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**January 26, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. 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. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Pat Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

9:24

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 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 7.01 AUM Grazing Rate
- 14.10 AltaLink Update
- 14.11 ATCO Power
- 19.0 Staffing Update
- 20.0 Accounting Software Presentation

**2010-01-001 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 December 21, 2009**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Motion 2009-12-232, add "Seconded by F. George. CARRIED"
- Motion 2009-12-235, reword to "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."

**2010-01-002 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the December 21, 2009 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

[9:24 a.m. T. Livingston joined the meeting.]

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended, commenting on an Irrigation Council recommendation, Sector Report, and PR projects of 12,000 additional reusable bags being ordered, fishing contests taking place, and participation in the Calgary Stampede's Aggie Days in March. B. Chrumka and N. Johnson volunteered to work a day at the AIPA booth, Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>. B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, T. Livingston, F. George, R. Owen and some admin/staff will attend the AIPA Conference "Alberta's Water Balancing Act" in Calgary February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.



**2010-01-003 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board donate \$1,000 as partial sponsorship towards the AIPA Conference. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2010-01-004 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board nominate Clint Henrickson, past Division 3 Director for 18 years, for the AIPA Service to the Industry Award. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

#### **4.0 Farm Improvement Policy**

The Farm Improvement Policy was discussed in depth at January's Board Retreat. Under the Infrastructure Grant portion of the policy, the following will be added:

- extensions to canal laterals or pipelines
- adding turnouts
- changes to existing turnouts
- canal or drain crossings for cattle or machinery

Under the Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation, the following will be added:

- 7.0 On farm work to accommodate more efficient irrigation, such as leveling old head ditches, field drains, brushing willow trees, etc:  
 .....50:50 up to 5,000
- 8.0 Pivot crossing on small canals or drains:  
 .....District will install;  
 .....Landowner pays for pipe and importing of backfill if no material is available.

The revised Farm Improvement Policy will be available on the web site.

**2010-01-005 Moved by N. Johnson that the Farm Improvement Policy be approved as revised. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### **5.0 Change of Purpose Application**

The Change of Purpose Policy and application were discussed in depth at the Board Retreat. The application will be mailed and the policy will be brought back at a later meeting.

**2010-01-006 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Change of Purpose Application, dated January 26, 2010 be submitted to Alberta Environment. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

#### **6.0 Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy**

The current Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy has been revised in the last 2 years to accept District wide applications. It will now revert back to taking applications only for acres off reservoir support. As well, in addition to Crawling Valley and 12 Mile Coulee, Lake Newell will be eligible for applications per person or corporation to a maximum of 300 acres.

**2010-01-007 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy be approved as revised. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[9:37 – 9:42 a.m. Short break.]

#### **7.0 2009/2010 Budget Approval**

The 2009/2010 Budget was discussed in depth at the Board Retreat. N. Johnson requested that the budget portion for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground be taken out of line 250-020-000 in the Irrigation Works Reserve Fund and moved to a new line under Community Projects. He also

enquired as to the results of changing the depreciation value of regrass fields under Community Grazing. This item was deferred to after lunch.

**2010-01-008 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board of Directors approve the 2009/2010 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

## **8.0 Requests for Funding**

Requests for funding and community projects were also discussed at the Board Retreat.

### **8.01 Fire Departments within the EID**

In follow up to an earlier request from one of the local fire departments, it was supported to donate \$25,000 to all 9 fire departments within the District. A press release will be issued to local media.

**2010-01-009 Moved by P. Hemsing that \$25,000 be donated to each of the 9 Fire Departments within the District (Bassano, Gem, Rosemary, Duchess, Patricia, Tilley, Rolling Hills, Scandia/Rainier/Bow City and Brooks). Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

### **8.02 BRBC – State of the Basin Project**

The District has contributed towards projects of the Bow River Basin Council in other years. This donation will go towards their State of the Basin Project which will be an online report with continually updated data.

**2010-01-010 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District donate \$5,000 to the Bow River Basin Council for their State of the Basin Project. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

## **9.0 Bylaws**

### **9.01 2010 Rates Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2010 Rates Bylaw, which is based on a '0' water rate.

Eastern Irrigation District

### **BYLAW 875 (2010)**

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

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

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

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

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

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "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.

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- (b) "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the District.
  - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
  - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
3. The rate for all acres of land irrigated under an annual agreement is established at **\$0.00** per acre. The rate prescribed in this clause shall be charged in addition to any minimum amount payable, surcharge or penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw.
  4. The rate for all acres of land assessed as irrigation acres is established at **\$0.00** per acre. The rate prescribed in this clause shall be charged in addition to any minimum amount payable, surcharge or penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw.
  5. The rate for all acres of land irrigated under a terminable agreement is established at **\$0.00** per acre. The rate prescribed in this clause shall be charged in addition to any minimum amount payable, surcharge or penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw.
  6. The minimum amount payable as an irrigation charge or as a terminable agreement charge is established at **\$0.00** per point of delivery.
  7. A surcharge of **\$15.00** per acre shall be charged for all acres irrigated under a terminable agreement, where such acres have been identified by the District as being eligible for conversion to irrigation acres, but have not been so converted at the request of the agreement holder. This surcharge shall be charged in addition to any other rate, charge or minimum amount payable established pursuant to this Bylaw.
  8. A surcharge equal to the actual annual energy costs incurred by the District for pumping water into a pressurized water conveyance system shall be charged against all acres served by the pressurized water conveyance system. This surcharge shall be apportioned amongst the acres so served based upon the percentage of the volume of water delivered to each point of delivery on the pressurized water conveyance system compared to the total volume of water delivered through the pressurized water conveyance system. This surcharge shall be charged in addition to any other rate, charge or minimum amount payable established pursuant to this Bylaw.
  9. The following pressurized water conveyance system maintenance surcharges shall be charged against all acres served by the applicable pressurized water conveyance system:
    - (a) H Cowoki Pressure System **\$2.00** per acre
    - (b) 03 East Branch Pressure System **\$2.00** per acre
    - (c) Springhill Pressure System **\$2.00** per acre.
  10. A discount in the amount of **0%** shall be allowed on any payment of the following current year charges:
    - (a) annual agreement charges,
    - (b) irrigation charges,
    - (c) terminable agreement charges,
    - (d) terminable agreement surcharges levied pursuant to clause 7 above,provided such payment is received by the District not later than 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November of the year in which the charge is imposed. A payment enclosed in an envelope bearing an official postmark dated on or before the third Friday of November, but received by the District after 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November, shall be deemed to have been received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November and the discount amount set out in this clause shall be allowed on such payment. Notwithstanding that payment may have been received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of November, no discount shall be allowed on any payment of a surcharge levied pursuant to clauses 8 or 9 above; or on any payment of a penalty added pursuant to clause 11 below; or on any payment of an amount in arrears.

