.

**2009-03-066** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Hubert & Wally Rommens for the conversion of 122 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 34-20-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,660 (122 acres wheels to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$960. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

**6.01.5 Kent Sereda – SE 04-15-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 143 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The water user wishes to keep the 11 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,920 (132 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,620. The assessment will remain the same at 143 acres.

**2009-03-067** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for Kent Sereda for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in the SE 04-15-13 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres outside the pivot. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,920 (132 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,620. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

**6.02 Farm Improvement Water Savings Program, Request to Fund Control Panel**

The District has been approached to see if funding would be considered for the upgrade package on a pivot panel that phones or texts the water user when the pivot goes off. After a short discussion, this request was declined.

**6.03 Snowpack Report**

E. Wilson advised that for some reason the website has not been updated to include the recent significant snowfall in the mountains, but prior to this the snow pillows in the Bow River watershed were sitting at 67 – 88% of normal.

**6.04 Water Start Up Date and Delivery to Farmers Date**

The District will start diversion from the Bassano Dam likely no earlier than April 7<sup>th</sup>. Delivery to farmers will be no earlier than May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2009-03-068 Moved by P. Hemsing that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**5.0 Engineering Report**

**5.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows, noting that all jobs require cleanup, fencing and seeding.

<b>EID Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
T-Tilley	- construction complete
11-H West Bantry	- construction complete
Hiebert Pipeline	- pipelining complete
04-C East Branch	- mainline complete, domestic line remains
06-B Springhill	- construction complete
14 Springhill	- construction complete
07-02-D Springhill	- construction complete
9 & 10-G North Bantry	- construction complete
7-H West Bantry	- construction complete
03 Bow Slope	- construction complete
01-21 North Branch	- construction complete
Antelope Creek	- construction commenced March 24 (3 km pipeline)
11 Springhill	- mainline complete, domestic line remains
01-12 Rolling Hills	- construction commenced March 24 (.8 km pipeline)

<b>Contract Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Kitsim Bypass (Top Notch)	- earthworks complete, structures near complete
Kitsim Feeder (Horizon Earthworks)	- earthworks 85% complete, armour being finished

**5.02 Moving Delivery for Irrigated Lease #8271 (Hawkins/Groenberg)**

Arie (Ed) Groenberg is proposing to install a single pump station in the center of Sec. 11-15-13 W4M to supply the irrigation in the E ½ of 11 and all of Sec. 12-15-13 W4M. To accommodate this request the EID would need to make these parcels an irrigable unit, install a new riser at the



center of Sec. 11 and hand over ownership of the last ½ mile of 18" PVC pipe to the landowner. Also, the irrigation in the S ½ 12 and E ½ of the SE 11-15-13 W4M are an irrigated lease that is presently supplied from 12 Mile Coulee, which Groenberg as lessee, is requesting to irrigate by personally extending this pipeline. The Board approved to install the pump station, but denied the request to move the delivery for the irrigated lease. This lease expires in 2015; the delivery can be reconsidered upon the sale at that time.

**2009-03-069 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the installation of a pump station at the center of Sec. 11-15-13 W4M by Arie Groenberg, with Groenberg taking over ownership of the ½ mile of pipeline to the east, on the conditions that the EID maintains ROW and that Irrigated Lease #8271 in S ½ 12 and E ½ of SE 11-15-13 W4M continues to be irrigated from the existing pump station on 12 Mile Coulee. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:01 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting, B. Hale entered.]

## 7.0 Lands

### 7.01 Irrigable Unit Registration – Pt. SW, & NW 17-20-15 W4M – Lyzenga

11 Springhill canal was replaced with a pipeline this winter. One farm turnout off of the pipeline was installed to service both parcels. Therefore, an irrigable unit must be registered on the parcels. The consent has already been provided by the landowners.

**2009-03-070 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 17-20-15 W4M and N ½ of SW 17-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Lammert, D. Elizabeth and Travis Lyzenga. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

### 7.02 County of Newell Building Site

The County is considering two separate parcels of land for relocation purposes. The Board gave instruction that the County should choose which site is best for them, that the price of the two parcels would be similar and at or below market value.

### 7.03 Grazing

#### 7.03.1 Request to Tender Annual Private Grazing Lease #7169 & #7279 (S of Silver Sage)

Mr. Hale enquired whether or not to advertise Private Grazing Lease # 7169 (Sec. 20-18-14 W4M & Pt. Sec. 17-18-14 W4M) for tender for the 2009 grazing season. Due to the development of a portion of this lease, it will not be advertised unless a feasible watering system can be worked out. Private Grazing Lease #7279 to the north, will be grazed for a portion of the summer.

#### 7.03.2 Newell Grazing Association Request to fund Fencing along Highway #873

The Newell Grazing Association has requested that the District fully fund the necessary fencing along Highway #873 from Highway #36 to the Rolling Hills Reservoir. After a short discussion it was decided to fund any necessary fencing of numbered highways from the Internally Restricted Fund for pasture development. These expenses will not be billed back to the associations.

**2009-03-071 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the fencing of all numbered highways to be funded from the Internally Restricted Fund for Future Pasture Development. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED**

#### 7.03.3 Newell Grazing Association Request to fund Corrals

The Newell Grazing Association has requested that the District share in the cost of reconstructing their corrals in NE 32-16-15 W4M as the District also uses them for swing field purposes.

**2009-03-072** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the construction of the Newell Grazing Association corrals to be funded 50% by the District, and 50% by the Newell Grazing Association at 0% financing. Seconded by T. Livingston. **DEFEATED**

**2009-03-073** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the construction of the Newell Grazing Association corrals to be funded 30% by the District, and 70% by the Newell Grazing Association at 0% financing. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

#### **7.03.4 Report on GAC Meeting**

B. Hale summarized the GAC Meeting held March 25<sup>th</sup>. Turn-Out dates and the Internally Restricted Fund were the two main topics discussed. Two recommendations were put forward for consideration regarding early turn-out dates for the 2009 grazing season only, based on plentiful carry over grass and good moisture conditions.

*GAC09-03* Moved by D. Moss that it be recommended to the Board that, for 2009 only, the grazing season for all community pastures be started earlier on May 9<sup>th</sup> grazing through to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by M. Kasdorf. **CARRIED**

*GAC09-04* Moved by M. Kasdorf that it be recommended to the Board that, for 2009 only, the grazing season for the Rosemary Grazing Association be started earlier on May 2<sup>nd</sup> grazing through to October 8<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by R. Volek. **CARRIED**

**2009-03-074** Moved by A. Nielsen that the 2009 grazing season for all associations remain at May 1<sup>st</sup> for regrass and May 15<sup>th</sup> for native prairie, extending to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by T. Livingston. **CARRIED**

Another recommendation was made for associations to stop contributing towards the Internally Restricted Fund for future pasture development.

*GAC09-05* Moved by D. Peltzer that it be recommended to the Board that the existing monies in the Internally Restricted Fund for Future Pasture Development be retained, and that the District cease the 1/3 well site payout allocations. Seconded by M. Kasdorf. **CARRIED**

This request was denied. The oil and gas payouts will stay as is. These payouts are divided as follows:

- 1/3 of the money is banked by the EID for pasture development (internally restricted fund)
- 1/3 of the money is to be used by the associations for capital improvements
- 1/3 of the money is to be used by the associations as they see fit

The Internally Restricted Fund will be used for special grazing projects such as water projects, fencing of numbered highways, etc. These expenses will not be billed back to the associations.

[11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch break. The Board met with Clint Henrickson and a watch was presented in appreciation for his years of service to the EID from 1991 through to the beginning of 2009.]

#### **7.03.5 Private Grazing Lease #7041 (Estate of Dick Edwards)**

Family is settling the Estate, and the renewal fee paid by Mr. Edwards for Private Grazing Lease #7041 will be applied to the outstanding community grazing fee as this lease was not used. This lease has now been turned back to the EID by June Edwards. It will be tendered as a 15 year transferable lease with the right to renew for a further 15 years.

**2009-03-075** Moved by N. Johnson that the renewal fee paid for Private Grazing Lease #7041 be applied to the outstanding community grazing fee for the Estate of Dick Edwards. Seconded by T. Livingston. **CARRIED**

**7.03.6 Canceled Private Grazing Lease #7057 (Todd Irwin)**

Private Grazing Lease #7057 expired on December 31, 2008. Todd Irwin received a letter from the District February 20, 2008 informing him that it would not be renewed. Mr. Irwin is challenging this decision, claiming that the Irwin's have permission from the Provincial Park Board to graze the lands forever within the park boundaries, except the administration area. He uses this lease to allow his cattle movement from one part of the park to the other. Correspondence on file, history, boundaries and limitations of the lease were all discussed in the light of Mr. Irwin's claims to the lease. It was requested that additional information be gathered, and a meeting with Park management be arranged.

[2:11 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Equipment Report**

**8.01 Results of Quotes to Purchase District's Used Trucks**

Mr. Wilson presented the following quotes received for the purchase of nine ½ ton District trucks. He recommended accepting the Annett Auction quote of \$20,100.

Company	Amount	Requirement
Michener Allen Auction	\$17,588	F.O.B. Calgary
Calgary Public Auction	\$7,100	F.O.B. Calgary
Regal Auction	\$18,900	F.O.B. Brooks
Annett Auction	\$20,100	F.O.B. Brooks
Annett Auction	7% commission	Unreserved Sale April 18 <sup>th</sup>

**2009-03-076 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the acceptance of Annett Auction's offer to purchase the 9 ½ ton trucks in the amount of \$20,100. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**8.02 Results of Quotes on Gravel Truck Pup Trailer**

As well, the following quotes were received for the purchase of a new gravel truck pup trailer.

Company	Trailer	Amount
Calgary Public Auction	2008 Renn F.O.B. Lethbridge	\$27,100
Southland	2009 Renn	\$27,900

**2009-03-077 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of a 2008 Renn Gravel Truck Pup Trailer from Calgary Public Auction for \$27,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.03 GPS Base & Control for Dozer**

Mr. Wilson advised that the cost of a base station and controls for one D6 is a little over \$100,000. Top Notch is selling a couple of base stations and 6 controls for a D6 at their auction. He requested to attend the auction April 28<sup>th</sup> to try to purchase this equipment at a discount.

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**2009-03-078 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the General Manager to attend the Top Notch auction on April 28<sup>th</sup> for the purposes of purchasing a GPS Base and Control for the District Dozer. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.04 Long Stick for 350 Hi Hoe**

A good used long stick has not been found. One very old one on a Cat 245 hoe was found, at least 10 years old, which had lots of welding on the boom. Mr. Wilson advised that long sticks are easily damaged and need to be repaired, and that most people do not feel that the District will find a good used one. It was recommended that if one isn't found by the end of April that a new long stick be ordered so that it is here for this summer.

**2009-03-079 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a new John Deere Long Stick from Brandt Tractor Ltd. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**8.05 Picker Truck**

E. Wilson will be attending auctions in late April or early May to look for a good used Picker Truck for the District. Information on these units will be forwarded to the Directors prior to auction.

**9.0 EIDNet Report**

**9.01 Current Status**

1,149 customers are currently connected; up 21 customers since last month, and up 247 from the prior YTD. There haven't been any major tower outages this month. There have been numerous email problems arising from viruses on user machines that start streaming out spam to other places. It can take 2 or 3 days, sometimes longer, to get the problem machine blocked and the District server cleared from the blacklists. The trees at the Scandia tower property have been cut back. The sector will be watched to see if interference has been lowered.

**9.02 Review of Overall System/Contract with PCC – Future Direction**

Options were reviewed and a meeting with PCC will be planned.

[2:38 p.m. – 2:44 p.m. Short break.]

**10.0 General Manager's Report**

**10.01 Report on Meeting of Springhill Pressure System Users**

Administration met with the water users on the Springhill Pressure System on March 26<sup>th</sup> and went over a couple of options for power contracts. They chose to purchase a block of power for May, June, July and August for 5 years.

**10.02 Report on Spring Meeting of Major Users on Bow River**

E. Wilson also reported on the Spring Meeting of Major Users on the Bow River. A Drought Plan is being developed. Mr. Wilson will assist in the preparation of this plan. He also advised progression of the Land Use Framework and Cumulative Effects legislation be closely tracked by the District.

**10.03 Water License Amendment Application Update**

Mr. Wilson has a meeting planned with the Deputy Minister for April 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the progress of the District's Water License Amendment Application.

**10.04 Communities in Bloom Request**

The Communities in Bloom Committee is planning on commissioning some murals around the City. They are asking if the EID is willing to sponsor one possibly this year or next; it could be tied to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EID. The cost is to be \$15,000 and the mural will be mounted

on a frame which will be attached to a building. The Board approved the following motion, specifying that the design and location be brought back for approval.

**2009-03-080 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District sponsor one mural in 2010 under the Communities in Bloom program to coincide with the District's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**10.05 Bassano Hospital**

George Armstrong has asked if the EID would write a letter in support of Bassano's attempt to get a new hospital. The letter would be as a large employer of people in the Bassano area and on behalf of our rate payers in this area.

**2009-03-081 Moved by F. George that the District write a letter in support of Bassano's request for a new hospital. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**10.06 Bassano Fire Department**

George Armstrong also asked if the EID would consider erecting tall poles with location signs in strategic locations around Crawling Valley. This would help locate people who phone 911 and don't know where they are. After discussion it was decided that more information be gathered regarding the installation of locater poles around the Crawling Valley Reservoir.

**10.07 Staffing Update**

Joe Baer has been hired to be the WDS in Rolling Hills. Pedro Isidoro has been hired to be the new WDS in Bassano/South Gem.

**10.08 Local PC Annual Meeting / Fund Raiser**

T. Livingston, B. Chrumka, P. Hemsing and E. Wilson will attend.

**11.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Seasonal Sites**

B. Chrumka suggested that, in recognition of our District water users, a percentage of the seasonal sites be guaranteed for water users only. Campground expansion, PR implications and the draw process were all discussed, with the following motion being approved.

**2009-03-082 Moved by T. Livingston that the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Seasonal Campsite Draw guarantee a minimum of 5 seasonal sites for EID water users. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|---------------------------------|---|
| 12.01 | PC Annual Meeting / Fund Raiser | - Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> , Heritage Inn, 7:00 p.m.                   |
| 12.02 | Regular Board Meeting           | - Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m. ( <i>note change of date</i> ) |
| 12.03 | Regular Board Meeting           | - Tuesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                   |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:37 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**April 23, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.02 "Meet the Ministers" Meeting in Pollockville
- 6.04 05-AH North Bantry
- 8.04 Request to Transfer Water – Frances Hargrave
- 9.0 Other
- 9.01 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 9.02 Letter from Brooks Lions Club
- 9.03 County of Newell Watershed Committee
- 9.04 Letter from Livestock Markets Association of Canada

**2009-04-083 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 March 31, 2009**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 28, 2.04, remove R. Owen from the Scholarship Selection Committee.

**2009-04-084 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the March 31, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

Results of the 9 District ½ ton trucks that sold at auction were discussed. They sold around the same amount as the purchase price from the District.

**4.0 Report on Meetings****4.01 Meeting with Premier Stelmach**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson, along with various representatives from the towns/city, counties, irrigation districts and school boards, attended a meeting with Premier Stelmach and Arno Doerksen at the Bassano Golf Course on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chrumka and Mr. Wilson had the opportunity to meet with the Premier prior to the meeting at the Bassano Dam to give a general overview of the District. The main meeting consisted of a question and answer forum, and information was received later that MLAs will be touring Lakeside June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; with a possible inclusion of an EID/WID tour.

**4.02 “Meet the Ministers” Meeting in Pollockville**

F. George commented on the “Meet the Ministers” meeting he attended in Pollockville on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, which included Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture, and Arno Doerksen, Strathmore-Brooks MLA.

**5.0 Financial Report**

**5.01 March 31, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to March 31, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$9.0 million.
- YTD total revenues are about 3% (\$362,000) ahead of YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 3% (\$68,700) under YTD budget.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2009-04-085 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2009, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[9:33 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**5.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2009**

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment report. It was identified that the EID’s policy of the high minimum credit rating of single A- has sustained the District through the recent turbulent markets.

**2009-04-086 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**6.0 Engineering Report**

**6.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status as follows, noting that all major construction is complete on all projects; and that a lot of clean up, fencing and seeding is to be done in the next couple of months on all projects.

<b>Work Remaining</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
04-C East Branch	- some domestic lines remain, however these have been valved off so they can be completed in spring/summer
11 Springhill	- a domestic line remains and is scheduled to be installed in spring/summer
Kitsim Bypass	- some electrical/automation/calibration of the gates remains to be completed
Screen Cleaners	- to date, about ½ have been installed
Flow Meters	- 2 argonauts and 2 mace meters to be installed before water

**6.02 2008/2009 Construction Projects**

Mr. Friesen presented for information a spreadsheet on 2008/2009 construction project costs, noting that the projects coming in well under budget are those that are not yet complete.

**6.03 17 Springhill**

This rehabilitation project is located approximately ½ mile north of the west edge of Duchess in the NE corner of NE 31-20-14 W4M, with a proposed line coming directly off of the Springhill canal. The current ditch serves as a settling pond before entering the 17 Springhill line that was completed in 2003. The proposal is to attach onto the existing pipeline and continue it upstream to the turnout structure on the Springhill canal.

**2009-04-087 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 17 Springhill by installing 230 m of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$165,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[9:44 a.m. – 9:51 a.m. Short break.]

**6.04 05-AH North Bantry**

This rehabilitation project is in the preliminary planning stages and was brought forward for discussion. It is located in and affects Sections 11, 12, 13 & 14-20-12 W4M. The proposal is to install a 6" PVC pipeline, either this summer or next construction season, to feed Nova Corporation, Enerplus Resources and EID grazing with water, and would be a cost-share project. Input was requested and direction was given; this project will be brought back for approval at a later date.

[10:00 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**7.0 Operations****7.01 Start Up, Snowpack Report**

E. Wilson reviewed Lake Louise, Sunshine, Kananaskis, and Odlum snow pillows, showing that all are at the 80% of normal range, on average. Reservoir topping up for Newell, Snake Lake, and Rolling Hills will be complete in a week to 10 days; Crawling Valley will be a little later.

As for a firm date for water delivery to farmers, it is not the availability of water that is holding things back, but the remaining snow and frost within the system. May 11<sup>th</sup> will remain the projected date.

**7.02 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the summaries on 2 farm improvements.

**7.02.1 Burton Custom Applicators – NW 07-17-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 128 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 128 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site; with the new delivery site for this pivot being off of S Tilley. With the current assessment being 128 acres and the new pivot area being 132 acres, 4 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. New assessment on this quarter will be 132 acres. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,680 - \$1,200 (4 acres at \$300/acre) = \$6,480.