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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 **871 (2009)** is hereby repealed.
  13. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.
- 2010-01-011 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #875 (2010) be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**
- 2010-01-012 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board read and approve Bylaw #875 (2010) the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**
- 2010-01-013 Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #875 (2010) this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2010-01-014 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #875 (2010), 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**
- 9.02 2010 Fees Bylaw**  
K. Bridges presented the proposed 2010 Fees By-Law; amounts to be charged have not changed from the last 2 years.

Eastern Irrigation District

**BYLAW 876 (2010)**

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.

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**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.

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- (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.

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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.

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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.

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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].

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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 (\$27.86 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 (\$27.86 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 (\$27.86 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	Base charge of \$200.00 plus \$75/ac ft. The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of July, shall be	\$450.00 \$275.00

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Industrial at 110% of per acre foot cost (\$27.86 x 1.1 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

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- 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 [ $\$27.86 \times 0.95 = \$26.47$  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 [ $\$27.86 \times 0.85 = \$23.68$  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 [ $\$27.86 \times 0.75 = \$20.90$  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 **872 (2009)** is hereby repealed.
15. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

**2010-01-015 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw #876 (2010) be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2010-01-016 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board read and approve Bylaw #876 (2010) the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2010-01-017 Moved by T. Livingston that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #876 (2010) this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2010-01-018 Moved by P. Hemsing that Bylaw #876 (2010), 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 T. Livingston. CARRIED**



**9.03 2010 Remuneration Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2010 Remuneration Bylaw, based on the District's cost of living increase for 2010.

Eastern Irrigation District

**BYLAW 877 (2010)**

Bylaw Establishing the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors

[Irrigation Districts Act, Section 177]

WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act requires a district to enact a bylaw to establish the rate of remuneration and expenses to be paid to members of the Board of Directors,

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

1. Definitions:  
When used in this Bylaw,
  - (a) "Irrigation Districts Act" or "Act" mean the Irrigation Districts Act, chapter I – 11, RSA 2000.
  - (b) "Board" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District.
  - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
  - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
2. The rate of remuneration to be paid to a member of the Board for attendance at a meeting of the Board or other meeting of the District for which attendance has been authorized shall be:  
  

**\$406.00** per full day, or  
**\$203.00** if the meeting lasts less than 4 hours.
3. The expenses to be paid to a member of the Board shall be:  
  
Mileage:  

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

  
Meals:  

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

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

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

4. Claims for remuneration and expense reimbursement will normally be submitted by the member of the Board to the Eastern Irrigation District on a quarter year basis for the periods ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. **Bylaw 873 (2009)** is hereby repealed.
6. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of **January, 2010**.

**2010-01-019 Moved by T. Livingston that Bylaw #877 (2010), be introduced and read the first time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2010-01-020 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #877 (2010) the second time this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2010-01-021 Moved by T. Livingston that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #877 (2010) this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2010-01-022 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #877 (2010), being a bylaw to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

[10:22 a.m. J. Meador and I. Friesen entered the meeting.]

## **10.0 Operations**

### **10.01 Farm Improvements**

#### **10.01.1 Joe Hajash – N ½ 02-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment for this parcel is 173 acres; new pivot area is 161 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 161 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 12 acres in the SW & SE corners of the pivot at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,660 (161 acres flood to pivot) - \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre) = \$6,060.

**2010-01-023 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joe Hajash for the conversion of 161 acres flood to pivot in the N ½ of 02-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,060. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

#### **10.01.2 H. Rosdal (Dale Marzolf) – N ½ of NW 09-15-13 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 760 m of gated pipe, pump well and pump to serve 61 acres. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2010-01-024 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the farm improvement for H. Rosdal for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the N ½ of NW 09-15-13 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

#### **10.01.3 C. & D. Mindorff – Pt. S ½ 28-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 214 acres; new wheel moves area would be 67 acres. This application involves converting one area to wheels, but requiring the same flow for flood for the other areas. This application was denied since no water savings or efficiencies would be realized.

**10.01.4 F. Regehr (Dirk Regehr) – NE 05-22-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 138 acres; new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres gated pipe flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. There was no previous grant for the gated pipe. The Water User is choosing to keep 4 acres outside the pivot circle at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,040 (134 acres flood to pivot) - \$1,200 (4 acres at \$300/acre) = \$6,840.

**2010-01-025 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for F. Regehr for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in NE 05-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,840. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**10.01.5 L. De Jager – NE 24-14-14 W4M**

A Farm Improvement was approved at the December 21, 2009 Directors Meeting for converting 14 acres in flood corners to pivot arm corners. The standard flood to pivot grant of \$60/acre was given. Previously, in 2005, the Water User was deducted \$200/acre for these corners when applying for a grant for the pivot circle.

Cases such as these were discussed at the Board Retreat with the outcome that a reimbursement of penalties for kept acres in conjunction with Farm Improvements in the past, would be considered. Applications for this type of scenario will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

**2010-01-026 Moved by T. Livingston that the penalty of \$200/acre applied in May 2005 be returned to L. De Jager for 14 acres of new efficiencies. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

**11.0 Engineering****11.01 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>Comments</b>
M Tilley	- complete (except clean up)
17 Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
09-08A Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
27 Rolling Hills	- earthworks complete, ready for armour and structures
Bow Slope	- earthworks near complete on first 1.3 km of 3 km
V Tilley	- earthworks complete, armour being placed, structures being installed
One Tree	- earthworks complete, armouring to be completed
Rolling Hills Spill #2	- near complete
01-06 Bow Slope	- ready for construction
20 Rolling Hills	- ready for construction
Jamison Lake Drain	- ready for construction (start date end of January)
John Ware	- landowner issues still outstanding
05-AH North Bantry	- project not approved

IRP Construction Projects	
Project Name	Comments
Bantry Canal	- earthworks near complete on first 2.4 km of 6 km
F Springhill	- 6 km of pipeline installed of 25 km

**11.02 Farm Crossing – Blaine Johnson – Rolling Hills Canal**

Blaine Johnson has asked the District to install a culvert cattle crossing on the Rolling Hills Canal in SW 34-15-14 W4M at an estimated cost of \$29,300. This request was brought back to January's meeting as canal and drain crossings were discussed at the Board Retreat under the Farm Improvement Policy. As requests for crossings may now qualify for a 50/50 cost share up to \$10,000 per quarter section, the following was approved.

**2010-01-027 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the installation of a canal crossing in the Rolling Hills Canal in SW 34-15-14 W4M for Blaine Johnson at a 50/50 cost share with the District, up to \$10,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**11.03 Farm Crossing – Gail Kelly – North Branch Canal**

This item was also brought back to January's meeting. Gail Kelly has asked the District to install a cattle crossing culvert in the North Branch Canal in SE 34-21-18 W4M. The estimated cost for this project is \$50,000 - \$60,000 due to the large capacity of the canal. It was requested that Mrs. Kelly be contacted with information given as per the newly revised Farm Improvement Policy.

**11.04 Pipeline to Serve Russell Douglass Lease #8268**

This item has been brought back at the landowner's request. Russell Douglass 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 that he currently leases, at an estimated cost of \$140,000. The District would retain ownership and maintenance of the pipeline. It was first discussed at the November 2009 meeting with the following resulting motion.

*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*

As Mr. Douglass feels there is too much financial risk involved, he requested that the District review the request in light of 2 possible options: A) payment over 15 years (6 years current leaseholder, 9 years future leaseholder); B) EID install turnout on canal with Douglass installing his own pipeline and pumping across spill for the lease. These options and other factors were discussed at length.

[11:23 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break; J. Meador and I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

It was substantiated that this case would be evaluated on a two landowner basis. Any money invested by the District as landowner would be recouped through a surcharge on water rates over 15 years and in the sale of the lease in 6 years time (the land would be valued higher). The following motion supersedes the original motion passed in November. E. Wilson will contact Mr. Douglass.

**2010-01-028 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the installation of a pipeline to serve Irrigated Lease #8268 at an estimated cost of \$140,000 with the following conditions:**

- **to be cost-shared by the District and the adjacent landowner on an irrigated acre basis, and**

- the District's share will be amortized over 15 years at 5% interest and the rent on the Irrigated Lease raised accordingly.

Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED

## **7.0 2009/2010 Budget Approval cont'd.**

### **7.01 AUM Grazing Rate**

E. Wilson presented updated information on the depreciation values of regrass fields. It was ascertained that a straight line depreciation calculation better reflected the reality of replacing regrass fields than a declining balance calculation. This adjustment proved to lower the overall expenses, thus the AUM rate could be adjusted down from \$12.50 to \$11.75. B. Hale will contact grazing associations.

**2010-01-029 Moved by R. Owen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2010 season be set at \$11.75/AUM. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

## **12.0 Financial Report**

### **12.01 December 31, 2009 Financial Statements**

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

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$5.3 million and is about 3% (\$143,000) less than the prior YTD.
- YTD total revenues of \$6.85 million are about 1% (\$58,300) more than the prior YTD.
- YTD total next expenses of \$1.52 million are about 15% (\$201,300) more than prior YTD.

**2010-01-030 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2009, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[1:00 p.m. D. Halbert entered the meeting.]

### **1:00 p.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2009 Statements**

B. Chrumka welcomed the District's auditor, Daryl Halbert, C.A., of Bevan, Halbert, Gerrard and Mossey, Chartered Accountants, to the meeting. D. Halbert summarized their audit 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. N. Johnson asked for a definition of the term "adequate" when describing the District's accounting process. Mr. Halbert confirmed that "adequate" does mean "really good". He added that good controls are in place with all money transactions going through the till, and accounting duties are performed by separate staff than are physically handling the transactions. P. Hemsing asked why the "doubtful accounts" under Accounts Receivable were double from last year. K. Bridges explained that each account is assessed individually as to whether the District may be able to collect, with some accounts being written off, but this percentage is very low. A variety of other questions and comments from the Board members were responded to by Mr. Halbert.

Mr. Halbert reviewed the letters to the Board, outlining the requirements addressed in each letter. He 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.

[1:41 p.m. – 1:49 p.m. Short break; D. Halbert exited the meeting.]

It is Administration's recommendation to:

- Use \$2,783,708 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2009 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects.
- Transfer \$14,509,519 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 \$6,600 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development.

- 2010-01-031 Moved by N. Johnson that approval be granted to use \$2,783,708 of internally restricted funds to pay for the District's 2009 share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**
- 2010-01-032 Moved by P. Hemsing that approval be granted to transfer, effective September 30, 2009, \$14,509,519 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 A. Nielsen. CARRIED**
- 2010-01-033 Moved by T. Livingston that approval be granted to transfer, effective September 30, 2009, \$6,600 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**
- 2010-01-034 Moved by P. Hemsing that the auditor's letter report to the Board dated January 21, 2010 be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**
- 2010-01-035 Moved by R. Owen that the auditor's report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2009 be approved as presented. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

### **13.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. 1,143 customers are currently connected. A summary was given of what areas remain on PCCC towers. Brooks customers will be changed over in the following weeks. The mail server has been switched over from the PCCC IP address and the web server will be changed before the end of the month. A variety of radio and power supply or connector problems were outlined; and all have been addressed. As well, letters have been sent out requesting that customers fill out subscription forms so that the department can create an accurate database of client's bandwidth, payment preferences and other applicable information.

### **14.0 Lands**

#### **14.01 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Lease #8215 – Leonard Lundquist**

Mr. Lundquist has chosen the option of paying the required fee and extending his lease for 10 more years. A rental rate must be established for the first 5 years of the extension.

- 2010-01-036 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8215 in NE 16-15-13 W4M at \$52/acre on 133 wetted acres plus \$5/acre on 12 dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2010 through 2014. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **14.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Springview Hutterian Brethren – Sec. 28-23-16 W4M**

There is a pivot on this section which covers parts of all 4 quarters. An Irrigable Unit must be registered on these parcels.

**2010-01-037** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE, NW, SE, SW 28-23-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Springview Hutterian Brethren. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**14.03 Application for Alternate Parcel – Bow City Hutterian Brethren from John Miller**

The District received a request to approve the use of 80 irrigation acres for pivot end gun (20 acres) and wheels (60 acres), from John Miller in the S ½ 23-17-17 W4M by Bow City Hutterian Brethren in Sec. 27-17-17 W4M, for the 2010 irrigation season. Wheel irrigation will be in the NE 27-17-17 W4M; soils have been done and are irrigable.