**2009-04-088 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Burton Custom Applicators for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot in the NW 07-17-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,680 - \$1,200 (4 acres at \$300/acre) = \$6,480. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**



**7.02.2 I. & E. Schroeder – Pts. NE, SE, SW 02-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 52 acres; new pivot area is 52 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 52 acres gated pipe 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; with the delivery site remaining the same. An Irrigable Unit is in place, and a Farm Improvement grant of \$2,500 has already been paid out on this parcel for gated pipe. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,120 - \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$620.

**2009-04-089 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the farm improvement for I. & E. Schroeder for the conversion of 52 acres gated pipe to pivot in the Pts. NE, SE, SW 02-17-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,120 - \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$620. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[10:14 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Lands****8.01 Request to Install Markers around Crawling Valley Reservoir**

A letter was received from the Bassano Rural Fire Association in follow up to last month's verbal request for identifying markers around Crawling Valley Reservoir. Through discussion, it was felt that the effectiveness of this type of system was questionable, that public use of GPS systems is steadily increasing, and the maintenance costs and unsightliness were a negative aspect. This request was denied.

[10:27 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**8.02 Canceled Private Grazing Lease #7057 (Todd Irwin)**

A meeting between Park management and District administration and staff was held April 14<sup>th</sup>; it was confirmed that the District has exclusive rights to graze and sublease the grazing land within the park boundaries. The Park wishes to have certain lands grazed, as identified on the map, but is requesting that when the cattle are trailed to these areas that they are only in the lower coulees for a maximum of 48 hours. Discussion followed regarding the ramifications in offering this area back to Mr. Irwin as a private grazing lease on an annual basis, or to amalgamate it with the Patricia Community Grazing lease. It was decided to offer this lease, as revised, back to Mr. Irwin. If Mr. Irwin declines the District's offer, the lease area will be merged in with the Patricia Community Lease by removing some fencing.

**2009-04-090 Moved by T. Livingston that canceled lease #7057 be reinstated and offered to Todd Irwin as follows:**

- annual agreement, limited to September and October grazing only
- fee based on AUM x (Community Pasture Rate + \$4.00)
- District to fence from the SW corner of SW 32 to the NW corner of NE 30-20-11 W4M, to ensure cattle are only trailed through NE 36-20-12 W4M and Pt. Sec. 31-20-11 W4M for a maximum of 48 hours.

**Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

B. Hale received direction from the Board on a number of other matters:

- maps of roads in the Rolling Hills grazing lease were requested for the Rolling Hills Fire Department
- grading and/or graveling of certain oil and gas access roads requested
- warning signs and patrolling for dirt bikers on Newell grazing lease requested
- request to decrease number of gates on road to Lake Newell
- maintenance of Alderson Road requested

**8.03 Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) – Request for Access**

In February 2008, the ABMI submitted its initial request for permission to conduct research on EID lands, followed up by a presentation at the March 2008 Directors Meeting. The significant difference with ABMI's proposal, to that of other requests, is that all data, information, trends, opinions and conclusions will be made available publicly through the internet. One of ABMI's stated objectives is to provide scientifically credible information to policy and decision makers so as to influence land use management policies throughout Alberta. Many discussions have been held between ABMI and administration since the spring of 2008, with an agreement being drafted with legal advice. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and risks of allowing such a study, with the resulting perspective being the exposure to the District would be too great.

**2009-04-091 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**

[11:13 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**8.04 Request to Transfer Water – Frances Hargrave**

Mr. Wilson received a request from Frances Hargrave to transfer 30 acres from her land on the Springhill system to other land owned by her on the G North Bantry system, and asked for input. In prior years, system-to-system transfers were not granted. In following discussion, it was stated that approval will only be granted if a pivot is installed on the land receiving the new irrigation acres.

[11:26 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Lunch break.]

**9.0 Other****9.01 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended, which included the Irrigation Council as well. It was announced that government funding to irrigation districts did not get cut, although the additional funding that has been offered in recent years will not be offered this year. AIPA education and PR programs were mentioned, as well, a preliminary agenda for the Northwest Irrigation Operators Inc. July 6-9, 2009 tour throughout the Lethbridge, Taber and Bow Island areas.

**9.02 Letter from Brooks Lions Club**

A letter was received from the Brooks Lions Club asking about information regarding the new rodeo grounds site as it relates to their operation of a food concession. This letter will be discussed at an upcoming Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds meeting, to be scheduled for next month.

**9.03 County of Newell Watershed Committee**

E. Wilson advised that he has received a letter from the County asking him to be on their Watershed Committee. Through a preliminary meeting, it was agreed to stay any further movement until the water quality data gathered in 2006/2007 has been requested and received from Alberta Environment. Once the report is received Mr. Wilson will meet with the County to help plan their study.

**9.04 Letter from Livestock Markets Association of Canada**

A letter was received from the Livestock Markets Association of Canada requesting sponsorship of their annual Convention and Livestock Auctioneer Championship which will be held at Bow Slope Shipping May 28-31.

**2009-04-092 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District sponsor the Canadian annual Convention and Livestock Auctioneer Championship at Bow Slope in the amount of \$2,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED**

**10.0 EIDNet Report**

**10.01 EIDNet Subscription Rates**

K. Bridges presented a report on EIDNet monthly subscription and equipment installation rates. Changes were proposed to meet customers' expectations for higher speed accounts and to counteract the loss of customers to competitors. In discussion, rates, upgrades, infrastructure, and competition were all touched on, with the following rates being approved effective for May 1, 2009.

<b>Residential Accounts</b>		
<b>Account (up to)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
400 / 128 kbps – water user & staff	\$25.00	n/a
400 / 256 kbps – water user & staff	n/a	\$25.00
400 / 128 kbps – regular residential	\$40.00	n/a
400 / 256 kbps – regular residential	n/a	\$30.00
800 / 400 kbps	\$75.00	n/a
1000 / 512 kbps	n/a	\$40.00
1500 / 512 kbps	n/a	\$45.00

<b>Business Accounts</b>		
<b>Account (up to)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
800 / 800 kbps	\$75.00	\$40.00
1000 / 1000 kbps	\$125.00	\$45.00
1500 / 1000 kbps	\$150.00	\$50.00
3000 / 1000 kbps	n/a	\$60.00
5000 / 1500 kbps	n/a	\$100.00
5000 / 3000 kbps	n/a	\$150.00

**2009-04-093 Moved by P. Hensing that the rates and upgrades recommended in Mr. Bridges' report be approved, and that the Water User rates be re-examined in a month's time. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**10.02 Update**

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bridges updated the Board on the overall status of EIDNet.

**11.0 Equipment**

More details have been obtained regarding the Ritchie Brothers Auction at the end of the month, and other possible auctions. E. Wilson identified several pieces of equipment that would be worth considering and asked for Board approval on bidding on these items.

**2009-04-094 Moved by A. Nielsen that Mr. Wilson be approved to bid on hi hoe, truck, GPS and picker truck equipment at upcoming auctions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**12.0 Paul Seaton – Request to use a portion of Greenwald Inlet for Water Ski School**

A request was received from Paul Seaton to operate his water ski school in Greenwald Inlet. He is proposing to operate the school for 3 months again for 2009.

**2009-04-095** 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 2009 for the months of June, July and August. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**13.0 Airport Water**

A request for water was received from the Brooks & Regional Airport for fire prevention and watering of some grass and shrubs. As they are funded by the Brooks and County municipalities, an offer to pay the cost of this installation was included in their request.

**2009-04-096** Moved by P. Hemsing that a 4" pipeline be installed connecting the Brooks & Regional Airport with water, at their cost, and that an RWUP agreement be entered into for the supply of this water. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

**14.0 County Site**

Mr. Wilson has received confirmation that the County is still considering both sites and would like a price for each so that they can finalize their decision and begin their grant application process. The value of the parcels was discussed, and both pieces are to be appraised and a price set.

**15.0 Upcoming Events**

- 15.01 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
- 15.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:37 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**May 26, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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:

- 3.01 EIDNet Water User Rates
- 3.02 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 3.03 Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference – Lethbridge, July 6-9
- 3.04 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce
- 3.05 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Pre-Meeting with Kinsmen
- 10.0 Other
- 10.01 Old Stagecoach Trail

**2009-05-097 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 April 23, 2009**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Page 41, 7.02.2, remove coma from amount at end of paragraph.
- Page 42, 8.03, add “with the resulting perspective being the exposure to the District would be too great.” to end of paragraph.

**2009-05-098 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the April 23, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 EIDNet Water User Rates**

This item was deferred to next month’s meeting.

**3.02 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended, noting work that is being done in regards to promotions, the NWIO Tour in the Lethbridge area in July, points from the WATSUP board, and the rough date of the 2010 annual AIPA conference.

**3.03 Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference – Lethbridge, July 6-9**

Tour participation in whole or in part was discussed, with no registrations being requested.

**3.04 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce**

N. Johnson suggested that the EID Board invite the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Board to a meeting at the District office whereby the District administration and directors can present an overview of the EID and highlight irrigation and agricultural issues.

**2009-05-099 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board invite the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Board to an information meeting to be held at the District office. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.05 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Pre-Meeting with Kinsmen**

Mr. Chrumka, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wilson gave an update on progress to date regarding the Silver Sage and Rodeo grounds. A committee meeting is planned for the following day, and a pre-meeting was held with Kinsmen who could not attend. The new umbrella lease agreement, which will be with the Silver Sage Agricultural Society and will cover both the existing grounds and expanded rodeo grounds, was discussed in regards to length of term and rental fee.

**2009-05-100 Moved by A. Nielsen that the new lease agreement for lands occupied by the Silver Sage Agricultural Society, which will cover both the existing grounds and the new rodeo grounds, stipulate that the annual rental fee be waived for years 2010 through 2014. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**4.0 Meeting between Martin Shields and Bob Chrumka**

B. Chrumka informed the Board of a meeting requested by Martin Shields for the following day. Director input was given.

**5.0 Financial Report****5.01 April 30, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to April 30, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$10.57 million.
- YTD total revenues are tracking on YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 9% (\$343,300) under YTD budget.

**2009-05-101 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2009, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**5.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2009**

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report. Various accounts were discussed.

**2009-05-102 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**5.03 Letter from Ellie Better**

A letter addressed to the Board was received from Ellie Better requesting the District accept payment equal to the discount amount as Ms. Better states she did not receive the invoice prior to the early payment discount date. The request for the early payment discount to be applied after the deadline was denied; Ms. Better will be contacted as to this decision.

[10:06 a.m. – 10:13 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

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## 6.0 Engineering Report

### 6.01 20 Rolling Hills

20 Rolling Hills canal is located approximately 8 km south and 3 km east of Rolling Hills, and runs north from the Rolling Hills canal for 2 km serving 145 acres. Vegetation overgrowth and old turnouts which are difficult to operate are the major problems with this canal. This rehabilitation project would involve pushing in the existing canal and installing a gravity-fed pipeline. The pipeline project was presented as two separate considerations, with the first stretch supplying pivot irrigation, and the second stretch proposed as the only source of water for the grazing lease to the north. The full length requires reclaiming of the old canal.

**2009-05-103 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 20 Rolling Hills by installing 1,100 m of pipe on the first stretch and 800 m of 4" pipe or 2" plastic poly on the second stretch, at an estimated cost of \$241,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[10:34 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

## 7.0 Operations

### 7.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Wilson reviewed graphs of snow pillow accumulation and resulting run-off on the major areas feeding the Bow River. Most pillows were in the normal range at this time, with a slower melt in some areas benefitting river levels.

### 7.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Diversion at the Bassano Dam as of the previous Friday was at 1,505 cfs, and is now 2,125 cfs. Reservoirs are almost full. Demand for water is not too high as yet, but every area is increasing. As of Friday, 311 water users were irrigating, today 538 are irrigating, and it is expected to get to 750 quarters by next week as it is quite dry. So far, demand has been matched by river levels.

## 8.0 Equipment

### 8.01 Ritchie Bros. Auction – Leduc, April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

E. Wilson attended the Ritchie Bros. Auction in Leduc for 2 days, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A review was given on resulting sales of equipment which the District was interested in. Mr. Wilson did end up purchasing a 240 John Deere Hi Hoe with 390 hours, and extra thumb for \$160,000.

### 8.02 Picker Truck

Mr. Wilson recommended to purchase a used picker truck from Scott Beddows in Bassano. It is a 2006 Peterbilt tandem with under 60,000 km (2,000 hours), has an 8 ton picker, with wireless controls, a 20' deck, and is in very good shape.

**2009-05-104 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a 2006 Peterbilt tandem Picker Truck from Scott Beddows in Bassano for \$120,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

### 8.03 350 Hoe

Also presented for consideration, was a next to new 350 Hi Hoe for sale from the Town of Magrath, with only 500 hours, including a 3,000 hour warranty. They are asking \$250,000 but the hoe does not have the knuckle or wrist included. Comparable numbers were discussed, and a bidding price range given.

**2009-05-105 Moved by F. George that Earl Wilson be authorized to deal on and purchase a used 350 Hi Hoe. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.04 Long Stick**

Another item which was being considered was a long stick for approximately \$30,000. A connection to someone who purchased several of them from the U.S. informed Mr. Wilson of their availability. As it turns out, they are the wrong size for the hoe it would be attached to. Administration will continue to look for a suitable long stick.

**9.0 General Manager’s Report**

**9.01 IRP Funding**

The District received \$7,605,299 from Alberta Agriculture. The entire grant was divided using the formula. The District’s portion will likely fall back to \$5 - \$6 million next year.

**9.02 Irrigation Council Tour**

Irrigation Council has asked to have their annual tour and meeting of IRP funded EID projects on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**9.03 Bow City Power**

A newsletter was presented as information.

**9.04 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park**

A letter of reply was received from Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, in regards to the proposed Kinbrook Island Provincial Park expansion and County of Newell and EID’s partnership proposal for Highway #873. Directors were asked for input as to what the District’s response should now be regarding the Park’s request for additional land.

**9.05 Private Grazing Leases – Tender Results**

E. Wilson presented the tender results on Annual Private Grazing Lease #7169 and Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7041 which were opened May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**9.05.1 Annual Private Grazing Lease #7169**

This annual lease is put up for tender each year. The lease consists of 1,100 acres, having a carrying capacity of 40 cow/calf pairs per month from May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Name	Tender Amount	
Gordon Kay	\$40.00 cow/calf pair	x 40 AUM x 5 months = \$8,000 + GST
Hutterian Brethren of Bow City	\$40.00 cow/calf pair	x 40 AUM x 5 months = \$8,000 + GST
Brad, Bob, Brent Deschamps	\$38.10 cow/calf pair	x 40 AUM x 5 months = \$7,620 + GST
Martin Cattle Co.	\$35.00 cow/calf pair	x 40 AUM x 5 months = \$7,000 + GST
Ellis Kropf	\$30.50 cow/calf pair	x 40 AUM x 5 months = \$6,100 + GST

Names were drawn out of a hat between the 2 tied top tenders, with both parties invited (only Bow City was represented). The lease has been awarded to Gordon Kay.



**9.05.2 Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7041**

This 15 year lease is transferable to any eligible water user and has the right to renew for a further 15 years. The lease consists of 426 acres, having a carrying capacity of 71 AUM.

Name	Tender Amount
Earl Grosfield	\$21,100.00 + \$1,055.00 GST = \$22,155.00
Ellis Kropf	\$16,200.00 + \$810.00 GST = \$17,010.00
Don & Cindy Wolfer	\$15,200.00 + \$760.00 GST = \$15,960.00
Gordon Kay	\$14,191.88 + \$709.59 GST = \$14,901.47
William Frizzell	\$11,000.00 + \$550.00 GST = \$11,550.00
Russ Webb	\$8,500.00 + \$425.00 GST = \$8,925.00
Garth Fisk	\$6,000.00 + \$300.00 GST = \$6,300.00

The lease has been awarded to Earl Grosfield. The bid to purchase the lease agreement worked out to approximately \$10/AUM for the full term of the lease.

**9.06 Tour for University of BC Students**

Mr. Wilson gave a tour of the District to a Human Geography class (11 students and 2 professors) from the University of British Columbia on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. They are doing a major paper on the human impact due to water development on the Bow River, and its sustainability. A lot of good questions were asked, and they indicated that the EID was the highlight of their tour and were very impressed.

**9.07 MLA Tour – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Arno Doerksen has arranged an MLA tour for Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. They will start at our office at 8:00 a.m. for a District tour, then be at Lakeside at 10:15 a.m. for a tour of the facilities. The EID will then host a lunch at the college, with the MLAs continuing on to the Gun Club for a shoot and evening BBQ. Directors are invited for the District tour and lunch.

**9.08 Water License Amendment Application Update**

Alberta Environment's Draft Policy on Change of Purpose is awaiting final approval. Once it has been approved, the District will have to change its original application, or re-apply under the new rules.

**9.09 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**

Mostly legal minutiae appear to be stalling the finalization of the agreement. Dennis Roth, the District's solicitor will be presenting to the Board once the legal work is complete between Government, Siksika and District lawyers.

**9.10 Drought Plan**

Mr. Wilson advised that irrigation districts and other licensed water users are being strongly encouraged by the Provincial government and environmental groups to develop drought plans. Practices and policies that are already in place in the District and new ones that may be required will need to be reviewed and a draft plan developed.

**9.11 South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council**

The Province has tabled the Alberta Stewardship Act which is the legislation they plan to use for their Land Use Framework. They are holding public open houses around the province; K. Bridges attended one in Taber. The Province has announced the appointment of the South

Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council and its members. The District will likely need to stay in contact with a few of these people as they develop the overall regional plan.

## 10.0 Other

### 10.01 Old Stage Coach Trail

F. George enquired if the District could contribute its GPS/GIS mapping services in plotting out the old stage coach trail and halfway house in the Gem and Rosemary Lease areas.

**2009-05-106 Moved by F. George that the EID assist in mapping the Old Stage Coach Trail and Halfway House in the north end of the District. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

## 11.0 Tour of Silver Sage/Rodeo/Arena Grounds, Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, Kitsim Bypass, Kitsim Feeder, 04C Cassils & Crawling Valley Campground

## 12.0 Upcoming Events

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| 12.01 | EID Staff Pancake Breakfast | - Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. at the Duchess Shop         |
| 12.02 | EnCana BBQ                  | - Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Brooks Rodeo Grounds |
| 12.03 | MLA Tour & Lunch            | - Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 8:00 a.m. beginning at the EID Office      |
| 12.04 | Regular Board Meeting       | - Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                  |
| 12.05 | Irrigation Council Tour     | - Thursday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 12.06 | Regular Board Meeting       | - Tuesday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                  |
| 12.07 | Info Mtg with Chamber       | - TBA   |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:42 a.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**June 23, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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:

- 13.0 Other
- 13.01 Letter from Doug & Cathy Odland
- 13.02 Invitation from Rolling Hills Fire Department

**2009-06-107 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 May 26, 2009**

**2009-06-108 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the May 26, 2009 Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.02 December 22, 2008 – Correction of Dates**

The following items were noted for correction:

- 9.0 Budget, replace “2008 Budget” with “2008/2009 Budget”.
- Motion 2008-12-353, replace “2009/2010 Budget” with “2008/2009 Budget”.