**2010-01-038** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the annual transfer of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in the S ½ 23-17-17 W4M by Bow City Hutterian Brethren in Sec. 27-17-17 W4M, for the 2010 irrigation season. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED

**14.04 Assessment Report to December 31, 2009**

E. Wilson presented a detailed Assessment Report for December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009, on behalf of Robert Matoba. The summary is as follows:

EID Water Roll	
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	
December 31, 2008	285,305 irrigation acres
December 31, 2009	287,688 irrigation acres
Net increase	2,383 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)	213 irrigation acres
<b>Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)	2,596 irrigation acres

**14.05 Taber Landowners Association**

The District has been approached as to whether they would consider offering a donation to the Taber Landowners Association for their negotiating work with Inter Pipeline. This group formed or expanded last spring/summer to campaign for higher rates to be paid to landowners and for increased signing bonuses for the new pipeline coming through their land. District land and one private landowner were affected. Some Directors were not opposed to making a small donation, although through discussion a request for a donation was declined noting that the District acts independently from these types of organizations.

[2:18 p.m. R. Martin and M. Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

**14.06 2009 PHD Update**

M. Jarvis Redelback presented the PHD Update for 2009, noting that within the EID in 2009 the PHD:

- planted 37,736 trees & shrubs
- installed a total of 3,650 m of fencing materials
- installed 2 temporary feeding stations for wildlife wintering areas (2008/2009 winter)
- provided 3 cooperating landowners with grain to supply feeding stations on their properties

A number of questions were responded to. Plans for 2010 include:

- to plant approximately 25,000 trees and shrubs, including 5,000 seedlings for Crawling Valley Campground and 3,500 for Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

- install 2,250 m of fencing materials to protect new habitat sites
- assist in additional fencing projects on new project sites

#### **14.07 2009 Public Access Report**

R. Martin presented the Public Access Report for 2009. Overall patrolling practices may include check stops, reviews of guidelines, written warnings and charges. This past year Community Peace Officers were contracted to patrol District lands and help enforce EID Public Access Guidelines. The visual effect of a marked enforcement vehicle patrolling reservoir shorelines and land adjacent to Dinosaur Park is of great benefit. Random camping and dirt bike and ATV activity were the main issues in spring and summer, with 5 unauthorized campers being dealt with by EID staff or CPO's. 4 groups and 8 vehicles were dealt with ATV type violations. The Dinosaur Park Conservation Officers and the Patricia Lease Rider are of great assistance in their areas. During the fall, Fish and Wildlife Officers assist as well, having issued 3 written warnings and charging 2 with trespassing in association with other wildlife charges. As well in fall, EID staff patrolled District lands during Antelope season, opening days of Sharp-tailed Grouse and Pheasant season, and the November deer season. A total of 224 vehicles were monitored, with 9 found in violation. This is a compliance rate of 96% which is consistent with past 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.

#### **14.08 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 2010 and will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. R. Martin will respond by letter.

**2010-01-039 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 F. George. CARRIED**

#### **14.09 Request to place Signs at Lake Newell and Crawling Valley Reservoirs**

A letter was received from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development requesting the placement of information and poaching signs around Crawling Valley Reservoir and Lake Newell. According to Alberta SRD recent studies have indicated that Walleye populations are declining in Crawling Valley Reservoir and that illegal harvest has played a significant role; it is also a problem at Lake Newell. The District was asked to give input on sign placement and was also asked for assistance in installation. R. Martin will respond by letter.

**2010-01-040 Moved by P. Hemsing that the District allow Alberta Sustainable Resource Development to place information and poaching signs around Crawling Valley Reservoir and Lake Newell. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[2:45 p.m. R. Martin and M. Jarvis Redelback exited the meeting.]

#### **14.10 AltaLink Update**

E. Wilson described 2 minor changes he was notified of, to the proposed north and south routes. The north route is supported by the District.

#### **14.11 ATCO Power**

Mr. Wilson was approached by a representative from ATCO Power wanting to discuss possible site locations for a converter station and power line development coming in from the north end of the EID down into the Cassils area, off Hwy #36. This power line project was awarded to ATCO Power, similar to AltaLink's, but on a much larger scale (DC 500 KVA). They require a half



section of land free of wells and pipelines and are pre scouting the area. They have identified 3 possible locations on District land. Mr. Wilson was given approval to proceed with talks regarding a request for land.

#### **15.0 AGM Minutes – March 18, 2009**

The 2009 AGM Minutes were accepted for presentation at the 2010 AGM Meeting. These draft minutes will be included with the Annual Report Book sent to Water Users in March.

#### **16.0 Annual Report & Annual General Meeting**

The EID Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. The meeting will be in its regular format. B. Chrumka asked Directors for input on reports for the Annual Report Book.

#### **17.0 Invitation to Attend Mtg with Brooks Council, Brooks Env. Com. & Water Matters**

Brooks City Council's Environmental Committee are having a meeting with Water Matters on February 16<sup>th</sup> and has invited the EID to have some representation. E. Wilson and F. George will attend, along with M. Redelback (committee member).

#### **18.0 Meeting with Municipal Councils**

The meeting with Municipal Councils has been set for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be on water conveyance, drought planning and water sharing.

#### **19.0 Staffing Update**

E. Wilson advised that Irv Morey will be retiring at the end of this coming water season, and then will be contracted to run the Bassano Dam and headworks canals for 2011. Dirk Senneker has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the North Division.

[3:21 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. Short break.]

#### **20.0 Accounting Software Presentation**

K. Bridges gave an overview of the new accounting software selected. Currently the office uses 3 independent programs which require custom interfacing software. The payroll program is proving incapable of handling the District's requirements, and the main accounting software is facing major upgrades in the near future. Upgrades to this program have proved to be frustrating to say the least, and very expensive. Two integrated programs were narrowed down as possibilities, with Microsoft Dynamics being the program of choice for the District's needs.

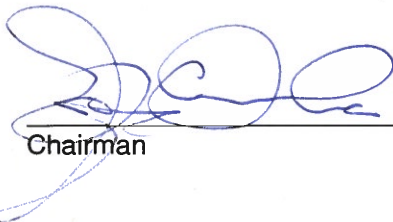
**2010-01-041 Moved by F. George that the District purchase the Microsoft Dynamics accounting software for District office use. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### **21.0 Upcoming Events**


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| 21.01 | MLA Arno Doerksen Meeting                                    | - Thursday, Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office, 1:30 p.m.    |
| 21.02 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Wednesday, Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.               |
| 21.03 | EID / County Joint Mtg & Lunch                               | - Wednesday, Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office, 12:00 noon  |
| 21.04 | Municipal Councils & Admin Mtg                               | - Thursday, Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office, 7:00 p.m.    |
| 21.05 | Brooks Council, Brooks Environ. Comm., Water Matters Meeting | - Tuesday, Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> , City of Brooks, 6:30 p.m. |

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| <p>21.06 Regional Arena Grand Opening</p> <p>21.07 AIPA Conference</p> <p>21.08 Special Board Meeting</p> <p>21.09 Spring Information Meetings</p><br><p>21.10 Aggie Days – AIPA Booth</p> <p>21.11 Regular Board Meeting</p><br><p>21.12 Annual General Meeting</p> | <p>- Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.<br/>(2:30 p.m. other activities start)</p> <p>- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, Radisson Hotel, Calgary</p> <p>- Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (tentative)</p> <p>- Tuesday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Patricia (tentative)</p> <p>- Thursday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. – Rosemary</p> <p>- Thursday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Rainier</p> <p>- Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – Roundup Centre, Hall A</p> <p>- Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.</p><br><p>- Wednesday, Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Inn, 1:30 p.m.</p> |
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**N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:48 p.m.**



Chairman



General Manager

**February 10, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010. 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. Ross Owen	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 10:06 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 8.0 Magnacide H Update

**2010-02-042 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 January 26, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-02-043 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the January 26, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

Various questions were responded to by administration.

**4.0 Farm Improvements****4.01 C. & K. Andrews – S ½ 13-18-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 81 acres under pivot in the SW and 53 acres flood in the SE 13-18-14 W4M. The first Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 24 acres flood to pivot, transferring from the SE to the existing pivot in the SW. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,440. The second Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of the remaining 29 acres flood in the SE to wheels. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$870.

**2010-02-044 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve for C. & K. Andrews:**

- the Farm Improvement for the conversion of 24 acres flood to pivot in the SW 13-18-14 W4M, the grant payable to the Water User being \$1,440; and
- the Farm Improvement for the conversion of 29 acres flood to wheels in the SE 13-18-14 W4M; the grant payable to the Water User being \$870.

**Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**4.02 T. & S. Ovinge – NE 30-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 139 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 121 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 121 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User is choosing to keep the remaining 18 acres outside the pivot at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,260 (121 acres flood to pivot) - \$5,400 (18 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,860.

**2010-02-045 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for T. & S. Ovinge for the conversion of 121 acres flood to pivot in the NE 30-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,860. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**5.0 Rate Review on 3 Irrigated Leases – 8254, 8255, 8256**

The rental rate must be established for the final years of these three leases which expire December 31, 2015.

**2010-02-046 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rental rate for:**

- **Irrigated Lease #8254 in SE 22-14-13 W4M at \$52/acre on 135 wetted acres plus \$5/acre on 19 dry acres;**
- **Irrigated Lease #8255 in SE 21-14-13 W4M at \$52/acre on 135 wetted acres plus \$5/acre on 19 dry acres; and**
- **Irrigated Lease #8256 in SE 15-14-13 W4M at \$52/acre on 112 wetted acres plus \$5/acre on 18 dry acres;**

**plus water and taxes for the years 2010 through 2015. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[10:19 a.m. R. Martin entered the meeting.]

**6.0 Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) Update**

R. Martin was in attendance to discuss the District's intentions of support for the Classroom Agriculture Program. The CAP is conducted by volunteers who go into classrooms and talk about the importance of agriculture to society. There are close to 200 individual volunteers involved who give presentations to approximately 800 classrooms for a total of 15,000 to 20,000 students annually. Current CAP member groups include: AB Beef Producers, AB, Barley Commission, AB Canola Producers, AB Chicken Producers, AB Egg Producers, AB Pulse Growers Commission, AB Veterinary Medical Assoc., Potato Growers of AB, Olds College, and the Eastern Irrigation District.

R. Martin noted in his report that the Alberta Beef Producers, which were a senior member of the organization and the group administering it, were no longer able to play a key role in funding or running the program; and that a not-for-profit organization was once again being proposed. The Board directed Mr. Martin to indicate that the EID will continue its usual financial and staff support; to enquire if the AB Beef Producers are interested in administering the program even if they are not a senior member; to suggest that local industry be approached for funding; and to pass on A. Nielsen's name as the EID's representative on the AIPA board.

[10:39 a.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

**7.0 AIPA Executive Director Monthly Report - Info**

The AIPA Executive Director's Report for January 2010 was received as information. E. Wilson will contact AIPA regarding moving the advertizing trailer to where the North Branch Canal and TransCanada Highway intersect near Bassano.

**8.0 Magnacide H Update**

Mr. Wilson advised that Baker Hughes will continue to produce the Magnacide herbicide, at a higher price and with a more restricted contract. MultiChem, a chemical distributor, is in the process of obtaining a license for agricultural use. If their license is approved, the District would then have the option of buying from their supplier out of Fort Saskatchewan.

**9.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 9.01 | Lunch & EID/County Joint Mtg          | - Wednesday, Feb 10, 12:00 noon, EID Office       |
| 9.02 | Municipal Councils & Admin Mtg        | - Thursday, Feb 11, 7:00 p.m., EID Office         |
| 9.03 | Brks Coun., Env. Com. & Water Matters | - Tuesday, Feb 16, 6:30 p.m., City of Brooks      |
| 9.04 | Regional Arena Grand Opening          | - Saturday, Feb 20, 5:30 p.m., New Arena          |
| 9.05 | AIPA Conference, Radisson Hotel       | - February 22 – 24, Calgary                       |
| 9.06 | Regular Board Meeting                 | - Tuesday, Mar 2, 1:00 p.m., EID Office           |
| 9.07 | Spring Information Meeting            | - Tuesday, Mar 2, 7:00 p.m., Patricia Hall        |
| 9.08 | Spring Information Meeting            | - Thursday, Mar 4, 2:00 p.m., Rosemary            |
| 9.09 | Spring Information Meeting            | - Thursday, Mar 4, 7:00 p.m., Rainier             |
| 9.10 | Aggie Days                            | - Friday, Mar 19, Calgary, Roundup Centre, Hall A |
| 9.11 | Regular Board Meeting                 | - Tuesday, Mar 23, 9:00 a.m., EID Office          |
| 9.12 | Annual General Meeting                | - Wednesday, Mar 24, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn      |

**N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:05 a.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**March 2, 2010 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2010. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	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 1:23 p.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Pipeline to Serve Russell Douglass Lease #8268
- 6.01.2 Trevor Sandau – NW 19-15-15 W4M
- 8.04 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2
- 9.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 13.0 Interim Report on Electoral Boundaries (Provincial MLA's)
- 14.0 CWRA Alberta Conference

**2010-03-047 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 February 10, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-03-048 Moved by T. Livingston that the Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Pipeline to Serve Russell Douglass Lease #8268**

E. Wilson advised that Mr. Douglass is requesting that the District's offer be left open until fall and that he will make his decision at that time. The Board was in agreement with this.