**2009-06-109 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the December 22, 2008 Directors Meeting be revised as noted. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Meeting with the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce – Suggested Dates**

W. Enns has been in contact with Tracy Acorn, Manager of the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce. Of the three dates suggested by the Chamber, the Board confirmed that Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. would be suitable. Mrs. Enns will arrange the meeting details.

**4.0 Chairman Report****4.01 Report on MLA Tour – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

The EID was invited to give a brief meeting and tour for MLAs in conjunction with a PC event held later that day, on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Of the 17 MLAs arriving in Brooks, half a dozen were able to attend the EID meeting and tour at 8:00 a.m., where an overview of the District and irrigation in

general was given to MLAs unfamiliar with this part of the agricultural industry. A short tour was given prior to the group beginning their PC scheduled events. A mid-day lunch was sponsored by the District. Directors attending found the meeting and tour to be quite informative for the guests, and participated in several conversations regarding irrigation throughout the day.

#### **4.02 Meeting with Martin Shields – Request for 1<sup>st</sup> Right of Refusal on Industrial Land**

B. Chrumka met with Martin Shields, Mayor of Brooks, on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The City was inquiring whether they have, or could get, first right of refusal on grazing land located in SW 29-18-14 W4M, between the industrial park to the north currently being developed, and the arena and Silver Sage to the south. This request has not been granted in the past, and cannot be now as the County is currently considering this piece of land. Mr. Chrumka will reply by letter.

### **5.0 Financial Report**

#### **5.01 May 31, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to May 31, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$11.86 million.
- YTD total revenues are tracking on YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 12% (\$600,300) under YTD budget.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2009-06-110 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2009, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

[9:32 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

### **6.0 Operations**

#### **6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date**

E. Wilson updated the board package information of one week ago. Currently 240,000 acre feet of water has been diverted, with 284,000 acre feet spilling to Saskatchewan. Usage has averaged out to .84 ft/acre. These are not unusual numbers for this time. Reservoirs are 99% full.

It has been noted that 5 farmers are already at 24", and will be shut off. Water District Supervisors will need to have clear communication with irrigators on their use to date, for those getting near their maximum allowable usage. Water use calculation formulas will be sent out to all irrigators in an upcoming newsletter. If an irrigator is questioning their cfs, they can contact their WDS, who can bring out a meter to measure the flow. As water levels are adequate, these procedures are not being emphasized in reaction to a perceived shortage, rather it is found that irrigators need to be reminded of policy, and further measures may need to be developed and in place for the provincially mandated Drought Plan.

#### **6.02 Farm Improvements**

##### **6.02.1 R. Henrickson – NW 31-21-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 57 acres; new pivot area is 74 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 57 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. With the current assessment being 57 acres and the new pivot area being 74 acres, 17 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. New assessment on this quarter will be 74 acres. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$3,420 - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,680 Water User owing the District.

**2009-06-111 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for R. Henrickson for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot in the NW 31-21-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$3,420 - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,680 Water User owing the District. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**6.02.2 A. Neely – SW 32-21-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 64 acres; new pivot area is 65 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 64 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. With the current assessment being 64 acres and the new pivot area being 65 acres, 1 additional acre is needed, which is gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot. New assessment on this quarter will be 65 acres. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$1,920 - \$300 (1 acre at \$300/acre) = \$1,620.

**2009-06-112 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for A. Neely for the conversion of 64 acres wheels to wiper pivot in the SW 32-21-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,920 - \$300 (1 acre at \$300/acre) = 1,620. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**6.02.3 J. & S. Neely – SE 31-21-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 61 acres; new pivot area is 67 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 61 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. With the current assessment being 61 acres and the new pivot area being 67 acres, 6 additional acres are needed, which are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot. New assessment on this quarter will be 67 acres. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$1,830 - \$1,800 (6 acre at \$300/acre) = \$30.

**2009-06-113 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for J. & S. Neely for the conversion of 61 acres wheels to wiper pivot in the SE 31-21-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$1,830 - \$1,800 (6 acres at \$300/acre) = \$30. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Since there is one delivery which feeds both the SE 31-21-12 W4M and the SW 32-21-12 W4M, an irrigable unit must be registered.

**2009-06-114 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 31-21-12 W4M, lands being owned by J. & S. Neely, and SW 32-21-12 W4M, lands being owned by A. Neely. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**6.02.4 Dirk & Jan Drost (A. Patterson) – S ½ 27-14-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 192 acres; new pivot area is 175 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 175 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 17 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$10,500 (175 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,400. The assessment will remain the same at 192 acres.

**2009-06-115 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for Dirk & Jan Drost for the conversion of 175 acres flood to pivot in the S ½ 27-14-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$10,500 - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,400. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[10:02 – 10:11 Short break.]

**6.03 Tilley B Water Quality**

Mr. Chrumka expressed concerns that the water quality coming out of Tilley B Reservoir has not improved, and may in fact be getting worse. Mr. Wilson advised that this same problem is present on every smaller reservoir, is occurring throughout Alberta, and that it is likely a combination of light penetration and phosphorous levels. Lake Newell has the advantage of being a larger, deeper body of water, with water agitation occurring from frequent winds and more flow through the reservoir.

[10:20 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

To date, a practical solution has not been found; water flow-through has been suggested the most. Application of Magnacide H and dragging is used in the District where necessary and practical; it was suggested by Directors to try this for canals leading into and/or out of the reservoir. Water quality studies and treatment investigations have been done, and possible remedies or management will continue to be aggressively pursued.

**7.0 Engineering****7.01 2008/2009 Construction Projects**

I. Friesen presented the 2008/2009 Construction Projects cost summary. The total for rehabilitation projects, which includes structures, screen cleaners, flow measurement and automation as well as canal and pipeline construction, is projected to be \$21,882,000; of which \$5.6 million is provincially funded. Total cost to date is \$20,276,000; some clean up costs are yet to be entered.

**7.02 27 Rolling Hills**

27 Rolling Hills Canal crosses Secondary Hwy #525 about 8 km east and 5 km south of Rolling Hills, from N ½ 14-14-13 W4M up to N ½ 24-14-13 W4M. This portion is 4 km long and serves 786 acres. Vegetation overgrowth and bank erosion from cattle causing flooding are the major problems. Seepage is also a major concern for landowners along the first 1.5 km of the canal. This rehabilitation project would involve rebuilding the canal with buried liner and gravel armour on the side slopes. Two alignments were presented, one to relocate the canal to the edge of 1 quarter, and another to relocate to the edge of an additional quarter for an extra \$146,000. It is recommended to fund this project under the Capital Works Program.

**2009-06-116 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 27 Rolling Hills by rebuilding 4 km of the canal with a buried liner and gravel armour, and relocating two quarters to the quarter section lines, at an estimated cost of \$1,639,164. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.03 Lower Bow Slope**

This reach of the Lower Bow Slope is located immediately NE of Scandia and begins at the center of Sec. 29-15-15 W4M, crosses Hwy #36 and ends just into the SW corner of SW 27-15-15 W4M. Seepage, lack of freeboard and deteriorated structures are the major problems, along with road ditch crowding on the lower end. The proposed rehabilitation involves rebuilding 2,800 m of canal by installing buried liner, gravel armour, increased freeboard, 7 farm turnouts, 4 drain inlets, 1 CSP farm crossing and the modification of 2 cast-in-place structures. The canal will keep its current alignment, with the exception of some minor centerline shifts. This project has been designed by due South Project Management, and is estimated to cost \$1,485,000.

**2009-06-117 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Lower Bow Slope Canal by rebuilding 2,800 m of the canal with buried liner and gravel armour, at an estimated cost of \$1,485,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

[10:54 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting; M. Douglass and L. Johnson entered.]

**11:00 a.m. County of Newell Reeve, Molly Douglass & Assistant Administrator, Layne Johnson**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Molly Douglass, County of Newell Reeve and Layne Johnson, County of Newell Assistant Administrator to the meeting. County Council requested a discussion of the two parties to see what action might be taken to further the paving of Secondary Hwy #873 from the Kinbrook Island Provincial Park turnoff south past the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and west to Hwy #36. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was agreed that the County and the EID will write separate letters of reply that their offers still stand. As well, the County will pursue securing a meeting with associated MLAs, and the District will further their talks with the local Parks representative.

[11:27 a.m. M. Douglass and L. Johnson exited the meeting.]

[11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break, R. Moen entered the meeting.]

**8.0 EIDNet Report****8.01 Current Status**

1,096 customers are currently connected. Early on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> lightning struck PCCC's main tower on the outskirts of Calgary. This took down the entire ring for about 4 ½ hours until a temporary link could be added in. Continued antenna replacement work is occurring in Rainier, Scandia, Patricia and Tilley to address either connection quality, increased coverage and/or to begin upgrading.

**8.02 Water User Subscription Rates**

At the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Directors Meeting, a motion was carried that all EIDNet accounts offer higher speeds and/or reduced rates, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was also requested that the Water User subscription rates be re-examined. After a short discussion, the following motion was carried.

**2009-06-118 Moved by F. George that the Water User and Staff EIDNet subscription rates be decreased to \$20 for 400/256 kbps accounts, \$30 for 1000/512 kbps accounts, and \$40 for 1500/512 kbps accounts, effective for July 1, 2009. Seconded by P. Hemsing. DEFEATED**

**2009-06-119 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Water User and Staff EIDNet subscription rates be decreased to \$20 for 400/256 kbps accounts, \$30 for 1000/512 kbps accounts, and remain the same at \$45 for 1500/512 kbps accounts, effective for July 1, 2009. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.03 Review of Overall System**

Ronan Moen, Information Services, K. Bridges and E. Wilson updated the Board on the overall system.

[1:05 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting, B. Hale entered.]

**9.0 Equipment****9.01 Purchase of 350 Hi Hoe**

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the 350 Hi Hoe for sale from the Town of Magrath was purchased for \$200,000.

**9.02 Sale of 230 Hi Hoe**

The EID's 230 Hi Hoe is surplus to the District's needs, and Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to sell.

**2009-06-120 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the sale of the 230 Hi Hoe at the minimum price recommended by the General Manager. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**10.0 Lands****10.01 Grazing Report**

B. Hale presented the grazing report for the month of June. Total grazing numbers for 2009 are at 14,931; down 379 head from 2008, even after increasing numbers from 50 to 54 head. Water systems throughout the leases have proven to supplement the disappointing spring runoff. At report time, rainfall has been sporadic, but good carryover grass is evident from past years. Most cattle are now moved onto native grass pastures. Mr. Hale responded to a number of questions.

[1:17 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**10.02 Assessment Report**

This report was presented as information.

<b>EID Water Roll</b>	
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	
December 31, 2008	285,305 irrigation acres
June 15, 2009	286,262 irrigation acres
Net increase	957 irrigation acres
<b>Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)	95 irrigation acres
<b>Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)	1,052 irrigation acres
Note: 190 acres were added to the Water Roll and 236 terminable acres were converted prior to December 31, 2008 as a result of the November 19, 2008 Directors Meeting.	

[1:17 p.m. M. Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

**11.0 PHD Report**

Margo Jarvis Redelback was invited to respond to a number of questions, including stock replacements and survival rate, bird count fluctuations, and in-kind donations. Stock quality, storage, planting and irrigation all affect the survival rate. Her department is currently using a donated reefer trailer on Lakeside property to store stock during planting season as the construction at the Crop Diversification Centre has eliminated the use of their cooler. Weather during hatching, winter conditions and predator population contributed to bird count fluctuations this past year. Types of in-kind donations contributed in other districts as well as the EID were discussed. Mrs. Redelback responded to various other questions, and was thanked for her work.

[1:33 p.m. M. Jarvis Redelback exited the meeting.]

**12.0 General Manager's Report****12.01 Drought Plan**

E. Wilson advised that Alberta Environment and various organizations are encouraging license holders to establish drought plans. Development work has begun for TransAlta Utilities, City of Calgary, WID, EID, BRID, and Alberta Environment Operations, as Mr. Wilson chaired a meeting for these major users of the Bow River yesterday in Calgary. It was agreed at the meeting that each entity should develop their own plan, to then be worked into a major plan for the whole. The



EID specifically, has that much more responsibility to develop an individual plan as it conveys water for 46 additional license holders. Discussion was invited as to current and possible water policy development. Various strategies were discussed at length. This plan will be a major retreat topic, with detailed information to be presented to the farmers at the winter/spring information meetings. Reminders to irrigators of current EID policies regarding water rules and regulations will be forwarded in an upcoming newsletter. A meeting with Division Superintendents and Supervisors will need to precede the newsletter.

## **12.02 Water License**

### **12.02.1 Water License Amendment Application Update**

Mr. Wilson expressed frustration in the delay of the license amendment process, and in not knowing the current status. Draft letters were given for review. Through discussion it was decided to hold off sending the letters and to try and set up meetings with Deputy Minister Jim Ellis and secondly with Minister Rob Renner. MLA Arno Doerksen is to be kept informed as well.

### **12.02.2 City of Brooks Conveyance Agreement**

The City of Brooks will be issued a new water license with the condition that they have an agreement from the EID to convey the license and that they have a Water Shortage Response Plan. Mr. Wilson recommended that the District agree to convey the water, and also agree to let them use Lake Newell as storage, as storage is a requirement of the Plan. The Board was in agreement.

## **12.03 2010 Water Applications**

E. Wilson asked if the District would want to accept applications for 2010 for new acres on the river portion of the District (as in 2008), or wait for another year or two. It was confirmed that applications will be accepted for the entire District, as adequate acres have been saved through efficiencies and that this process affords choosing the most qualified applications. This information is also to be included in the upcoming newsletter.

## **12.04 Irrigation Development out of Rolling Hills Reservoir**

The District's 3 Year Plan has irrigation development out of the Rolling Hills Reservoir scheduled for 2 years from now. Mr. Wilson asked for input on moving that timeline up 1 year. It was supported that the engineering design will be moved up, to have information out to farmers this winter.

## **12.05 AltaLink Transmission Lines**

AltaLink is proposing a new 240 kV transmission line project from Brooks to Medicine Hat to support the development of new wind generation projects in southern Alberta. A map with at least 4 or 5 route options was reviewed for comments. It was supported that the route options with the most irrigation and canals be discouraged, and that the route along the Trans Canada may be the most favorable for the District. Oil & Gas, Grazing and Internet departments will review the proposed routes; Grazing Associations will be contacted if affected.

## **12.06 Water Use, Newsletter**

In addition to notifying those farmers that are already at their maximum water usage, it was supported that all irrigators be informed of policy development regarding how the District will need to regulate the use of water in drought years. Through discussion, it was proposed that a 24" limit on every parcel be modified so that a farmer could average 18" over his/her whole farm; ie. if a certain number of acres on the farm needed 22" of water, then the same number of acres on the farm would receive 14" of water, as long as all the irrigation acres included in the farm average to 18" or less. A second step would be to lower the 18" limit to 16", for example; and to give the farmer the option to sell or transfer any unused water to other farmers for use that year. These strategies will be discussed further with District staff and Directors. Implementation this year would only include the 18" average rule; farmers will be notified shortly whether or not it will be in effect.

A newsletter to all irrigators is planned to go out within the next 2 weeks. It will include water use calculation, water use policy, irrigation application, and internet information. It is hoped to also include recent irrigator-specific water use information to individuals at or above 18" of water use, in the mail outs.

**12.07 July Board Meeting**

Mr. Wilson requested that the July Directors Meeting be moved from Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**13.0 Other**

**13.01 Letter from Doug & Cathy Odland**

A letter addressed to the Board of Directors was received from Doug and Cathy Odland regarding the WDS house in the Bow Slope area. In discussion of points raised in the letter, the Board was satisfied that matters have been appropriately dealt with by District staff. A letter of reply will be sent.

**13.02 Invitation from Rolling Hills Fire Department**

As the Rolling Hills Fire Department leases a portion of the EID shop in Rolling Hills, administration has been requested to give a short speech at the grand opening on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

- 14.01 Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce - Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> (tentative)
- 14.02 Irrigation Council Tour - Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>
- 14.03 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 14.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:21 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**July 23, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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:

- 12.0 Other
- 12.01 EID 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2010
- 12.02 Board Retreat

**2009-07-121 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 June 23, 2009**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Motion 2009-06-119, page 55, insert “and remain the same at \$45 for 1500/512 kbps accounts” prior to “effective for July 1, 2009.”

**2009-07-122 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the June 23, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented with the correction. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**9:05 a.m. Bassano Dam Settlement – Dennis Roth Presentation of Agmt & Solicitor Advice – In Camera**

B. Chrumka welcomed Dennis Roth, from Ackroyd LLP Barristers & Solicitors in Edmonton. Mr. Roth has been the lawyer retained by the District for the Bassano Dam Settlement Claim.

[9:05 a.m.]

**2009-07-123 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board resolve into Committee of the Whole. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2009-07-124 Moved by N. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[10:30 a.m.]

Mr. Chrumka expressed appreciation for the work that Mr. Roth has put into the negotiations on behalf of the EID, and thanked him for attending the meeting.

#### **4.0 Bassano Dam Settlement Agreement – Out of Camera**

Further discussion was held by Directors and Administration.

[10:39 a.m. – 10:51 a.m. Short break. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

#### **5.0 Financial Report**

##### **5.01 June 30, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to June 30, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$12.5 million.
- YTD total revenues are tracking on YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 5% (\$305,800) under YTD budget.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2009-07-125 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2009, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

##### **5.02 Investment Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment report summarizing that the market value of the District's investments at June 30, 2009 is \$2.88 million less than at September 30, 2008 and is \$5.22 million more than at March 31, 2009. The fluctuations are considered normal and are based primarily on the timing of payments, particularly for equipment purchases and capital projects. As well, the interest rate earned on the EID's chequing accounts is better than the short term GIC rate, so more money than normal is being held in the chequing accounts.

**2009-07-126 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

##### **5.02.1 Investment Account Resolution**

In order to meet ATB's requirements, and to update the Directors and officers of the EID in relation to all investment accounts, Mr. Bridges presented the following resolution for Board approval.

**2009-07-127 Moved by N. Johnson that one or more accounts 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) Servus 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 accounts 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., Servus Credit Union Ltd., or The Bank of Nova Scotia. **Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

## 6.0 Operations

### 6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

E. Wilson advised that 4 water users have been shut off, as they have reached the maximum allotted water on their parcels. The 24" maximum allocation will continue to be enforced. To date, 310,000 acre feet of water has been diverted; and 2,300 cfs is currently being spilled. Usage has now averaged out to 1.4 ft/acre. Usage from various reservoirs was reviewed, noting that levels are at 97% to full. The start of the season saw 238,000 acre feet in storage; it now sits at 291,000 acre feet. The number of farmers irrigating right after the rain dropped to 39; currently 464 are irrigating, with 90 on order.

### 6.02 Farm Improvement

#### 6.02.1 Mike Van Dyke – SE 17-15-13 W4M

Current assessment is 146 acres; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 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 wishing to sell the 16 additional acres back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$7,800 – 1,700 (riser installation) = \$6,100. New assessment will be 130 acres.

**2009-07-128 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Mike Van Dyke for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in the SE 17-15-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800 - \$1,700 (riser installation) = \$6,100. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2009-07-129 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of Mike Van Dyke's 16 acres of water rights on SE 17-15-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 16 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$11,200. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:22 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

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**7.0 Engineering****7.01 John Ware Drain**

The John Ware Drain is located east of Duchess, beginning at the SW corner of SE 26-20-14 W4M and continuing northeast, with this portion ending at the north end of SE 01-21-14 W4M. This section of the drain is subject to water overtopping the banks due to erosion caused by cattle. The proposal is to reshape the drain slopes, realign the path, and progressively widen the bed as the drain travels downstream. Two options were presented for consideration, one rehabbing 5.3 km and realigning 3.4 km at a cost of \$1.66 million; and the other rehabbing 5.01 km and realigning 1.82 km at a cost of \$1.35 million.

**2009-07-130 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of the John Ware Drain by reshaping and widening approximately 9 km of the drain, and realigning a portion, at an estimated cost of \$1,660,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.02 Rolling Hills #2 Spillway**

The Rolling Hills #2 Spillway is located approximately 6 km east and 7 km south of Rolling Hills in NW 02-14-13 W4M. This rehabilitation will rebuild the last 1,350 m of the spillway through to 12 Mile Coulee. The spillway is currently in rough shape with side slopes that are severely undercut and the bed meandering back and forth washing material downstream. As well, the 2 concrete drop structures are showing signs of age and are undersized for the spillway's maximum potential flow. It is recommended that this spillway be trimmed and armoured and the concrete structures be replaced by Gabion runs. The estimated cost is \$550,000; recommended to be funded under the District's Capital Works Program.

**2009-07-131 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Rolling Hills Spill #2 by trimming and armouring the last 1,350 m of the spillway and installing Gabion runs, at an estimated cost of \$550,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.03 One Tree Creek Canal**

The One Tree Creek Canal stems off Main Bantry Canal in NE 16-18-14 W4M, continuing north to One Tree Reservoir. This rehab project is located approximately 1 km east of Brooks and consists of the first 5.1 km, ending at the Trans Canada Highway in NW 34-18-14 W4M. The current system has severe erosion problems. The proposed rehabilitation consists of trimming and armouring the existing canal at an estimated \$1,075,000 to be funded under the District's Capital Works Program.

**2009-07-132 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of One Tree Creek Canal by trimming and armouring 5.1 km, at an estimated cost of \$1,075,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.04 Main Bantry & North Bantry Canal**

Main Bantry Canal begins at the north end of Lake Newell in SW 05-18-14 W4M, splitting about 1.5 km south of the Trans Canada Highway. This project, located 10 km southeast of Brooks, includes the rehabilitation of the 8.2 km of Main Bantry and 1.8 km of North Bantry canals. Seepage and general deterioration are the main problems with this section. The proposed rehabilitation consists of installing buried liner on a portion of reach, re-sloping and armouring other sections, and replacing turnouts. A relocation was proposed as an option, but was not recommended.

**2009-07-133 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of the Bantry & North Bantry Canal at an estimated cost of \$3,507,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. J. Meador & I. Friesen exited the meeting; lunch break.]

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**8.0 Lands****8.01 Inter Pipeline Agreement**

E. Wilson presented a report from G. Redelback outlining compensation from Inter Pipeline in regards to a project linking existing oil lines from Taber to Tilley. The District's portion runs from the Bow River in 14-14 W4M to the Battery Site on the Trans Canada Highway in 22-17-12 W4M, involving approximately 43 EID quarters. A landowner group was formed from landowners south of the Bow River, plus one major landowner in the EID to discuss pipeline compensation. A compensation rate structure was negotiated, with the District receiving equal rates as private landowners. The District's total estimated compensation for this project will be \$735,061.38.

**8.02 Value of Parcels of Interest to County of Newell**

Mr. Wilson reviewed the appraiser's estimates on the two parcels of interest to the County of Newell. As well, administration's estimates were given supported by various factors, with input also requested from Directors. The following price per acre amounts were approved, subject to the sale of the land being for County of Newell office and shop relocation purposes, with a 1 year timeline for purchase.

**2009-07-134 Moved by A. Nielsen that the purchase price for SW 20-18-14 W4M for the County of Newell office and shop relocation purposes, be set at \$6,000/acre for the whole parcel, or \$7,000/acre for 80 acres. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2009-07-135 Moved by T. Livingston that the purchase price for approximately 130 acres in SW 29-18-14 W4M for the County of Newell office and shop relocation purposes, be set at \$20,000/acre. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.03 Irrigation Development Policy**

As in the fall of 2008, the current Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines policy needs to be revised to accommodate the special District wide irrigation applications for 2009. The policy will revert back in 2010 to applications only being taken for acres off reservoir support.

**2009-07-136 Moved by P. Hemsing that the "Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines" policy be revised to accept irrigation applications to irrigate additional land in areas without reservoir support, as well as those below Lake Newell and Crawling Valley; and that this policy revert back to the standard policy as of January 1, 2010. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.0 Water License Amendment Application Update**

In calling to set up an appointment, E. Wilson was informed of the status of the new government policy impacting the EID's amendment application and was assured that the policy is moving through the governmental divisions. Mr. Wilson will check the status again later this summer.

**10.0 Irrigation Council Meeting**

Further discussion was held in follow up to the July 16<sup>th</sup> Irrigation Council Tour Meeting at the EID office. It was specified that statistics supporting a proposed directive on the whole, without taking into account some of the individual District variables need to be debated. It was suggested that a meeting be set up between the General Manager, Irrigation Secretariat, and some or all of Irrigation Council to discuss the factors of this deliberation.

**11.0 Staffing Update**

A new Water District Supervisor has been hired for the Gem division. Applications for an additional hi hoe operator are continuing to be received; no interviews have been held as yet.

**12.0 Other**

**12.01 EID 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2010**

Directors were asked to start thinking about how they would like to see the EID's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrated in 2010. Suggestions are to be brought forward in the coming months.

**12.02 Board Retreat**

Late fall was suggested for the upcoming Board Retreat in order to have certain information prepared for Information Meetings the following spring, and to allow adequate time for planning any special events. The specific dates and venue are to be decided.

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

- 13.01 EID Staff Golf Tournament - Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 p.m. - Bassano
- 13.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 13.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**T. Livingston moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:09 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager



**August 25, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man. <i>[apologies]</i>
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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:

- 9.06 Silver Sage Agricultural Society Agreement
- 9.07 Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Banquet
- 11.08 Chamber of Commerce – Request to Fund Award
- 12.0 Other
- 12.01 Response to Article on Antelope and Fencing

**2009-08-137 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 July 23, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2009-08-138 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Minutes of the July 23, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting of August 17, 2009. The next Directors Meeting is slated for Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Raymond. "How to Win a Plebiscite" is proposed for the main discussion; any topic and meeting suggestions, etc. may be forwarded to Ron McMullin. The consultant's executive summary of the Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity (CEP) plan was discussed, and will be addressed at the Manager's meeting this coming Thursday in Lethbridge. Letters regarding the Magnacide H herbicide have been written and forwarded to the parent company. As PR, a feature irrigation supplement was included in a recent edition of the Lethbridge Herald, and a photo was distributed of the advertising trailer which has been shown in parades and parked along various public routes. The annual AIPA conference has been scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in Calgary, with a proposed theme of "Saving Water & Where Does It Go?"

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## 5.0 Financial Report

### 5.01 July 31, 2009 Financial Statements

E. Wilson presented the Financial Statements to July 31, 2009 on behalf of K. Bridges, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$13.2 million
- YTD total revenues are about 2% (\$429,500) above YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 4% (\$248,300) under YTD budget.

A number of questions were responded to by the General Manager.

**2009-08-139 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2009, as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

### 5.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report

Mr. Wilson presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report on behalf of K. Bridges.

**2009-08-140 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

## 6.0 EIDNet Report

E. Wilson presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A total of 1,130 customers are currently connected, up 36 accounts from last month. Networking problems at PCCC and thunderstorms caused outages for some customers, and a delay in the upgrading of the Rosemary tower. These problems have been resolved, and upgrading of Rosemary customers were being scheduled as of August 24<sup>th</sup>. Construction has begun for the new Brooks tower.

## 7.0 Operations

### 7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

E. Wilson advised that the statistics received in the board package were as of Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Only 32 farmers were irrigating last week, with 7 on order. 300 cfs was being diverted at the Bassano Dam yesterday but has increased to 500 cfs today, serving 140 quarters. Fifty of the 140 quarters were added yesterday, another 70 orders are on the books today. Corn, canola and potatoes are most of what is receiving irrigation at this point. Reservoir status ranges from 92-103%, with the exception of Rolling Hills at 81%, and Cowoki at 52%.

### 7.02 Water Shut Down Date

As it is not anticipated that farmers will require water late this year, E. Wilson proposed a Water Shut Down date of Friday, October 9, 2009, just prior to the Thanksgiving weekend.

**2009-08-141 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Friday, October 9, 2009. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

### 7.03 Farm Improvements

#### 7.03.1 Travis Simo – SW 01-22-17 W4M

Current assessment is 89 acres; new wiper pivot area is 89 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 89 acres wheels to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,670.

**2009-08-142 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Travis Simo for the conversion of 89 acres wheels to wiper pivot in the SW 01-22-17 W4M. The farm**

**improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,670. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**7.03.2 D. Virostek – NW 08-15-13 W4M**

On December 12, 2008 a Farm Improvement was done on this quarter switching 85 acres flood to pivot. The Water User chose to keep 16 acres of pivot corners and was deducted \$300/acre.

The landowner now wants to convert 31 acres from flood to wheels and sell back 11 acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$775. New assessment on the quarter will be 123 acres.

**2009-08-143 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for D. Virostek for the conversion of 31 acres flood to wheels in NW 08-15-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$775. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2009-08-144 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of D. Virostek's 11 acres of water rights on NW 08-15-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 11 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,700. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[9:45 a.m. – 9:48 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 F Springhill**

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 8 km north of Duchess and is slated for the 2009/10 construction year. The current system irrigates 1,446 acres, 73% of which are sprinkler. There are erosion and seepage problems with the current system. Three options were presented, ranging in cost from \$4,149,000 to \$5,308,000; and involving a combination of moving some acres to a adjacent system, and/or varying pipeline and open ditch for a portion of the system. Option 1 was recommended, to be funded under the IRP program.

**2009-08-145 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation of F Springhill by installing a closed gravity pipeline system, at an estimated cost of \$4,531,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**8.02 M Tilley**

This rehabilitation project is located 1.6 km directly south of Tilley. The M Tilley canal has seepage and insufficient bank height. The proposal is to raise the canal banks and install a buried liner and gravel for the first 300 m and rebuilding the remaining 150 m without liner or armour. The estimated cost for this project is \$180,000.

**2009-08-146 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of M Tilley by rebuilding and installing a portion of buried liner and armour, at an estimated cost of \$180,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[10:04 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Lands**

**9.01 Irrigable Unit Registration – George Redelback - Pt. NE 16, SE 21 & Pt. NE 21-18-14 W4M**

These parcels were terminable irrigation because there was no check structure at the point where they removed water from One Tree Canal. With the proposed rehabilitation of the drain, a structure will be installed at that point so the terminable irrigation can be converted to irrigation acres. There will be 2 proper deliveries installed: one servicing the lands lying to the south and

east of the canal, and the other servicing the lands lying to the north and west of the canal. Both deliveries are located in SE 21-18-14 W4M, so an irrigable unit must be registered on all 3 parcels.

**2009-08-147 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NE 16, SE 21 & Pt. NE 21-18-14 W4M, lands being owned by George Redelback. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**9.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Ken & Jean Pickett – S ½ 15-22-17 W4M**

Both the irrigation acres in the SW 15-22-17 (126 acres) and SE 15-22-17 W4M (68 acres) are fed from the SW quarter, thus an Irrigable Unit is required to be registered.

**2009-08-148 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 15-22-17 W4M, lands being owned by Ken & Jean Pickett. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.03 Irrigated Leases**

Irrigated Leases #8215, #8216 and #8217 are expiring October 31, 2009. As per policy, the current leaseholder can either opt to extend the present lease by 10 years for a one time payment equal to the rental price in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the current lease; ask to have the lease sold with the right to match the highest bid, in which the lease is appraised and a minimum price is disclosed to the current lessee; or give the lease up.

**9.03.1 Irrigated Lease #8215 – Leonard Lundquist – NE 16-15-13 W4M**

Mr. Lundquist is requesting that the District have the land appraised and a minimum price set so that he knows what the minimum price will be if he requests that it be put up for bid. E. Wilson will arrange for an appraisal.

**2009-08-149 Moved by P. Hemsing that Irrigated Lease #8215 be appraised, a minimum price set by the District and this price be disclosed to the present lessee. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.03.2 Irrigated Lease #8216 – Fred Nannt – NE 26-14-13 W4M**

F. Nannt is requesting to extend the lease an additional 10 years, and is enquiring what the rental rate will be for the next 5 years. A short discussion was held on comparable leases. The 10 year extension request and 5 year rental rate will be dealt with at September's meeting.

**9.03.3 Irrigated Lease #8217 – Ralph Nannt – NW 26-14-13 W4M**

R. Nannt is requesting to extend the lease an additional 10 years, and is enquiring what the rental rate will be for the next 5 years. A short discussion was held on comparable leases. The 10 year extension request and 5 year rental rate will be dealt with at September's meeting.

**9.04 County of Newell Land Site**

Mr. Wilson advised that the County has chosen the full quarter of land in SW 20-18-14 W4M at \$6,000/acre for their office and shop relocation purposes.

**9.05 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Fencing**

B. Chrumka was contacted by the County of Newell, enquiring if the District would be willing to cost share the chain link fence surrounding the Silver Sage, Rodeo and Arena Grounds. The quote for the entire job is \$125,000; with the possibility of a grant, in which then the County and the District would also split. Mr. Wilson added that the County and the District are currently cost sharing the earthworks, which has been more than anticipated and further work is needed. Rather than paying for half the fencing as requested by the County, it was agreed that the District will pay for the additional sand and gravel required to complete the earthworks. E. Wilson will reply to the County by letter.

**9.06 Silver Sage Agricultural Society Agreement**

A. Nielsen passed on a request that the new umbrella lease agreement with the Silver Sage Agricultural Society, which will cover both the existing grounds and expanded rodeo grounds, be written up for long term stability and to promote grant applications. Mr. Wilson confirmed that he has instructed K. Bridges to write up a 20 year lease agreement. As well, it was approved in May that the first 5 years rental, 2010 through 2014, be free of charge.

**9.07 Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Banquet**

The Eastern Irrigation District Brooks Ducks Unlimited Canada Banquet is set for Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Inn. A complimentary table has been set aside; Directors are to contact W. Enns by September 10<sup>th</sup> confirming or declining their attendance.

**10.0 PHD Update**

A PHD update outlining the current financial and organizational status of the program was included in the Board packages as information. Directors expressed their continued support of the program.

**11.0 General Manager's Update****11.01 Water License Amendment Application Update – Policy Update**

E. Wilson updated the Board on Alberta Environment's policy update affecting the District's water license amendment application. The District will likely have to identify a quantity of water for each described use, instead of a total amount; and will have to either re-apply and re-advertise, or provide information to all that wrote letters of concern.

**11.02 Baker Hughes – Magnacide H Herbicide**

Notification has been received from Baker Hughes, international distributor of Magnacide H herbicide – the chemical used for algae and weed control, that it would no longer be made available to the irrigation industry. A letter writing campaign from the irrigation industry and subsidiary company has begun, to try and reverse or at the very least delay this decision. In addition, provincial politicians have been requested to write. The industry is also trying to arrange a face-to-face meeting with the executives of Baker Hughes.

**11.03 Mural for 2010**

A location and theme for a mural, a request through the Communities In Bloom mural program, was discussed and approved in general. Administration is to proceed with the development of the mural design and contracting an artist.

**2009-08-151 Moved by T. Livingston that the District proceed with a mural commemorating the EID's 75 years of irrigation. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**11.04 City of Brooks Business & Community Profile Magazine**

The publisher of the City of Brooks Business & Community Profile magazine has asked if the EID could have a large write up on its history and current status, including archival photos, advertising, etc. The Board was in agreement that this could be another avenue in celebrating the District's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Wilson will contact the City of Brooks.

**2009-08-152 Moved by T. Livingston that the District proceed with articles, photographs, etc. in the next City of Brooks Business and Community Profile Magazine to commemorate the EID's 75 years of irrigation. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**11.05 Alberta Environment Letter re Old Shop Yard**

A letter has been received from Alberta Environment requesting an update on the status of contamination on the old yard site, and to submit a remedial plan. Remedial options were discussed. Mr. Wilson will proceed with Alberta Environment requirements.

**11.06 Farmer Advocate – Request to Sponsor Meeting**

The Farmer Advocate office has asked the District to partner in hosting a meeting this fall. E. Wilson is to request topic information to be presented at the meeting.

**11.07 Western Sky Land Trust**

The Western Sky Land Trust (a Bow River area conservation organization) 2008 Annual Report was included as information.

**11.08 Chamber of Commerce – Request to Fund Award**

The Chamber of Commerce has asked the District to sponsor an award for their annual Small Business Week awards. This request was declined; Mr. Wilson will respond by letter.

**12.0 Other****12.01 Response to Article on Antelope and Fencing**

F. George noted that an article “Pronghorns Get Free Reign on the Prairie”, by Dawn Walton was run in the August 17<sup>th</sup> edition of The Globe and Mail. Mr. George described the article which he had read online, and suggested that the District add its comments on its policy and practice. It was agreed that a District letter be sent to the editor of the Globe and Mail in response to the article on prairie antelope and existing fencing which appears to be limiting their range. The EID fencing policy and practice of the bottom wire required to be 16” – 18” above ground, is to be noted in the letter and also given as a reminder to grazing associations, contract fencers, etc.

**9.0 Lands con’td.****9.08 Set Grazing Round-Up Date**

B. Hale recommended a Round-Up Date of October 17, 2009. A short discussion was held, including a consulting phone call to Mr. Hale who could not attend the meeting. The recommended date was approved, with an option to stay out 1 week later. Mr. Hale will contact the Grazing Associations.