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 January 31, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to January 31, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$6 million and is about 21% (\$1 million) more than YTD budget.
- YTD total revenues of \$8.2 million are about 15% (\$1 million) more than YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses of \$2.2 million are tracking on YTD budget.

Mr. Bridges also noted that beginning this year the District will pay the EID's annual contribution to the IRP grant fund from the operating fund rather than by withdrawing the funds from the Irrigation Works Fund reserve.

**2010-03-049 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2010, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**4.02 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2009**

Mr. Bridges presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment report noting overall that the market value of the District's investments at December 31, 2009 is \$343,200 more than at September 30, 2009.

**2010-03-050 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2009 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**5.0 Engineering Report**

**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>Comments</b>
M Tilley	- complete (except clean up)
17 Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
09-08A Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
Rolling Hills Spill # 2	- complete (except clean up)
27 Rolling Hills	- near complete (except clean up)
Bow Slope	- earthworks near complete, armour near complete by end of month
V Tilley	- earthworks & armouring complete, pipeline near complete & cleanup remains
One Tree	- earthworks complete, structures near complete, armouring to be completed
01-06 Bow Slope	- ready for construction
20 Rolling Hills	- ready for construction
Jamison Lake Drain	- ready for construction (start date March 1)
John Ware	- landowner issues still outstanding
05-AH North Bantry	- Transcanada decision by mid-April

<b>IRP Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bantry Canal	- earthworks complete on 4 km of 6 km, armour placed on 3 km, armour being stockpiled
F Springhill	- 15.5 km of pipeline installed of 25 km

Mr. Friesen advised that the District has been reported for filling in a wetland on the Bantry Canal project. Alberta Environment commenced an investigation; there has been a meeting on site, and additional information has been forwarded.

**5.02 25 Rolling Hills**

This rehabilitation project is located 7 km east and 6 km south of Rolling Hills, and serves a total of 768 irrigable acres. The existing canal has insufficient bank height, with very flat slopes and vegetation growth making delivery to turnouts challenging. The proposal is to pipeline 1.8 km along the existing alignment for an estimated cost of \$690,000.

**2010-03-051 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of 25 Rolling Hills by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$690,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**5.03 Schooner Drain Realignment**

Eckhardt Wiebe, Aaron Van Ee and Leo Wiebe have approached the EID with the request that a drain that bisects their quarters in NW 15, NE 15 and SE 22-21-16 W4M be realigned. With the realignment of the drain a land swapping will occur to square up the quarters whereby 3 pivots can be installed. The quarters are currently farmed under flood irrigation. After discussion, it was requested that this drain realignment be brought back to the Board for approval as a complete drain project including reaches upstream and downstream of this.

**5.04 Guidelines for Rights-of-Way, Easements Policy Review**

E. Wilson presented the current rights-of-way rates, set in April 2004. He advised that the County is moving towards the market value system for their ROW payments, but is recommending to stay with the District's rate system for agricultural parcels and move to market value on industrial and residential small acreages.

**2010-03-052 Moved by A. Nielsen that the rate structure in the Guidelines for Rights-of-Way, Easements Policy be revised by going to market value on industrial and residential acreage parcels under 10 acres. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[2:29 p.m. – 2:34 p.m. Short break.]

**6.0 Operations**

**6.01 Farm Improvements**

**6.01.1 Rod Dyck – SW 01-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 143 acres (123 under pivot); new corner arm pivot area is 147 acres. This Farm Improvements calls for the conversion of 20 acres flood to pivot. 4 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Water User received a grant in October 2000 for the 123 acres flood to pivot and was deducted \$200/acre for keeping the corners. He is now eligible for a \$60/acre Farm Improvement and a \$200/acre reimbursement, for a total of \$5,200. The capital assets charge is \$1,200.

**2010-03-053 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rod Dyck for the conversion of 20 acres flood to pivot in the SW 01-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,200. The capital assets charge is \$1,200. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2010-03-054 Moved by A. Nielsen that the penalty of \$200/acre applied in October 2000 be returned to Rod Dyck for 20 acres of new efficiencies; 20 acres @ \$200 = \$4,000. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**



**6.01.2 T. Sandau – NW 19-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 141 acres; new wiper pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres flood to low pressure pivot, complete with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-off. The pivot must be piped from delivery to pump site. The Water User wishes to sell back 12 acres in corners, but retain 5 acres within the wedge as flood. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,440 (124 acres flood to pivot) + \$8,400 (12 acres at \$700/acre) - \$1,500 (5 acres at \$300/acre) = \$14,340.

**2010-03-055 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for T. Sandau for the conversion of 124 acres flood to pivot in the NW 19-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$14,340. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**7.0 Equipment****7.01 Equipment Purchases**

E. Wilson advised that a used GM forklift was demoed for a week and has been purchased for \$22,500. As well, a 3-year-old 1 ton truck with picker and 39,000 km was purchased for \$40,000. He noted that this truck will be made into a welding truck. Preapproval for purchase was given under the Capital Works budget.

**7.02 Equipment to Sell**

Some of the equipment, as listed below, will be advertised locally, and quotes from auction companies will be received. The equipment will be sold through auction if local bids are not higher than auction companies.

**2010-03-056 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the sale of the following through local bids or at auction:**

- 330 hi hoe
- two 230 hi hoes
- two gravel trucks
- pup trailer
- 3 ton truck
- 5 ton picker truck
- 1998 GMC 1 ton truck
- 2001 Dodge 1 ton truck
- six ½ ton trucks
- Bommag packer
- old generator

**Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**8.0 Lands****8.01 Report on Ringneck Classic Pheasant Hunt**

This year 6 hunting groups (42 teams) participated in the hunt on EID lands and were from Calgary, Carstairs, Black Diamond, Kamloops and the EID. There were no issues regarding behavior during the hunt or condition of the sites after the hunt. Assistance was given to locate driving trails and identify boundaries as snow cover caused some confusion.