**2009-08-150 Moved by R. Owen that the Board set the Round-Up Date for lease cattle to be out by October 17, 2009, with the option to stay out 1 additional week. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

13.01	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.
13.02	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:36 a.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**September 22, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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:

- 3.01 Farmer Advocate – Request to Sponsor Meeting
- 8.02 Crawling Valley Campground
- 11.0 Other
- 11.01 EnCana Invitation to the Olympics

**2009-09-153 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 August 25, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2009-09-154 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the August 25, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Farmer Advocate – Request to Sponsor Meeting**

Mr. Wilson contacted the Farmer Advocate in regards to the request to sponsor a meeting and it was explained that the Eastern Irrigation District was mistaken for the EID Landowners Association. Topic information was discussed and the organization was advised not to offer courses that were too basic, as area landowners are well informed on the basics.

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 August 31, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to August 31, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$13.97 million.
- YTD total revenues are about 3% (\$622,400) above YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 3% (\$256,400) under YTD budget.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2009-09-155 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2009, as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A combination of hardware failures at Jenner and Rolling Hills towers caused an outage at Jenner, Tilley and Rolling Hills around 7:00 a.m. on September 8<sup>th</sup>. PCCC responded to the Jenner problem and District staff dealt with the Rolling Hills tower and all users were back up by 4:00 p.m. that same day. Upgrade work is occurring in the Scandia, Rainier, Cassils, One Tree, Tilley, Bantry, North Gem and Rosemary areas. No upgrades are planned for Jenner or Cluny as yet. Bassano upgrading is in the planning stages. Brooks, Bow City, Duchess, Gem, Patricia, Rolling Hills and Springside areas should be ready for upgrades in the next couple of weeks.

[9:28 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**6.0 Engineering**

**6.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the following Project Status for the start of the new construction season.

<b>EID Capital Construction Projects</b>			
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>ROW Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
27 Rolling Hills	√	100%	- construction started September 10, 2009
17 Springhill	√	100%	
20 Rolling Hills	√	100%	
Bow Slope	√	100%	- no ROW req'd, construc. agmts to be signed
M Tilley	√	50%	
Rolling Hills Spill #2	√	100%	
One Tree	√	90%	
John Ware	√	25%	
Jamison Lake Drain	√	0%	
Smaller Drains	50%	0%	- project not approved
05-AH North Bantry	75%	0%	- project not approved
01-06 Bow Slope	95%	0%	- project not approved
V Tilley	50%	0%	- project not approved
09-08A Springhill	95%	0%	- project not approved



IRP Construction Projects			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
Bantry Canal	√	0%	- EID has existing ROW but in some cases requires more room
F Springhill	95%	10%	

**6.02 F Springhill Infrastructure Savings Grant – Bearspaw Management Ltd.**

Presently the NW and SW of 21-21-14 W4M has 60 and 39 flood irrigated acres off the F Springhill system. Bearspaw Management Ltd. is proposing to put up a 129 acre pivot in the NE 16-21-14 W4M. The 99 acres would be transferred, plus Bearspaw would transfer an additional 30 acres banked with the EID. The soils were tested and passed. With the result of moving these acres, the new F Springhill pipeline will be reduced in length and capacity, and the deliveries for the SE 21-21-14 W4M and NE 16-21-14 W4M pivots will be moved to come off the 21 Springhill system. The District will have a cost savings of well over \$100,000; allowing for the combined Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner for the 2 quarters is \$30,000.

**2009-09-156 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Bearspaw Management Ltd, for transferring 60 acres and 39 acres from NW & SW 21-21-14 W4M to NE 16-21-14 W4M; and moving the deliveries in SE 21-21-14 and NE 16-21-14 W4M to the 21 Springhill system, saving the District well over \$100,000. The combined Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner for the 2 quarters is \$30,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2009-09-157 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the transfer of 60 irrigated acres in NW 21-21-14 W4M and 39 irrigated acres in SW 21-21-14 W4M to NE 16-21-14 W4M, lands being owned by Bearspaw Management Ltd. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**6.03 F Springhill Extension and Conversion of Terminable Acres**

Currently the acres in Sec 01-22-15 W4M are delivered through the Ducks Unlimited project to the north. The proposal is to deliver these acres off the new F Springhill pipeline system. As a result, the pipeline will have to be extended at a cost of \$55,000 to be cost shared between the EID and the landowner; and the mainline upsized at a cost of \$182,000 to the EID. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered on the section as it has one delivery point.

**2009-09-158 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve to extend the F Springhill pipeline at an estimated cost of \$55,000 to be cost shared by the landowner Beasley Ranching Ltd., at an expense of \$21,250 and by the EID at an expense of \$33,750. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2009-09-159 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 01-22-15 W4M, lands being owned by Beasley Ranching Ltd. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[9:53 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Short break; J. Meador entered the meeting.]

**6.04 01-06 Bow Slope Canal**

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 1.5 km east and 1.5 km south of Rainier and runs for 2 km, serving 310 acres of which 82 are terminable. The major problem is that the canal banks are worn down and the side slopes are starting to slough as a result of cattle having access. The project proposal is to replace the canal with a PVC pipeline at an estimated cost of \$660,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

The landowner is in the process of converting the terminable acres to irrigable acres. As well, the landowner is considering moving the last delivery on this system allowing the pipeline to be shortened by 400 m and thus saving the District \$25,650; the landowner will be eligible to receive half. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered on SW 13-16-16 W4M and Pt. NW 13-16-16 W4M.

**2009-09-160** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01-06 Bow Slope Canal by installing 1.6 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$660,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

**2009-09-161** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Mandeville Cattle Co. Ltd., for eliminating a delivery in SW 13-16-16 W4M which would shorten the proposed pipeline, saving the District \$25,650. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$12,825. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

**2009-09-162** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SW 13-16-16 W4M and Pt. NW 13-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Mandeville Cattle Co. Ltd. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

#### **6.05 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

##### **6.05.1 SE 32-21-14 W4M & NE 29-21-14 W4M – J. & J. Culligan**

Registration of an Irrigable Unit is needed as the one delivery in the SE serves both the SE 32-21-14 W4M and the NE 29-21-14 W4M.

**2009-09-163** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SE 32-21-14 W4M and NE 29-21-14 W4M, lands being owned by J. & J. Culligan. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

##### **6.05.2 NE 31-21-14 W4M & Pt. NW 31-21-14 W4M – Endersby Ranching Ltd.**

Registration of an Irrigable Unit is needed as the one delivery in the NE serves both the NE 31-21-14 W4M and the Pt. NW 31-21-14 W4M.

**2009-09-164** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE 31-21-14 W4M and Pt. NW 31-21-14 W4M, lands being owned by Endersby Ranching Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

##### **6.05.3 E ½ SW 29-21-14 W4M & W ½ SW 29-21-14 W4M – Cross Coulee Ranching Ltd. & C. Hyland**

Registration of an Irrigable Unit is needed as the one delivery in the E ½ serves both the E ½ of SW 29-21-14 W4M and the W ½ of SW 29-21-14 W4M.

**2009-09-165** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in the E ½ of SW 29-21-14 W4M and W ½ SW 29-21-14 W4M, lands being owned by Cross Coulee Ranching Ltd. and Cheryl Hyland. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

#### **6.06 09-08A Springhill**

This rehabilitation project is located 5.3 km west and 6.4 km north of Rosemary and runs for 2.3 km. Currently the canal suffers from seepage, excessive plant growth and insufficient bank height. The proposal is to install 2.3 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$540,000.

**2009-09-166** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 09-08A Springhill Canal by installing 2.3 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$540,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

**6.07 Drain Relocation – E ½ 34-23-16 W4M – R. Douglass / Christianson Agro Ltd.**

This Farm Improvement Drain Relocation is located 6.5 km northeast of Gem and runs south for 1,250 m through both landowner's properties. The proposal is to relocate the drain on the nearest quarter section line for an estimated cost of \$15,000. The relocation qualifies for the 75/25 cost share with Douglass paying 1/3 of the 25 and Christianson paying 2/3.

**2009-09-167 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for R. Douglass in NE 34-23-16 W4M and Christianson Agro Ltd. on SE 34-23-16 W4M for \$15,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowners. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.0 Operations****7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date**

E. Wilson advised that the statistics received in the board package were as of Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Diversion today has climbed to 800 cfs, up from 735 last Thursday. All reservoirs have dropped down to winter levels and will be below that by October 9<sup>th</sup>. There will still be time this fall to add more water before freeze up. Currently 225 quarters are being irrigated, down from 300 last Friday.

[10:23 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

**7.02 Farm Improvements****7.02.1 Rolf Hirsch – NW 32-14-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 138 acres; new wiper pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 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 8 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800 (130 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,400 less cost of changing pump site.

**2009-09-168 Moved by P. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rolf Hirsch for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in the NW 32-14-13 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres outside the pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800 (130 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,400 less cost of changing pump site. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**7.02.2 John Niznik Jr. – W ½ 21-18-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 81 acres flood in the SW 21-18-16 W4M and 45 acres flood in the NW 21-18-16 W4M (only 8 acres south of the drain will be used); new wiper pivot area is 106 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 89 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. 17 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$5,340 (89 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$240. New assessment will be 37 acres north of drain ditch and 12 acres under pivot in NW 21-18-16 W4M; and 94 acres under pivot in SW 21-18-16 W4M. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

**2009-09-169 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John Niznik Jr. for the conversion of 89 acres flood to pivot in the W ½ 21-18-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,340 (89 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,100 (17 acres at \$300/acre) = \$240. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2009-09-170** Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in the SW 21-18-16 W4M and Pt. NW 21-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by John Niznik Jr. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**7.03 G. & C. Peters – SE 16-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 134 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 126 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 126 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User is choosing to keep the 8 acres outside of the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water Users is \$7,560 (126 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) - \$1,200 (riser) = \$3,960.

**2009-09-171** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gerald & Cathy Peters for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot in the SW 16-21-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,560 (126 acres flood to pivot) – \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) – approximately \$1,200 (riser) = \$3,960. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

**7.04 E. & A. Walde – SE 09-23-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 152 acres flood; 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 sell back 3 acres in the SE corner at \$700/acre, and keep the remaining 16 acres outside the pivot circle at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,180 less cost of delivery change.

**2009-09-172** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. & A. Walde for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the SE 09-23-16 W4M. The water user is choosing to keep 16 of the 19 extra acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) – \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,180 less cost of delivery change. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**2009-09-173** Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the purchase of E. & A. Walde's 3 acres of water rights on SE 09-23-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 3 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$2,100. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

**7.05 K. & J. Pickett – S ½ 15-22-17 W4M**

Current assessment is 126 acres flood in the SW and 68 acres flood in the SE 15-22-17 W4M. New pivot area will be 210 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 194 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. 16 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement grant payable to the water user is \$11,640 (194 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$6,840. New assessment in S ½ 15-22-17 W4M will be 210 acres. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

**2009-09-174** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for K. & J. Pickett for the conversion of 194 acres flood to pivot in the S ½ 15-22-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$11,640. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

[10:36 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

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**8.0 Lands****8.01 Irrigated Leases #8216 & #8217 – Set Rate for Next 5 Years**

Irrigated Leases #8216 and #8217 expire October 31, 2009. F. Nannt and R. Nannt are exercising their option to extend their leases an additional 10 years. The rental rate for the next 5 years needs to be set. A short discussion was held on comparable leases.

**2009-09-175 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the five year rental rate of \$52/acre wetted acres and \$5/acre dry acres for Irrigated Leases:**

- #8216 on NE 26-14-13 W4M, 135 wetted acres and 15 dry acres, and
  - #8217 on NW 26-14-13 W4M, 135 wetted acres and 23 dry acres,
- plus water and taxes for the years 2010 through 2014. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.02 Crawling Valley Campground**

F. George informed the Board that the Crawling Valley Campground Society was considering requests to extend their camping season. The Board supported Mr. George in emphasizing at the next meeting that the Campground Society needs to stay with the agreed camping season ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**9.0 General Manager's Update****9.01 AIPA Directors Meeting**

E. Wilson and A. Nielsen attended the AIPA Directors Meeting September 21<sup>st</sup> in Raymond. It was a lengthy meeting, with good discussion on a number of topics. Jim Csaby has stepped off of the Partners for Watershed Basin Committee Board; and AIPA decided not to replace him. License amendments and Magnacide H were both discussed. Hosting the annual conference was debated this year as government and IPEX funding were both cut back. Nevertheless, plans for a conference in Calgary in February are proceeding. In regards to the Conservation Objective Plan to pass on to Water Council, the consultant's report was received and filed; AIPA will write and submit their own report. Mr. Wilson expressed concern for the same conservation requirements being demanded of districts in different situations. In addition, some districts are being criticized of going after government grants while they are showing healthy bank accounts.

**9.02 Baker Hughes Meeting – Magnacide H Herbicide**

Mr. Wilson flew down to San Diego for a meeting with Baker Hughes on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Richard Phillips of the BRID was the other participant invited from Canada, along with 7 other irrigation districts and 1 private applicator from the U.S. The two main reasons Baker Hughes stated as to why they have decided to stop supplying Magnacide H were company restructuring and uncontrolled stewardship of the product. As well, they claimed increased costs for testing and complying with new license standards. It appeared that they will continue to supply the product in the short term if adequate contracts that insure proper storage, transport and applications of the product were used and tied to a contract that would indemnify Baker Hughes. An update should be received this fall, however it is expected that the company will get out of the business before too long.

**9.03 Contract Dispute – Kitsim Feeder**

Horizon Earthworks (the contractor on the Kitsim Feeder Canal) has requested extra payment for over-excavating the canal bed and replacing it with material from the side slope; the District has declined. E. Wilson is seeking legal advice.

**9.04 Water License Amendment Application Update – Change of Purpose**

E. Wilson advised that the government's Water License Amendment policy went through. The EID will now be required to apply for each individual change of purpose water project, instead of

applying for categorized amounts of water to supply foreseen need for the next several years. The amount of water being applied for will need to be justified, location and type of use specified, and advertised in newspapers for 30 days. The District will also have to prove that the water being applied for change of purpose has been saved. This will prove to be a very slow and costly process for small amounts of water. It is also penalizing some districts and not others, and hampers economic development in the area. The District will proceed with the new process by reviewing which type of water users fall into this category, identifying individual projects which need to be applied for, and calculate the charges involved. It was strongly supported that a meeting is to be arranged with Minister Renner, including heads of the BRID and WID and local municipal governments as well, to once again explain the districts' situation to the government.

[11:35 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Lunch break.]

**9.05 Retreat Topics, Location, Date, etc.**

A Board Retreat is to be planned for early to mid January at the Banff Park Lodge. Suggested topics are listed as follows; additional topics may be forwarded to Mr. Wilson.

- Drought Plan
- Methods to Improve Landowner Communication for Water On and Off
- Board / Board Member / Manager – Staff Responsibilities & Roles
- Maximum Amount of Water Per Acre and Maximum Rate of Flow that the District Can Guarantee to Delivery to the Water User
- Water Transfers
- Expansion / Irrigation Development on EID Land
- Water License Amendment
- Staffing / Succession

**9.06 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Input was given for one major event. Date, location and details are to be worked out within the next couple of months.

**9.07 Staffing**

Josey Brodoway and Scott Beddows have been hired as new hoe operators. Gary Fletcher has also been hired as a hoe operator to work until the end of the year.

**9.08 Eyremore Gravel Pit #2**

Bow City Colony is pushing for a higher fee for accessing District owned gravel on their land. Mr. Wilson was supported in adhering with the present offer.

**10.0 Information**

**10.01 Email from Richard Phillips – Magnacide H**

This email was included as information.

**10.02 Thank You from Ron Renwick**

This card was included as information.

**10.03 CRWUA Conference Agenda**

It was suggested that arranging a tour with the Southern Nevada Water Authority would give more weight to the conference than the agenda alone. Administration is to look into the possibility of a tour.

**2009-09-176 Moved by N. Johnson that Directors attend the CRWUA Conference in Las Vegas this December if a side tour with the Southern Nevada Water Authority can be arranged. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**10.04 AIPA Package**

The AIPA package was included as information.

**10.05 Invitation to Gordon Bruins Retirement**

A thank you reception for Gordon Bruins of Irrigation Council will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge. A couple of the following Directors will likely attend: A. Nielsen, P. Hemsing, N. Johnson and R. Owen.

**10.06 Letter from Arno Doerksen, MLA**

A thank you letter was included as information.

**11.0 Other**

**11.01 EnCana Invitation to the Olympics**

The Chairman has been invited by EnCana to participate in a day's event at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver in February. Directors approved the Chairman's participation in this event.

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

- 12.01 Water Shut Down - Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
- 12.02 Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting - TBA
- 12.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:33 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**October 27, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1] 9:11	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	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 agenda was accepted as presented.

**2009-10-177 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 September 22, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2009-10-178 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the September 22, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Remembrance Day Service – Griffin Park School**

N. Johnson will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service on behalf of the District.

**5.0 Cactus Pheasant Classic Opening Ceremonies – October 29<sup>th</sup>**

B. Chrumka will participate in the opening ceremonies on behalf of the EID.

**6.0 Prairie Conservation Forum Report**

T. Livingston and R. Martin attended the Prairie Conservation Forum October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hanna. There were no major issues to report.

**7.0 Scholarship Committee Meeting Report**

The Scholarship Selection Committee met October 20<sup>th</sup> and has finalized the choice of recipients. Letters to all applicants will be mailed out this week. The Awards Reception is planned for Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Further discussion on qualifications may be discussed at the upcoming retreat.



**8.0 Financial Report**

**8.01 September 30, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$14.5 million.
- YTD total revenues are about 3% (\$611,200) under YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses are about 4% (\$313,500) under YTD budget.

A number of questions were responded to by administration. It was suggested that special project costs may need to be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting.

**2009-10-179 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to September 30, 2009, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**9.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A total of 1,131 customers are currently connected. One of the older Brooks sectors developed problems on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and was replaced the following morning. New sectors have been added at Bow City, Duchess and Patricia, and some upgrading has been started in these areas. The new Dragonwave backhaul radios are being installed at the Brooks, Bantry, Rainier and Duchess towers; and the new licensed frequencies are being configured. Telus is configuring the hardware needed at the office for the new IP address blocks to be routed on their fiber. The District can then connect the fiber from the office to the new Brooks tower and start routing most of the traffic through EIDNet instead of PCCC.

[9:32 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Engineering**

**10.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status, giving additional comment to the following:

<b>EID Capital Construction Projects</b>			
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>ROW Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
27 Rolling Hills	√	100%	- fill/cut to liner grade complete
M Tilley	√	100%	- cut to liner grade complete
17 Springhill	√	100%	
20 Rolling Hills	√	100%	
Bow Slope	√	100%	- no ROW required, 50% construction agreements to be signed
Rolling Hills Spill #2	√	100%	
One Tree	√	100%	
John Ware	√	25%	
01-06 Bow Slope	√	0%	- 1 landowner
V Tilley	90%	100%	- project not approved
09-08A Springhill	√	100%	

Jamison Lake Drain	√	100%	
Smaller Drains	75%	0%	- project not approved
05-AH North Bantry	75%	0%	- project not approved

IRP Construction Projects			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
Bantry Canal	√	90%	- Richardson Bros. have started to de-water canal
F Springhill	95%	80%	

**10.02 Tender Results**

Mr. Friesen confirmed that the low bidder in each category was awarded the contract.