**8.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground 2010 Rates**

K. Bridges reviewed the rates from 2009. The Board advised leaving the camping and marina rates the same for 2010, with the only revision being increasing the seasonal boat slip application fee to \$420 to include GST. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of placing and staffing a registration booth near the entrance to the campground.

- 2010-03-057** Moved by T. Livingston that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2010 camping season remain 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 A. Nielsen. CARRIED
- 2010-03-058** Moved by T. Livingston that the seasonal boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2010 boating season remain 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 set at \$420 to include GST. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[3:00 p.m. G. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**8.03 Oil & Gas Review**

Mr. Wilson advised that the Area Development and Operation Agreement expires December 31, 2010. This was a 5-year agreement, with the major development work done in 2005, and this time around should only see minor changes. Cenovus has requested a preliminary meeting with admin prior to official negotiations. Discussion on the negotiation process, terms and desired compensation followed.

[3:15 p.m. G. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**8.04 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2**

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of this claim.

**9.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he attended yesterday, giving a rundown on the recent conference in Calgary and associated costs. The conference was good overall, with 190 registrants and clearing \$16,000. An AIPA Directors Meeting is planned for Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Taber Heritage Inn at 10:00 a.m. A. Nielsen, B. Chrumka and E. Wilson will likely attend. Other activities include a chamber of commerce tour in Lethbridge on May 14<sup>th</sup>; and 15,000 more reusable bags to be ordered (5,000 for districts and 10,000 for corn growers) at a cost this year of \$.25/bag to distribution groups. He added that the advertisement and contest in a fishing magazine is proceeding and reminded that the advertising trailer can be requested and placed at an appropriate site within the District. Additionally, Fortis is requesting to present to AIPA regarding having a standard contract; and Ron McMullin and 3 others went down to Boise, Idaho to investigate the possibility of a new chemical to replace Magnacide H.

**10.0 County of Newell Watershed Committee**

It was requested at the February 10<sup>th</sup> EID/County Joint Meeting that 2 EID representatives sit on the County of Newell Watershed Committee. Mr. Wilson will appoint a staff member; and a Director will be appointed at the upcoming EID Board Organizational Meeting.

**11.0 Letter from Lake Newell Marina**

A letter was received from the Lake Newell Resort Marina Association requesting that the shoreline around the lighthouse location be armoured to counteract erosion, and for contribution to the installation of 4 solar powered beacons along the east side of Lake Newell. A letter of

response will be sent that shoring up the area around the lighthouse location will be considered, but funding the additional beacons will be denied.

#### 12.0 Letter from Newell Sailing Club

A letter was received from the Newell Sailing Club requesting funding to buy sail boats for their junior sailing program. This request was denied; a letter of response will be sent.

#### 13.0 Provincial Constituency Boundaries

The Board's perspective on the proposed revision to provincial MLA ridings was discussed. The EID, as well as the County, would consist of 3 separate ridings dividing the District along Highway #36 and along Highway #1 west of the #36. Although this revision could have negative or positive effects, it was the preference of the Board that the existing boundaries remain intact.

#### 14.0 CWRA Alberta Conference

E. Wilson advised that the CWRA Alberta Conference is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, to be held in Edmonton. He will be attending the conference and suggested 1 or 2 Board Members might consider attending. Directors are to respond if interested.

#### 15.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|----------------------------------|--|
| 15.01 | Spring Information Meeting       | - Tuesday, Mar 2, 7:00 p.m., Patricia Hall             |
| 15.02 | Spring Information Meeting       | - Thursday, Mar 4, 2:00 p.m., Rosemary                 |
| 15.03 | Spring Information Meeting       | - Thursday, Mar 4, 7:00 p.m., Rainier                  |
| 15.04 | AIPA Directors Meeting           | - Monday, Mar 15, 10:00 a.m., Heritage Inn, Taber      |
| 15.05 | Aggie Days [Bob, Neil attending] | - Friday, Mar 19, 9:30-2:30 pm, Calgary Roundup Centre |
| 15.06 | Regular Board Meeting            | - Tuesday, Mar 23, 9:00 a.m., EID Office               |
| 15.07 | Annual General Meeting           | - Wednesday, Mar 24, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn           |
| 15.08 | Nominations Close                | - Thursday, Mar 25, 5:00 p.m., EID Office              |
| 15.09 | CWRA Alberta Conference          | - March 28-30 <sup>th</sup> , Edmonton                 |

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**March 23, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Tom Livingston	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
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 9:07 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.0 AIPA
- 6.01 YouTube.com Video – Eat Real Eat Local
- 6.02 AIPA Directors Meeting
- 6.03 Aggie Days
- 8.04.3 Allan Sandau – SE 19-15-15 W4M
- 2:00 p.m. CAEPLA Presentation

**2010-03-059 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 March 2, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-03-060 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the March 2, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 February 28, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to February 28, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$7.5 million and is about 17% (\$1.1 million) more than YTD budget.
- YTD total revenues of \$10.3 million are about 13% (\$1.2 million) more than YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses of \$2.7 million are about 4% (\$113,600) over YTD budget.

**2010-03-061 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2010, as presented. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

New backhaul radios were put in place earlier in March, providing redundant links to most towers. Radio upgrades have continued, recently in Brooks; with customers being switched over from the PCCC tower to the new EID Brooks tower. All customers, except the ones in Jenner, will be going through the District's Telus fiber by the end of March. Intermittent traffic floods continue to occur. They are usually caused by either file sharing software, viruses or spyware infections. This causes congestion on the network that results in slow downs and/or drop outs, and usually lasts a couple of minutes but can last longer. Equipment is on order that will enable the department to restrict these types of traffic.

**6.0 AIPA****6.01 YouTube.com Video – Eat Real Eat Local**

F. George highlighted a YouTube video mentioned by Jim Webber at the recent AIPA Directors Meeting. Mr. George suggested discussing this type of PR possibility with the Western Irrigation District. The video was requested to view in the afternoon portion of the meeting.

**6.02 AIPA Directors Meeting**

A. Nielsen, B. Chrumka, T. Livingston, F. George and E. Wilson attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Taber March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nielsen gave a short review of the meeting, noting that \$10,000 was given to River Watch and that AIPA is considering hosting the annual conference in Edmonton next year in order to attract government representation.

**6.03 Aggie Days**

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, and F. George attended the Calgary Stampede's Aggie Days at the Round Up Center, along with M. Jarvis-Redelback and K. Green on March 19<sup>th</sup> to work the AIPA booth. Lots of young children attended with their teachers (approx. 3,000 – 4,000). Everyone attending Aggie Days received a Classroom Agriculture Program magazine, of which the EID and irrigated agriculture is part of the content. Directors noted that the AIPA booth did need improvements and would benefit from a larger display area. It was suggested to possibly partner with Alberta Agriculture for future booths at Aggie Days to combine resources.

[9:43 a.m. J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering Report****7.01 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>Comments</b>
M Tilley	- complete (except clean up)
17 Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
09-08A Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
Rolling Hills Spill # 2	- complete (except clean up)
27 Rolling Hills	- complete (except clean up)
Bow Slope	- near complete (except clean up)
V Tilley	- complete (except clean up)

One Tree	- earthworks complete, structures near complete, armouring to be completed
01-06 Bow Slope	- started March 15
20 Rolling Hills	- complete (except clean up)
Jamison Lake Drain	- 50% complete
John Ware	- landowner issues still outstanding
05-AH North Bantry	- Transcanada decision by mid-April

IRP Construction Projects	
Project Name	Comments
Bantry Canal	- earthworks complete on 5.5 km of 6 km, armour placed on 5 km, armour stockpiled
F Springhill	- 19.5 km of pipeline installed of 25 km

## 7.02 J-06, J-07 & J-08 West Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 5 km west of Tilley and is slated for the 2010/11 construction year. The current system irrigates 1,147 acres, 90% which is flood. There are flow control and seepage problems with the current system. Two options of similar estimates were presented, one proposal with the pipeline splitting into 2 branches and another proposal consisting of 3 separate pipelines. Discussion was held regarding pipeline sizing for the amount of flood irrigation on the system.

The first proposal was approved. For comparison purposes, Engineering staff are to bring back estimates on the project if planned for pivot delivery and not flood.

**2010-03-062 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of J-06, J-07, J-08 West Bantry Synopsis by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,031,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[10:13 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut exited the meeting, B. Swenson entered.]

## 10:00 a.m. Silver Sage Delegation

B. Chrumka welcomed Bill Swenson to the meeting. Mr. Swenson approached the Board with a request to place a manager's residence on the land leased by the Silver Sage. The main reasons for this request were security for livestock and convenience for the manager. A short discussion followed.

[10:25 a.m. B. Swenson exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued, with examples of similar scenarios mentioned. The Board denied this request.

## 7.0 Engineering Report cont'd.

### 7.03 Antelope Creek Reservoir Feasibility Study – Discussion

I. Friesen presented the Antelope Creek Reservoir Feasibility Study for discussion. The proposed reservoir would be approximately 4,650 m long and 750 m wide, with a storage

capacity of 15,000 acre feet. The construction of both a north and south dam would be required. Three options were investigated by MPE Engineering Ltd., 1) to construct a reservoir to an FSL level of 775 m for an estimated \$15.1 million, 2) to construct a lower reservoir to 773 m for an estimated \$13.3 million, or 3) to rehab the existing canal only for an estimated \$2 million. A number of questions were responded to by administration. The Board was in agreement to have further investigation pursued on the project.

## **8.0 Operations**

### **8.01 Drain Relocation – R. Schmidt – SW 34-16-16 W4M**

A request was received from Ronn Schmidt to relocate his drain in SW 34-16-16 W4M. This request was previously denied as the drain is currently located along the quarter section line. The landowner is requesting that the drain be moved into the quarter outside the pivot circle. This area is already a natural low spot, and moving the drain would enable him to use the pivot corner for other purposes.

**2010-03-063 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for R. Schmidt in SW 34-16-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowners. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

### **8.02 Snowpack Report**

E. Wilson reviewed snowpack readings for pillows affecting the Bow River, noting that all areas are reading below average; this is similar to other areas in the mountains. Accumulation may improve if spring snowstorms occur.

### **8.03 Water Start Up Date and Delivery to Farmers Date**

This date will be set at April's meeting.

### **8.04 Farm Improvements**

#### **8.04.1 M. & H. Maldaner and D. Maldaner – NW 25-14-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 54 acres; new wheel area is 54 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 54 acres flood to wheels. The delivery site remains the same. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,350.

**2010-03-064 Moved by T. Livingston that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for M. & H. Maldaner and D. Maldaner for the conversion of 54 acres flood to wheels in the NW 25-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,350. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

#### **8.04.2 Andrew & Stacy Quiring – SW 18-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 57 acres flood; new pivot area is 93 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. 36 additional acres are needed, and as the soils are classified 5R it is recommended to add as terminable acres on the condition that the soils are retested in 5 years and if improved, added to the water roll. The 32 terminable acres in the SE 18-15-15 W4M would be canceled, therefore only 4 new acres are being added at \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,420. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered. New assessment on SW 18-15-15 W4M is 61 irrigable acres, 32 terminable acres; new assessment on SE 18-15-15 W4M is 75 irrigable acres.

**2010-03-065 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Andrew & Stacy Quiring for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot in the SW 18-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,420. The Capital Assets charge is \$1,200. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**2010-03-066 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 18-15-15 W4M, lands being owned by Andrew & Stacy Quiring. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**8.04.3 Allan Sandau – SE 19-15-15 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing approximately 780 m of gated pipe to serve 140 acres. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2010-03-067 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the farm improvement for Allan Sandau for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the SE 19-15-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**9.0 Lands**

**9.01 Brooks Motorcycle Club Lease**

The motorcycle club was informed last year that the land they lease could be sold in the near future. The sale of the land is now in process with the City of Brooks. The City is aware that the EID may enter into a one year lease with the club, and the club is aware that this is likely the last lease with the EID.

**2010-03-068 Moved by A. Nielsen that approval be granted to enter into a one year Land Use Permit agreement effective May 1, 2010 with the Brooks Motorcycle Club for the Club's track site in SW 29-18-14 W4M at an annual rental of \$550.00 plus GST. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

**9.02 Paul Seaton's Water Ski Training Facility**

A request was received from Paul Seaton to operate his water ski school in Greenwald Inlet for the 2010 season, and to leave a large metal storage container in place over the winter. The request to leave the container on site in the off season was denied.

**2010-03-069 Moved by T. Livingston 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 2010 from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[11:15 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**9.03 Grazing Turn-Out Dates**

B. Hale reported that local conditions are good, better than to the north of the District, and recommended the same turn-out dates as usual.

**2010-03-070 Moved by R. Owen that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 