Bow Slope Canal – Earthworks	
Contractor	Bid
<b>ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$949,250.00</b>
Mesken Contracting Ltd.	\$726,224.00
Caliber Systems Inc.	\$747,659.00
Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate	\$899,400.00
Richardson Bros. (Olds) Ltd.	\$947,500.00
BYZ Construction	\$1,032,000.00

Bow Slope Canal – Concrete Structures	
Contractor	Bid
Charmar Enterprises	\$48,750.00
Robin Hansen Construction	\$79,680.00

Bantry Canal – Earthworks	
Contractor	Bid
<b>ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$2,471,250.00</b>
Richardson Bros. (Olds) Ltd.	\$2,107,800.00
Caliber Systems Inc.	\$2,288,145.00
BYZ Construction	\$2,926,000.00
Mesken Contracting Ltd.	\$2,962,913.00

**10.03 V Tilley Canal**

This rehabilitation project is located 3.5 miles south and 1 mile east of Tilley. The V Tilley canal has insufficient bank height and seepage concerns. The proposal is to raise the canal banks and relocate the canal to the west and south quarter section boundaries. The recommended rehabilitation includes a combination of parallel and level bank canal, buried liner with gravel armoured side slopes, at an estimated cost of \$766,000.00

**2009-10-180 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of V Tilley Canal by re-aligning, and installing liner and armour at an estimated cost of \$766,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**10.04 Jamison Lake Drain**

This rehabilitation project is located 2 miles north of Brooks, immediately east of Jamison Lake. Seepage, severe erosion, farm severance, a deteriorated inlet level control structure and a lack of proper access for maintenance are the main areas of concern. The proposed rehabilitation involves relocating the turnout and drain further south, and gravel armouring side slopes, at an estimated cost of \$300,000.

**2009-10-181 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of Jamison Lake Drain by relocating the drain and installing gravel armour at an estimated cost of \$300,000. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[9:54 a.m. – 10:01 a.m. Short break, I. Friesen exited the meeting, J. Meador entered.]

**11.0 Land****11.01 Offer to Purchase Pt. SW 29-18-14 W4M**

The City of Brooks has made an offer to purchase approximately 80 acres in SW 29-18-14 W4M, with an option to purchase the remaining 50. Administration were asked to negotiate a deal with the City on the full 133+ acres.

**11.02 Dryland Farm Lease #8139 – Martin Cattle Co. Inc. – SE 09-21-14 W4M**

This 5 year dryland farm lease will expire on December 31, 2009. It has been tendered out for the past 2 terms, and has been seeded into grass by the current lessee. The soils were tested in 1992, but were found to be non-irrigable. To be considered for an irrigated lease, the soils would have to be retested.

**2009-10-182 Moved by T. Livingston that Dryland Farm Lease # 8139 – SE 09-21-14 W4M be extended for 1 more year, ending December 31, 2010; and that in the meantime proceed with retesting the soils. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**11.03 County Land Sale / Regional Water Lines**

Discussion took place regarding right-of-way fees for the Regional Water Lines, as follow up to the joint County/EID meeting held in January 2008.

**12.0 Equipment****12.01 Quotes on 2010 ½ Ton Trucks**

E. Wilson presented the quotes on ten 2010 ½ ton trucks.

Quotes on Ten 2010 ½ Ton Trucks	
Dealer	Price
Park City Toyota	\$27,833.00
Lethbridge Toyota	\$26,424.00
Chinook Chrysler	\$22,431.00
Lethbridge Dodge	\$21,929.00
Martin Chrysler	\$20,584.00
City Plymouth	\$22,934.00
Davis Pontiac	\$24,417.00
Brooks Motor Products	\$22,286.00
Harwood Ford	\$27,227.00
Rodeo Ford	\$24,521.00

**2009-10-183** Moved by P. Hensing that the Board approve the purchase of ten 2010 ½ ton trucks from Martin Chrysler at \$20,584 per truck, for delivery in 2010. Seconded by T. Livingston. **CARRIED**

[10:59 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

**11:00 a.m. Tilley Fire Department Presentation**  
 B. Chrumka welcomed Patrick Fabian, Fire Chief and Richard Villeneuve, Deputy Fire Chief of the Tilley Fire Department to the meeting. Mr. Fabian gave a power point presentation on the history and current status of the Tilley Fire Department, and a summary of capital items identified for replacement or purchase, for which they are seeking financial assistance. Mr. Chrumka thanked the Fire Department representatives for their presentation.

[11:33 a.m. P. Fabian and R. Villeneuve exited the meeting.]

**11:35 a.m. Canadian Badlands Presentation**  
 B. Chrumka welcomed Cindy Amos, Executive Director of Canadian Badlands Ltd., and Anne Marie Philipsen, County of Newell Tourism Representative, to the meeting. Ms. Amos reviewed the completion of phase 1 of the Brooks Aqueduct project where the play center, flush toilets, handicap washroom and more gravel were installed, along with additional landscaping. Phase 2 will encompass the wetland day use area, including parking lot, picnic sites, walking trail and peninsula. Funding is in place for the project; it was requested that the EID maintain the area. Mr. Chrumka thanked the tourism representatives for their time.

[11:48 a.m. C. Amos and A. Philipsen exited the meeting.]

[11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break; J. Meador entered the meeting.]

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**13.0 Operations****13.01 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

**13.01.1 J. & J.A. Doerksen – SE 32-22-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 141 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User is choosing to keep the 9 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,920 (132 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,220.

**2009-10-184 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for J. & J.A. Doerksen for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in the SE 32-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,220. Seconded by F. George**

**13.01.2 R. & R. Hirsch – NE 07-14-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 146 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 13 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,900 (13 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,080 less cost of riser change.

**2009-10-185 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for R. & R. Hirsch for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the NE 07-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,080 less cost of riser change. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**13.01.3 L. Koza – NW 02-18-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 118 acres; new pivot area is 118 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-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,080 less cost of pump well and over flow.

**2009-10-186 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. Koza for the conversion of 118 acres flood to pivot in the NW 02-18-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,080 less cost of pump well and over flow. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**13.01.4 Dennis Pederson – SW 34-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 129 acres; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740 less pump well installation cost.

**2009-10-187 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis Pederson for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in the SW 34-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740 less pump well installation cost. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**13.01.5 A. & A. Plett – NE 05-23-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 148 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 15 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,500 (15 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,480 less cost of 2 drain crossings.

- 2009-10-188 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for A. & A. Plett for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the NE 05-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,480 less cost of 2 drain crossings. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**13.01.6 Chad Sewall – NE 10-20-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 101 acres; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. 28 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,060 (101 acres flood to pivot). The capital assets charge is \$8,400. New assessment on this quarter is 129 acres.

- 2009-10-189 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chad Sewall for the conversion of 101 acres flood to pivot in the NE 10-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,060. The capital assets charge for the 28 additional acres is \$8,400. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**13.01.7 A. & M. Skanderup – NE 14-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 148 acres; new pivot area is 128 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 128 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 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,680 (128 acres flood to pivot) - \$6,000 (20 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,680 less cost of tee installation.

- 2009-10-190 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for A. & M. Skanderup for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot in the NE 14-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$1,680 less cost of tee installation. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**13.01.8 Cory Springer – NW 07-16-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 120 acres; new pivot area is 127 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. 7 additional acres are needed. These acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre; and are subject to the slough being dried up. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,200 (120 acres flood to pivot) less any hook up costs. The capital assets charge is \$2,100. New assessment on this quarter is 127 acres.

- 2009-10-191 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cory Springer for the conversion of 120 acres flood to pivot in the NW 07-16-15 W4M, subject to the slough being dried up. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the water user is \$7,200 less any hook up costs. The capital assets charge for the 7 additional acres is \$2,100. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**13.01.9 Hutterian Brethren of Springview – Pt. Sections 01, 02 & 03-24-16 W4M**

**SE 02 & SW 01-24-16 W4M**

Current assessment on this parcel is 100 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 Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,000. Efficiency gains of 15 acres (at \$300/acre) will be moved to Sec. 31-23-16 W4M.

**W ½ 02-24-16 W4M**

Current assessment on this parcel is 86 acres; new wiper pivot area is 102 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 102 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 \$3,060. 16 additional acres are needed and are being transferred from E ½ 03-24-16 W4M. Efficiency gains of 13 acres (at \$300/acre) will be moved to Sec. 31-23-16 W4M.

**E ½ 03-24-16 W4M**

Current assessment on this parcel is 133 acres; new wiper pivot area is 103 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 103 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 \$3,090. 16 acres have been moved to W ½ 02-24-16 W4M, and the remaining 14 acres outside the pivot area will be moved to Sec. 31-23-16 W4M. Efficiency gains of 20 acres (at \$300/acre) will be moved to Sec. 31-23-16 W4M.

**2009-10-192 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvements for the Hutterian Brethren of Springview for:**

- 100 acres wheels to pivot in SE 02 & SW 01-24-16 W4M = \$3,000 grant;
- 102 acres wheels to pivot in W ½ 02-24-16 W4M = \$3,060 grant; and
- 103 acres wheels to pivot in E ½ 03-24-16 W4M = \$3,090 grant;

**And the transfer of water rights:**

- 16 acres from E ½ 03-24-16 W4M to W ½ 02-24-16 W4M;
- 14 acres from E ½ 03-24-16 W4M to Sec. 31-23-16 W4M;

**And the transfer of efficiency water rights:**

- 48 acres from E ½ 03-24-16 W4M, W ½ 02-24-16 W4M, and SW 01 & SE 02-24-16 W4M to Sec. 31-23-16 W4M (capital assets charge of \$300/acre = \$14,400).

**Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**13.02 Letter from Sigurdson Farms**

A letter addressed to the Board of Directors was received from Tom & Glennis Sigurdson in regards to future irrigation development. Mr. Chrumka will respond in letter.

**14.0 Assessment Report**

**14.01 Changes in Assessment – 2009 to Date**

E. Wilson presented the Changes in Assessment Report for 2009 to the current date, on behalf of Robert Matoba.

<b>EID Water Roll</b>	
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	
December 31, 2008	285,305 irrigation acres
October 14, 2009	286,387 irrigation acres
Net increase	1,082 irrigation acres
<b>Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b>	
(acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)	199 irrigation acres

<p><b>Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)</p>	<p>1,281 irrigation acres</p>
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**14.02 Update on 2009/10 Approved Water Applications**

Mr. Wilson reviewed the status on last year’s applications for water, indicating which have been completed, which are pending, and those which did not pass soils.

[1:00 p.m. R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

**14.03 Applications for Water in 2010/11**

E. Wilson presented the 37 irrigation applications received, in 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.

**14.03.1 Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 09 & S ½ 16, N ½ 10 & S ½ 15-23-18 W4M**

The applicant currently has 2 quarter section pivots with 160 irrigation acres available for each and is applying to increase each pivot up to 212 acres, by transferring 50 acres of water rights from SW 11-23-18 W4M and applying for 54 new water rights. Approval is conditional on the development of the enlarged pivots by October 31, 2010, and the registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.2 George & Brad Niznik – NW 28 & SW 33-18-16 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 39 acre flood parcel and is applying for an additional 29 acres to go under a new 68 acre pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing, the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2010, and registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.3 Christianson Agro – Sec. 26-23-16 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 219 acre pivot and is applying for an additional 41 acres for a corner arm. Approval is conditional on the installation of the corner system by December 1, 2010.

**14.03.4 H. Thacker & Sons – E ½ 09, W ½ 10-14-12 W4M**

The applicants are applying for 500 new irrigation acres to be under a section pivot on current dry land, by installing a pump station on 12 Mile Coulee Reservoir. Approval is conditional on an easement being obtained, the development being completed by December 1, 2011, and an Irrigable Unit being registered.

**14.03.5 Hutterian Brethren of Springview – Sec. 31-23-16 W4M**

The applicant currently has 62 irrigation acres and is applying for an additional 188 acres to go under a 250 acre pivot. As 133 acres have already been granted, only 167 acres were approved, for a 229 acre pivot. Approval is conditional on the pivot being installed by December 1, 2010, and an Irrigable Unit being registered.

**14.03.6 Neil Douglass – N ½ 25, S ½ 36-24-16 W4M**

The applicant currently has 252 irrigation acres under 2 pivots and is applying for an additional 111 acres, all to be under an 11 tower pivot with corner system. Approval is conditional on soils passing, an acceptable turnout location, the development being completed by December 1, 2011, and an Irrigable Unit begin registered.

**14.03.7 Marc Hermus – NE 10-18-14 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 103 acre wiper pivot and is applying for 25 acres of wheels where the pivot cannot reach. Approval is conditional on the installation of the wheels by December 1, 2010.



**14.03.8 Bob Bildersheim – Sec. 09-19-15 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 192 acre pivot and is applying for 90 additional acres in order to add 2 more towers. As the maximum allowable intensification acres were applied to this pivot last year, all new acres will be charged \$700/acre. Approval is conditional on the maximum delivery rate to this parcel being 1,800 gal/minute, and the development being completed by December 1, 2010.

**14.03.9 T Down Cattle Co. Ltd. – NW 32-18-15 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 36 acre flood parcel and is applying for an additional 25 acres to go under a new 61 acre pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing, and the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2010.

**14.03.10 John Butkiewicz – SE 15-16-13 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 90 acre wiper pivot and is applying for enough irrigation acres to complete the pivot circle. As soils do not allow an increase of more than 25 acres, the circle cannot be completed. Approval of the 25 acres is conditional on the installation of pivot stops or automatic shut offs.

**14.03.11 1078828 AB Ltd. (Lee Pickett) – NW 15, NE 16, SE 21, SW 22-22-17 W4M**

The applicant currently has two 40 acre wheel parcels and is applying for an additional 140 acres to go under a 220 acre pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing, the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2011, and registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.12 Corey Andrew – SW 13-18-14 W4M**

The applicant currently has an 81 acre wiper pivot and is applying for 24 additional acres in order to complete more of the pivot circle. Approval is conditional on the installation of pivot stops or automatic shut offs.

**14.03.13 David Endersby – SW 08-21-14 W4M**

The applicant is applying for 65 new irrigation acres to be under a wiper pivot on current dry land, by towing the pivot from the south parcel. Approval is subject to soils passing, the legal delivery being the same as the parcel in the W ½ 05-21-14 W4M, the development being completed by December 1, 2011, and an Irrigable Unit being registered.

**14.03.14 Gary Evans – W ½ 31-20-18 W4M - or - N ½ 33-20-18 W4M**

The applicant is applying for 138 new irrigation acres for a pivot in the W ½ 31-20-18 W4M, or 140 new irrigation acres for a pivot in the N ½ 33-20-18 W4M. Approval for one of these applications, landowner's choice, is conditional on the installation of the pivot being completed by December 1, 2011, and the registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.15 C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches – NW 24-15-15 W4M**

The applicant is applying for 138 new irrigation acres for a pivot on current dry land. Approval is conditional on the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2011, and registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.16 Martin Gubbins – SE 05-17-16 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 64 acre pivot and is applying for an additional 50 acres to install a larger one. Approval is subject to soils passing, satisfactory drain crossings being constructed, and on the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2011.

**14.03.17 Cliff Walde – NE & Pt. NW 12-22-17 W4M**

The applicant is applying for 100 new irrigation acres for a wiper pivot on current dry land. Approval is subject to soils passing, the delivery being in the SW corner, and installation of the pivot by December 1, 2011.

**14.03.18 George, Brad & Bruce Niznik – N ½ 26 & S ½ 35-18-16 W4M**

The applicants are applying for 245 new irrigation acres for a wiper pivot on current dry land. Approval is subject to soils passing, the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2011, and registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.19 Dave Corcoran – SE & Pt. NE 08-21-16 W4M**

The applicant is applying for a 1 year extension to last year's application. The applicant currently has a 45 acre wheel parcel and is applying for 25 additional acres to go under a 70 acre wiper pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing and the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2010.

**14.03.20 James, George, Gord, John Graham**

The applicants are applying for 280 new irrigation acres in W ½ 12-17-16 W4M, 133 new irrigation acres in SE 02-17-16 W4M, and 133 new irrigation acres in NE 02-17-16 W4M. As 353 acres have already been granted, only 247 were approved, landowner's choice. Approval is subject to soils, acceptable delivery site, installation of pivot(s) by December 1, 2011, and registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**14.03.21 Jamie Buteau – NE 25-18-16 W4M**

The applicant is applying for 89 new irrigation acres for a wiper pivot on current dry land. As 82 acres have already been granted to this applicant, only 68 are approved. Approval is conditional on the installation of the pivot by December 1, 2011. The pivot must be sized to 68 acres, or private water rights purchased and transferred under the pivot.

**2009-10-193 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the following Applications for Water, based on a minimum rating of 48 points:**

- Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 09 & S ½ 16, N ½ 10 & S ½ 15-23-18 W4M
- George & Brad Niznik – NW 28 & SW 33-18-16 W4M
- Christianson Agro – Sec. 26-23-16 W4M
- H. Thacker & Sons – E ½ 09, W ½ 10-14-12 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Springview – Sec. 31-23-16 W4M
- Neil Douglass – N ½ 25, S ½ 36-24-16 W4M
- Marc Hermus – NE 10-18-14 W4M
- Bob Bildersheim – Sec. 09-19-15 W4M
- T Down Cattle Co. Ltd. – NW 32-18-15 W4M
- John Butkiewicz – SE 15-16-13 W4M
- 1078828 AB Ltd. (Lee Pickett) – NW 15, NE 16, SE 21, SW 22-22-17 W4M
- Corey Andrew – SW 13-18-14 W4M
- David Endersby – SW 08-21-14 W4M
- Gary Evans [1 of the following applications]:
  - W ½ 31-20-18 W4M
  - N ½ 33-20-18 W4M
- C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches – NW 24-15-15 W4M
- Martin Gubbins – SE 05-17-16 W4M
- Cliff Walde – NE & Pt. NW 12-22-17 W4M
- George, Brad & Bruce Niznik – N ½ 26 & S ½ 35-18-16 W4M
- Dave Corcoran – SE & Pt. NE 08-21-16 W4M
- James, George, Gord, John Graham [247 acres of the following applications]:
  - James, George & Gord Graham – W ½ 12-17-16 W4M
  - Graham Feeders (John Graham) – SE 02-17-16 W4M
  - John Graham – NE 02-17-16 W4M
- Jamie Buteau – NE 25-18-16 W4M

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**2009-10-194 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of the following Irrigable Units required for irrigation applications:**

- Hutterian Brethren of Newell – N ½ 09 & S ½ 16, N ½ 10 & S ½ 15-23-18 W4M
  - George & Brad Niznik – NW 28 & SW 33-18-16 W4M
  - Christianson Agro Ltd. – Sec. 26-23-16 W4M
  - H. Thacker & Sons – E ½ 09, W ½ 10-14-12 W4M
  - Hutterian Brethren of Springview – Sec. 31-23-16 W4M
  - Neil Douglass – N ½ 25, S ½ 36-24-16 W4M
  - 1078828 AB Ltd. (Lee Pickett) – NW 15, NE 16, SE 21, SW 22-22-17 W4M
  - David Endersby – SW 08-21-14 W4M & W ½ 05-21-14 W4M
  - Gary Evans [1 of the following applications]:
    - W ½ 31-20-18 W4M
    - N ½ 33-20-18 W4M
  - C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches – SE 23, Sec. 24 & SW 25-15-15 W4M
  - George, Brad & Bruce Niznik – N ½ 26 & S ½ 35-18-16 W4M
- Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

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 2009, (Bylaw 840)
- did not meet 'land classification' requirements
- did not meet 'ability to deliver' water requirements
- did not meet overall minimum rating requirements

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Rommens Farms                   | NE 03-19-15 W4M          |
| • WTT Livestock Inc.              | NW 05-15-15 W4M          |
| • Ron Wiebe                       | NE & Pt. SE 29-21-16 W4M |
| • Dan Eckert                      | SW 23-21-14 W4M          |
| • Daryl Bunney                    | SE 35-20-14 W4M          |
| • Lathom Colony                   | Sec. 13-20-17 W4M        |
| • 826167 AB Ltd.                  | SE 16-19-12 W4M          |
| • 826167 AB Ltd.                  | SW 16-19-12 W4M          |
| • John, Michael, Matthew Douglass | SE 30-21-14 W4M          |
| • Cliff Walde                     | SE 13-22-17 W4M          |
| • Hutterian Brethren of Bow City  | Sec. 27-17-17 W4M        |
| • Hutterian Brethren of Bow City  | SE 27-17-17 W4M          |
| • Alfred Klassen                  | Sec. 25-21-17 W4M        |

[2:00 p.m. – 2:08 p.m. Short break; R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

**11:00 a.m. Tilley Fire Department Presentation con'td.**

After discussion, it was concluded that a decision on this request will be delayed to next month's preliminary budget discussion.

**11:35 a.m. Canadian Badlands Presentation cont'd.**

After discussion the following motion was carried.

**2009-10-195 Moved by R. Owen that the District agree to the maintenance of the Aqueduct Park wetland day use area and walking trail. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**15.0 General Manager's Update****15.01 Letter from ENMAX**

A letter from ENMAX regarding Bill 50 was reviewed as information.

**15.02 Letter from Rural Crime Watch**

A letter from Mara Nesbitt of the Rural Crime Watch Association was reviewed as information.

**15.03 Update on Eyremore Gravel Pit – Sec. 01 & 12-18-18 W4M**

These negotiations have been turned over to the District's lawyer, Dennis Roth for review.

**15.04 Meeting with Deputy Minister of Environment – November 12, 2009**

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the EID office. E. Wilson and B. Chrumka will attend, along with other representatives from the Western Irrigation District, Bow River Irrigation District, County of Newell, Municipal District of Taber, County of Wheatlans, Municipal District of Rocky View, Town of Vauxhall and City of Brooks.

**15.05 Update on Magnacide H**

A letter received from Baker Hughes informs the District that the chemical will be supplied for 1 more year.

**16.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 16.01 | Meeting with Deputy Minister Jim Ellis | - Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m. (Bob, Earl)         |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting                  | - Tuesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                       |
| 16.03 | CRWUA Conference, Las Vegas            | - December 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> (Neil, Floyd, Pat, Ross) |
| 16.04 | Regular Board Meeting                  | - Monday, December 21, 9:00 a.m.                                       |
| 16.05 | Scholarship Awards & Reception         | - Monday, December 21, 5:00 p.m.                                       |
| 16.06 | Board Retreat                          | - January 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2010, Banff Park Lodge |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:05 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**November 24, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4] 9:15		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.0 Other
- 4.01 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 4.02 Hiring Process for Truckers
- 4.03 Report on Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting
- 4.04 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Fencing
- 7.04.6 Cattle Listing Revision Deadline and Procedure

**2009-11-196 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 September 22, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2009-11-197 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Other****4.01 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended. A group from the Executive Committee will be traveling to Edmonton to meet with George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to discuss alternative chemical replacements for Magnacide H, and the Right To Farm legislation. Cindy Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation requested to also meet with the AIPA representatives to discuss water for recreation. A Director requested that the District contact Ron McMullin for more information regarding the agendas for these meetings. The AIPA AGM is in Lethbridge on December 7<sup>th</sup>; A. Nielsen, B. Chrumka and E. Wilson will attend. The AIPA conference is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in Calgary at the Radisson. A. Nielsen will continue on as the EID's Executive Director with AIPA.

**4.02 Hiring Process for Truckers**

A. Nielsen passed on a phone call he received in regards to the hiring process for contracted truck drivers. E. Wilson explained that the District's Construction Superintendent, North Division Superintendent and Operations Manager are the staff who do the hiring, and that many different companies are used, even though it would be much easier to hire less companies with more trucks.

**4.03 Report on Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting**

F. George reported on the Crawling Valley Recreation Society meeting he recently attended. The campground made money this year, they have hired a good caretaker, and will be forwarding the boat slip revenue of approximately \$5,000 to the District. The Society's request to extend the camping season beyond September 30<sup>th</sup>, and to have sites for their board was discussed at their meeting but not approved.

**4.04 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Fencing**

Mr. Wilson gave an update on fencing for this project. In places, the fence will need to be brought inside the property line somewhat due to the ground slope and underground utilities. Access to either facility was also discussed.

[9:45 a.m. – 9:51 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Engineering**

**5.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status, giving additional comment to the following:

<b>EID Capital Construction Projects</b>			
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>ROW Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
27 Rolling Hills	√	100%	- earthworks 90% complete, ready for armour next week
Bow Slope	√	100%	- Mesken has commenced construction, concrete structures being raised
M Tilley	√	100%	- earthworks & armour complete, structures being installed
V Tilley	√	100%	- earthworks construction started, 25% complete
One Tree	√	100%	- earthworks construction started, 35% complete
09-08A Springhill	√	100%	- pipeline commenced Nov 16'09, 50% complete
01-06 Bow Slope	√	100%	- ready for construction
17 Springhill	√	100%	- scheduled to start Nov 25'09
20 Rolling Hills	√	100%	- ready for construction
Rolling Hills Spill #2	√	100%	- ready for construction
Jamison Lake Drain	√	100%	- ready for construction
John Ware	√	25%	- landowner issues still outstanding

Smaller Drains	75%	0%	- project not approved
05-AH North Bantry	75%	0%	- project not approved

IRP Construction Projects			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
Bantry Canal	√	90%	- Richardson Bros. has commenced construction
F Springhill	99%	100%	- scheduled to start pipeline Dec 1'09

**5.02 Screen Cleaners for 2010**

Four screen cleaners are proposed for installation on existing structures this spring in addition to the ones being installed as part of this year's construction projects, at an estimated cost of \$119,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program:

- 04-04C Springhill (NW 27-19-14 W4M) - Traveling Screen
- 07-04C Springhill (SE 23-19-14 W4M) - Traveling Screen
- 12-G North Bantry (SW 07-20-13 W4M) - Side Sweep
- 15-G North Bantry (SE 18-20-13 W4M) - Side Sweep

**2009-11-198 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the purchase of 4 screen cleaners at an estimated cost of \$119,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**5.03 Pipeline to Serve Russell Douglass Lease**

Russell Douglass, as landowner and lessee for two separate parcels, has requested the installation of a pipeline, with one delivery point, to serve a wiper pivot on his land and a section pivot on EID land. Mr. Douglass currently pumps out of Crab Lake Drain. The 400 mm pipeline would come off of North Branch Canal at the center of Sec. 35-23-16 W4M, and run 1,400 m to the east and north ending near the center in NW 36-23-16 W4M. The estimated cost of the line and new turnouts is \$140,000; which Mr. Douglass has offered to pay over the balance of his irrigated lease (6 years). The District would retain ownership and maintenance of the pipeline.

**2009-11-199 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the installation of a pipeline to serve Irrigated Lease #8268 in Sec. 36-23-16 W4M, at the Lessee's expense, with the District retaining ownership of the pipeline. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**5.04 Pipeline to Serve Tom Livingston Acreage**

Tom Livingston has requested the installation of a small pipeline to serve 3 acreages in NE 06 and NW 05-22-14 W4M. Mr. Wilson advised that there is a pump out required for the District's line that will not be required if this lateral is added, therefore he recommended that the EID pay ¼ of the cost.

**2009-11-200 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the installation of a pipeline to serve three acreages in NW 05 & NE 06-22-14 W4M, with the landowner's share being \$3,000 for hookups now, or \$4,000 if hooking up after the pipeline is installed. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[10:43 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting; J. Meador entered.]

## 6.0 Operations

### 6.01 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

#### 6.01.1 Brad Deschamps – SW 19-29-12 W4M

Current assessment is 92 acres; new pivot area is 120 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. 28 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,520 (92 acres flood to pivot). The capital assets charge is \$8,400. New assessment on this quarter is 120 acres.

**2009-11-201 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brad Deschamps for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot in the SW 19-29-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,520. The capital assets charge for the 28 additional acres is \$8,400. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### 6.01.2 Don & Elma Plett – NE 32-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 148 acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User is choosing to keep the 16 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,920 (132 acres flood to pivot) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,120.

**2009-11-202 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Don & Elma Plett for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in the NE 32-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,120. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

#### 6.01.3 Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. – TWP 20 – RGE 17 W4M

The landowner would like to move a total of 242 acres as outlined below to put under 2 pivots in Sec. 03 and 01 & 02-20-17 W4M. They would also like to add 16 acres of wheels in SE 04-20-17 W4M. The pivots are up, however soil testing needs to be done for Pt. W ½ 01-20-17 W4M.

**2009-11-203 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve:**

- **the Farm Improvement for Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. for the conversion of 242 acres flood to pivots in Sec. 03, 01 & 02-20-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$14,520, subject to soil testing. The capital assets charge for the 16 additional acres is \$4,800; and**
  - **the transfer of:**
    - **52 irrigation acres from E ½ 08-20-17 W4M**
    - **29 irrigation acres from NW 09-20-17 W4M**
    - **47 irrigation acres from SW 15-20-17 W4M**
    - **26 irrigation acres from NW 10-20-17 W4M**
    - **68 irrigation acres from SW 10-20-17 W4M**
    - **20 irrigation acres from SE 10-20-17 W4M; a total of 242 acres,**
- to:**
- **NE 03-20-17 W4M (64 irrigation acres)**
  - **SE 02-20-17 W4M (14 irrigation acres)**
  - **SW 01-20-17 W4M (69 irrigation acres)**
  - **NW 01-20-17 W4M (74 irrigation acres)**
  - **SW 12-20-17 W4M (9 irrigation acres)**



- SE 11-20-17 W4M (8 irrigation acres)
- NE 02-20-17 W4M (4 irrigation acres); a total of 242 acres; all lands being owned by Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. and being subject to soils where required.

**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **6.01.4 Wayne Swenson – SE 04-17-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 135 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-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User is choosing to keep the 8 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,620 (127 acres flood to pivot) - \$2,400 (8 acres at \$300/acre) = \$5,220.

**2009-11-204 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wayne Swenson for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot in the SE 04-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,220. Seconded by P. Helsing. CARRIED**

#### **6.01.5 L. & G. Weaver – SW 30-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 149 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-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User is choosing to sell back 4 acres in the NW corner at \$700/acre, and keep the 11 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,040 (134 acres flood to pivot) + \$2,800 (4 acres at \$700/acre) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$7,540. New assessment on this quarter is 145 acres.

**2009-11-205 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. & G. Weaver for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in the SW 30-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,540. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

#### **6.02 Request to Install Large Crossing on North Branch Canal**

A letter was received from Gail Kelly requesting a cattle crossing culvert in the North Branch Canal. Other examples and scenarios were discussed. J. Meador will go and do a site check. A. Nielsen requested that a draft policy be brought back to the Board for consideration.

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

## **7.0 Lands**

### **7.01 Irrigated Lease #8215 – Leonard Lundquist – Set Minimum Purchase Price**

After review and discussion of the appraisal conducted by Thompson Agricultural Consulting Ltd., the following motion was passed.

**2009-11-206 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the minimum price for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8215 at “\$325,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

### **7.02 Flex It Fitness Lease Renewal**

Mr. Bridges advised that the lease for the space occupied by Flex It Fitness will expire at the end of 2009. Due to the recession in the economy, the rental rate for 2009 was kept the same as in 2008.

**2009-11-207 Moved by F. George that the Board offer a lease for 2010 at the same rate as 2009 to Flex It Fitness; and that the increase also be waived for the 2010 lease for Star Tech Automotive. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.03 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

**7.03.1 Lily Murray – NE & NW 12-18-13 W4M**

In 2004, Lily Murray was granted new irrigation acres in the NE 12-18-13 W4M for the installation of a pivot. The most recent aerial photos show that the pivot point is not in the center of the quarter and 19 acres of the 135 acre pivot are situated in the NW quarter, necessitating an Irrigable Unit.

**2009-11-208 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 12-18-13 W4M and NW 12-18-13 W4M, lands being owned by Lily Murray and G.W. Murray Ranching Ltd. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**7.03.2 Tom Parker and Leonard & Susan Parker – W ½ 32 & Pt. Sec. 31-21-15 W4M**

The landowners requested that their terminable irrigation be converted to irrigation acres. Upon review by staff, the EID has determined that water supply will not be a problem and have approved the conversion. The pump site for all the parcels is off the Matziwin Creek at a point near the center of NW 31-21-15 W4M. An Irrigable Unit must be registered on the 5 parcels.

**2009-11-209 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of one Irrigable Unit covering:**

- **SW 32-21-15 W4M – Leonard & Susan Parker,**
- **NW 32-21-15 W4M – Leonard & Susan Parker,**
- **NE 31-21-15 W4M – Leonard & Susan Parker,**
- **Plan 0312890, Lot 2 [SE 31 & Pt. SW 31-21-15 W4M] – Leonard & Susan Parker,**
- **Plan 0312890, Lot 1 [NW 31 & Pt. SW 31-21-15 W4M] – Tom Parker.**

**Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:24 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**7.04 Grazing Report**

B. Hale was in attendance to present the Grazing Report.

**7.04.1 Summary of 2009**

2009 started out with little moisture, but late rains helped fill dugouts and provide modest growth for pastures. Good carry-over grass should be seen for the 2010 grazing season. Water lines, regrassing and fencing projects have helped considerably towards improving and maintaining a healthy native range. Cattle numbers for 2009 were 14,879 head; 431 head less than 2008. Members were down to 321 from 351 in 2008. In 2009, 5 dugouts were cleaned, 4 new dugouts were dug, 30 miles of fence was built and 10 miles of fence was built as a special project along secondary highway #873. One large fire in the Bantry grazing lease, 500 acres, was caused by oilfield workers. The disturbed area from making fire guards around the fire has been reclaimed, and straw crimped into the disturbed area of Sand Hills.

**7.04.2 Set Total Number of Cattle for Community Grazing Leases for 2010**

For the 2010 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. Very little change in membership is expected.

**2009-11-210 Moved by A. Nielsen that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 15,000 head (75,000 AUM) for the 2010 grazing season. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**7.04.3 Set AUM Grazing Rate for 2010**

This motion was deferred to the budget discussion.

**7.04.4 Results of Greenfeed Tenders**

Greenfeed tenders for 440 round bales saw 4 bids; Lynn McDowell had the highest bid.

Name	Bid
<b>Lynn McDowell</b>	<b>\$90.00/ton</b>
Earl Hale	\$82.50/ton
Jim Culligan	\$52.50/ton
Max Tateson	\$39.00/ton

**7.04.5 Patricia Grazing Association – Request for Financing**

This request was withdrawn.

**7.04.6 Cattle Listing Revision Deadline and Procedure**

Through discussion, the following motion was passed in an effort to clear up communication between the several parties involved in dealing with cattle numbers. This process should also benefit the accounting department at invoicing time. Associations are to be advised of this policy at the upcoming GAC meeting in December.

All applicants will be billed for cattle numbers that they list on their applications, unless a requested revision is received in writing, prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>; this includes bull numbers as well.

**2009-11-211 Moved by P. Hemsing that any revisions to Community Grazing Applications must be received in writing from the applicant, by the Grazing Association; and the Grazing Lease Manager and grazing administration must be notified of these changes prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:54 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. Lunch break; B. Hale exited the meeting, G. Redelback entered.]

**7.05 Oil & Gas Report – Summary of 2008/2009**

G. Redelback presented the Oil & Gas Report for 2008/2009, highlighting the following:

- New Surface Acquisitions - 76
- New Twinned Wells - 81
- New Pipelines - 860.33 acres (or 143.39 miles)
- Seismic Activity - 4 permits (200.59 miles)

The total payout amount for well sites, pipelines and seismic activity for Grazing Associations, EID Right-Of-Ways and Private Leases was:

- October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 - \$34,426.32

[1:05 p.m. G. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**8.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A total of 1,138 customers are currently connected, as compared to 1,131 last month and 1,056 last year. A variety of issues have been addressed with the installation of new antennas and radios where needed, and realignments of other sector radios. The new backhaul radios have been installed at the Brooks, Bantry, Rainier and Duchess towers; and the department is close to switching over to the new office fibre connection.

**10.0 Tilley Fire Department Request**

This item was deferred to December's meeting.

**11.0 Bow River Basin Council – Request for Funding**

This item was deferred to December's meeting.

**12.0 County of Newell Regional Waterline Right-of-Way**

Discussion regarding right-of-way fees for the Regional Water Lines was revisited. It was agreed that due to the County upsizing some of the lines for future growth, and because of other cooperation on joint projects, the District will return \$150,000 of right-of-way payments (the majority of the payment) to the County. It will be requested that this money be put toward good community projects such as the Silver Sage/Rodeo fair grounds.

**2009-11-212 Moved by T. Livingston that in lieu of upsizing a portion of the regional waterline as requested, the District give \$150,000 of Right-of-Way costs back to the County of Newell. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**13.0 Sale of Land to the City of Brooks**

E. Wilson updated the Board on the status of the City's offer to purchase land in SW 29-18-14 W4M. Both parties are in agreement with dealing on the whole parcel, approximately 133 acres. Mr. Wilson will proceed with the negotiations.

**14.0 Report on Meeting with Jim Ellis, Deputy Minister of Environment**

A meeting with Jim Ellis, Deputy Minister of Environment, was held November 12<sup>th</sup> at the EID Office, along with other representatives from the Western Irrigation District, Bow River Irrigation District, County of Newell, Municipal District of Taber, County of Wheatland, Municipal District of Rocky View, Town of Vauxhall and City of Brooks. Mr. Chrumka and Mr. Wilson reported that it was a productive meeting, explaining that in the way the policy will now be interpreted by Alberta Environment, the District can apply for amendments in categorized amounts instead of applying for each individual amendment as the policy was interpreted earlier. The next step is for the District to identify existing users and requested amounts of water for each category of the license.

**15.0 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**

E. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of this claim.

**16.0 Bylaw 874 Setting the Date for the Election of Directors, Divisions 2, 4 & 7**

By-Law 874 (2009) was presented to the Board for the 2010 Election of Directors for Division 02 (Tom Livingston), Division 04 (Neil Johnson), and Division 07 (Pat Hemsing) establishing the date for nominations of Directors ceasing on Thursday, March 25, 2010, with an election date if necessary on Friday, April 16, 2010.

**2009-11-213 Moved by A. Neilsen that Bylaw 874 (2009), being a bylaw 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 R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2009-11-214 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw 874 (2009), be read the second time. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

2009-11-215 Moved by N. Johnson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 874 (2009) this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-11-216 Moved by T. Livingston that Bylaw 874 (2009), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

#### 17.0 Annual Rate of Interest to be applied to Construction Loan Agreement

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.

2009-11-217 Moved by P. Hemsing that, effective January 1, 2010, 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 6<sup>th</sup> and subsequent years of the term be set by resolution of the Board of Directors; and,

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

Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

#### 9.0 2009/2010 Budget Discussion

E. Wilson presented the preliminary budget. Discussion was held on a variety of items.

[2:18 p.m. – 2:29 p.m. Short break.]

R. Owen requested that the GAC expense recovery line be moved out of Grazing; it was moved under Land Administration. B. Chrumka requested that a separate budget line for weed control be added. Through discussion regarding EIDNet expenses and further capital upgrade requirements, the following motion was carried.

~~2009-11-218 Moved by A. Nielsen that in addition to the monthly fee, and installation fee on new installs, an internet upgrade fee apply beginning November 25, 2009 as follows:~~

~~• \$200 for 1.5 meg,~~

~~• \$350 for 3.0 meg.~~

~~Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2009-12-223]~~

In order to have permission to bid at some upcoming auctions, and to give enough order time for other capital items, Mr. Wilson requested approval for some of the proposed capital purchases (new tridem truck, new 70 ton trailer, used service truck, photocopier) included in the budget. Additional discussion was held on the accounting software.

2009-11-219 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve purchasing a new tridem truck, new 70 ton trailer, used service truck and new photocopier in 2009/2010. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

The Community Grazing listing for 2010 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 2010.

**2009-11-220 Moved by A. Nielsen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2010 season be set at \$12.50/AUM. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

The final budget will be brought to the Board for approval at the December Meeting.

### 18.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|---|---|
| 18.01 | AIPA AGM  | - Monday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m., Lethbridge, basement of The Keg   |
| 18.02 | Public Consultation on South Saskatchewan Regional Plan | - Monday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Brooks<br>- Tuesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Medicine Hat |
| 18.03 | CRWUA Conference  | - December 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> , Las Vegas (Neil, Floyd, Pat, Ross)  |
| 18.04 | Staff & Board Christmas Party                           | - Friday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 p.m., Duchess Hall   |
| 18.05 | Regular Board Meeting                                   | - Monday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 18.06 | Scholarship Awards & Reception                          | - Monday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m.   |
| 18.07 | Board Retreat   | - January 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2010, Banff Park Lodge  |
| 18.08 | AIPA Conference   | - February 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary  |

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:20 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**December 21, 2009 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009. 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	Assist. Gen. Man.
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4] 11:06		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

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

[9:45 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson, K. Bridges and W. Enns entered the meeting.]

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.01 Board In-Camera
- 17.03 Corporate vs Individual Listings
- 17.04 Outstanding Grazing Debts
- 23.0 Letter from Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute

**2009-12-221 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 November 24, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2009-12-222 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 EIDNet Installation/Upgrade Fees**

Due to additional information, motion 2009-11-218 was discussed.

*2009-11-218 Moved by A. Nielsen that in addition to the monthly fee, and installation fee on new installs, an internet upgrade fee apply beginning November 25, 2009 as follows:*

- \$200 for 1.5 meg
- \$350 for 3.0 meg or higher.

*Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED*

**2009-12-223 Moved by A. Nielsen that Motion 2009-11-218 be rescinded and that for accounts above 1.5 meg an internet upgrade fee of \$350 be applied, in addition to the monthly fee and**

**installation fee on new installs, beginning December 22, 2009. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**4.0 Report on CRWUA Conference**

P. Hemsing, N. Johnson, F. George and R. Owen attended the Colorado River Water Users Association annual conference in Las Vegas, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Directors commented that the conference was better than last year, commenting on sessions such as board/management/staff relationships, drought situations, water conservation, global warming and ethics.

**5.0 Rock Lake Speedway**

An email to the Chairman was received from Bert Dyck, current representative of “Rock Lake Speed Way”, formally known as “Brooks & District Auto Racing Association”, in response to an article appearing in a local newspaper November 22<sup>nd</sup>. B. Chrumka will respond by letter informing Mr. Dyck that the Board of Directors reviewed and maintains its decision of October 2006 which stated that the land near Rock Lake Reservoir is not suitable to this type of venture.

**7.0 Revised Farm Improvement Policy**

Discussion took place on the infrastructure grant portion of the Farm Improvement Policy. This policy is to be brought to the upcoming Board Retreat, with suggested revisions.

[10:49 a.m. I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 Project Status**

<b>EID Capital Construction Projects</b>			
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>ROW Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
M Tilley	√	100%	- complete (except clean up)
17 Springhill	√	100%	- complete (except clean up)
09-08A Springhill	√	100%	- complete (except clean up)
27 Rolling Hills	√	100%	- earthworks complete, ready for armour
Bow Slope	√	100%	- concrete structures raised near complete, earthworks west side of Hwy 36 near complete
V Tilley	√	100%	- earthworks complete, ready for armour
One Tree	√	100%	- earthworks near complete
Rolling Hills Spill #2	√	100%	- earthworks construction started, roughly 2 weeks remain
01-06 Bow Slope	√	100%	- ready for construction
20 Rolling Hills	√	100%	- ready for construction
Jamison Lake Drain	√	100%	- ready for construction (start date Jan 4 10)
John Ware	√	25%	- landowner issues still outstanding
05-AH North Bantry	75%	0%	- project not approved



IRP Construction Projects			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
Bantry Canal	√	100%	- earthworks near complete on first 1.3 km
F Springhill	√	100%	- 2 km of pipeline installed

**8.02 Bassano Drain**

This rehabilitation project is located 500 m south of the Town of Bassano and runs east for 2.5 km. Currently the banks are being sluffed in and cattle beaten, causing flooding through property near the county road. The recommended rehabilitation is to trim and armour the drain and install a 3 km pipeline to the one irrigation delivery off of the drain at an estimated cost of \$506,000 under the capital works program.

The landowner has agreed to move his pump and mainline, which shortens the proposed pipeline and entitles him to an Infrastructure Savings Grant. The shortening saves the District \$48,000 and the landowner would be eligible for a \$15,000 grant.

**2009-12-224 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of the Bassano Drain by trimming and armouring a portion and installing a pipeline for the one delivery at an estimated cost of \$506,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2009-12-225 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for D. & J. McLean, for moving their pump and mainline, saving the District \$48,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

[11:06 a.m. N. Johnson entered the meeting.]

**8.03 03 Secondary A Rolling Hills**

This rehabilitation project is located 1.6 km south and 1.6 km west of Rolling Hills along the section line between NE 26 & NE 25-14-14 W4M. For ease of delivery, it is being proposed to rehabilitate .5 km of the existing canal by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$103,000.

**2009-12-226 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of 03 Secondary A Rolling Hills by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$103,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.04 Drain Relocation – Don & Carol Gibb (Richard Wiens) – SW 12 & NW 01-21-16 (Motion)**

This Farm Improvement Drain Relocation is located directly northwest of Rosemary, running north-south through the middle of SW 12 and Pt. NW 01-21-16 W4M. The proposal is to relocate the drain along the east quarter section line and the south railroad bed for an estimated cost of \$28,000. The relocation qualifies for the 75/25 cost share with D. & C. Gibb paying \$7,000.

**2009-12-227 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Don and Carol Gibb in SW 12 & NW 01-21-16 W4M for \$28,000; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowners. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**8.05 Farm Crossing – Blaine Johnson – Rolling Hills Canal**

This item was deferred to next month's meeting, as the Farm Improvement Policy will be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

**8.06 Farm Crossing – Gail Kelly – North Branch Canal**

This item was deferred to next month's meeting, as the Farm Improvement Policy will be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

**8.07 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan**

Mr. Friesen presented the District's IRP 3 Year Plan for the construction years 2010/11 to 2012/13. Completed projects and continuing projects are listed in the report, with new projects as follows:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1	North Bantry Canal (Reach #2)	\$10,000,000
Proposed Year 2	North Bantry Canal (Reach #3)	\$8,000,000
Proposed Year 3	West Bantry Canal	\$5,000,000

**2009-12-228 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2010/11 to 2012/13. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED.**

[11:14 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting, J. Meador entered.]

**9.0 Operations**

**9.01 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

**9.01.1 L. De Jager – NE 24-14-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 150 acres (136 under pivot); new corner arm pivot area is 150 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 14 acres flood to pivot. The Water User received a grant in 2005 for the 136 acres flood to pivot and was deducted \$200/acre for keeping the corners. He is now eligible for \$60/acre on these corners, for a Farm Improvement Grant of \$840.

**2009-12-229 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. De Jager for the conversion of 14 acres flood to pivot in the NE 24-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$840. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.01.2 L. De Jager – NW 32-13-13 W4M & SW 05-14-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 45 acres; new wiper pivot area is 55 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 45 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. 10 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,350. The capital assets charge is \$3,000. New assessment on this quarter is 55 acres.

**2009-12-230 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. De Jager for the conversion of 45 acres wheels to pivot in NW 32-13-13 W4M & SW 05-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,350. The capital assets charge is \$3,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**9.01.3 Johnson Farms Ltd. – W ½ 10-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 125 acres in the NW and 50 acres in the SW 10-19-14 W4M. New pivot area is 127 acres in the NW and 54 acres in the SW 10-19-14 W4M (there are 13 acres of

overlap between the 2 pivots). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 50 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. 6 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,500. The capital assets charge is \$1,800. New assessment is 127 acres in the NW and 54 acres in the SW 10-19-14 W4M.

**2009-12-231 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Johnson Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 50 acres wheels to pivot in W ½ 10-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,500. The capital assets charge is \$1,800. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**9.02 Letter from Reed & Gay Crapo- Request to Transfer Irrigable Acres**

A letter was received from Reed and Gay Crapo requesting the transfer (sale) of 19 irrigable acres to the Springview Colony in Gem. The acres in question are situated in the NW corner of NE 27-23-16 W4M, are severed by 21 North Branch Canal, and have been under flood irrigation.

**2009-12-232 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the transfer of 19 irrigable acres in NE 27-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by R. & G. Crapo, to NW 31-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Springview Hutterian Brethren; and that the current delivery to these acres be removed. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[11:37 a.m. – 1:01 p.m. Lunch break; J. Meador exited the meeting.]

**6.0 2009/2010 Budget**

Discussion continued on the 2009/2010 Budget; this item is to be brought to the Board Retreat for further discussion.

[1:26 p.m.]

**6.01 Board In-Camera**

[2:06 p.m.]

**10.0 Change of Purpose Policy**

Preliminary discussion took place with regards to several aspects of the Change of Purpose Policy. It was requested that this item be brought to the Board Retreat for further discussion.

**11.0 Change of Purpose Application**

This item was deferred to next month's meeting, as the Change of Purpose Policy will be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

[3:00 p.m. – 3:08 p.m. Short break.]

**12.0 AltaLink Proposed Routes – High Voltage Powerline**

AltaLink has narrowed the proposed powerline options down to two. The Board was in support of the north route which has existing powerlines and parallels the TransCanada highway.

**2009-12-233 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board endorse the north route proposed by AltaLink for their high voltage powerline through the District. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**13.0 County of Newell / EID Joint Meeting**

It was suggested that a meeting be set up with the City of Brooks as well. Separate meeting times are to be arranged. Suggested topics for the joint meetings were discussed.

**14.0 Equipment**

E. Wilson advised that a 2010 Kenworth truck has been purchased with a 2009 engine and emission motor for \$137,000; and the existing 2004 truck has been traded for \$35,000. Delivery will be in late January. As well, a 65 ton Peerless 24 wheel trailer has been purchased for \$152,270. The District's existing Jeep and booster can be used with the trailer. Delivery will be in March.

**15.0 Retreat Topics & Agenda**

A Board, Admin and Staff Retreat has been planned for January 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> at the Banff Park Lodge. Proposed sessions will include:

- Board Only
- Irrigation Development
- Drought Plan
- Ideas on How to Get Water Users to Better Communicate Water On & Off
- Public Relations / Community Projects / Donations
- What Do You See the District Being in 5 Years?
- Review & Update Board / Manager Roles & Responsibilities

A copy of the Board of Directors and Manager Relationship Policy is to be included in the retreat packages. Requested items from this meeting will be added to the retreat agenda.

**16.0 Letter from Lake Newell Resort Marina Association**

A letter was received from Ron Remus, President of the Lake Newell Marina Association, requesting the District's approval to place a lighthouse on District lakeshore land on the north end of Lake Newell. The District will have final say in the exact location. They are hoping to see the structure in use by May 2010, and feel that it will be of significant benefit for navigation and a unique attraction to the area.

**2009-12-234 Moved by P. Hensing that the Board allow the placement of a lighthouse on District lakeshore land on the north end of Lake Newell. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[3:36 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**17.0 Grazing Report****17.01 Report on GAC Meeting**

A GAC Meeting was held Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The past grazing season, and improvements and listings for the next year were reviewed. The cattle revision deadline and procedure was discussed, with GAC representatives in agreement to the change. In addition to revisions needing to be submitted in writing to the local association and forwarded to the Grazing Lease Manager by May 1<sup>st</sup>, the GAC Board requested that no grazing applications be given out or received at the District office. Applicants must communicate through their local grazing association. As well, the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline needs to be enforced by all associations. Lastly, the issue of members who rent land where a Private Grazing Lease is part of the same farming operation was discussed. The resulting conclusion was that these renting members will have a deduction equivalent to the Private Grazing Lease associated with that land.

**17.02 Grazing Numbers for 2010**

B. Hale reported on grazing applications received for 2010, noting that overall numbers will likely decrease somewhat. The 54 cow/calf pairs per full member recommended by Mr. Hale will closely equal the 15,000 head (75,000 AUM) approved for the 2010 grazing season.

Association	2010	2009	Difference	2010 Members	2009 Members	Difference
Bantry	562	579	- 17	13	13	0
Bassano	893	911	- 18	20	19	+1
Duchess	1,312	1,268	+ 44	29	28	+1
Eyremore	1,286	1,232	+ 54	27	24	+3
Gem	2,308	2,167	+141	47	45	+2
Newell	2,064	2,137	- 73	42	44	-2
Patricia	2,289	2,270	+ 19	50	51	-1
Rolling Hills	1,532	1,600	- 68	37	38	-1
Rosemary	1,647	1,688	- 41	34	34	0
Tilley	1,152	1,027	+125	26	25	+1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,045</b>	<b>14,879</b>	<b>+166</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>+4</b>

**17.03 Corporate vs Individual Listings**

It was advised that in instances of individual listings claiming land which appears to be corporately owned, copies of agreements of sale may be requested for proof of individual ownership.

**17.04 Outstanding Grazing Debts**

Outstanding debts to Community Grazing Associations were discussed in general. It was agreed that names of members or past members who have outstanding debts be forwarded to the Grazing Lease Manager in order to not allow grazing access to any other District land.

**2009-12-235 Moved by T. Livingston that if a Water User is not in good standing with any grazing association or the District, they will not be accepted for grazing on community pastures or any District land. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**18.0 Oil & Gas Rates – Dirt, Land Spraying & Seismic**

In his report, Mr. Redelback recommended keeping the dirt, land spraying and seismic rates the same as last year as they are very comparable to what is being charged by other landowners.

**2009-12-236 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the following Oil & Gas rates for 2010:**

- **Dirt: fill - \$2.00/m<sup>3</sup>, top soil - \$10.00/m<sup>3</sup>;**
  - **Land Spraying: \$1,000/well; and**
  - **Seismic: source - \$1,250/mile, receiver - \$800/mile, improved pasture – add \$100/mile.**
- Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**19.0 Financial Report****19.01 November 30, 2009 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to November 30, 2009, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$3.9 million and is virtually equal to the prior YTD.
- YTD total revenues of \$4.93 million are about 1% more than the prior YTD.

- YTD total net expenses of \$953,100 are about 9% more than prior YTD.

**2009-12-237 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2009, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**19.02 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2009**

Mr. Bridges presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2009 noting the following overall:

- Market value is \$2.85 million more than at September 30, 2008.
- Market value was \$1.4 million greater than book value.
- Change in value includes \$1.4 million “write-up” to match book value to market value.
- Increasing book value to market value at September 30, 2009 effectively moves future year’s investment income into the 2008-2009 fiscal year thereby artificially reducing the investment income to be recorded in future fiscal years.

**2009-12-238 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2009 as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**19.03 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2009**

Mr. Bridges presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2009. Various accounts were discussed.

**2009-12-239 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2009 as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**20.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A total of 12 towers were changed over to run through the Telus fiber feed at the main office. Reconfiguration of customer radios was achieved with minor impacts to service. However, conflicts with PCCC connections did cause some slowness in the network, and soon after backhaul links affecting Rolling Hills and Tilley caused problems for a couple of days. Further upgrades will involve installing additional links between towers and moving existing Brooks customers over to the new Brooks tower.

There were a couple of days where all customers were experiencing slowness with their connections. The cause of this was tracked down to a few problems, but for the most part was caused by improperly configured customer equipment and compromised computers propagating interference back onto the network. Filters were put in place and the offending radios were shutdown and the owners were informed to fix their problems before they would be let back on the system.

**21.0 Tilley Fire Department – Request for Funding**

This item was deferred to next month’s meeting, as the Budget will be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

**22.0 BRBC – Request for Funding**

This item was deferred to next month’s meeting, as the Budget will be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

**23.0 Letter from Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) – Request for Access**

A letter addressed to the Board was received from the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute requesting the opportunity to re-introduce their program to the Board and address outstanding concerns. The Board was not in favor of revisiting this issue. Mr. Chrumka will respond by letter.

**24.0 Upcoming Events**

- 24.01 Scholarship Awards & Reception - Tuesday, December 22, 5:00 p.m.
- 24.02 Board Retreat - January 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Banff Park Lodge
- 24.03 Regular Board Meeting - January 26, 2010

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:24 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager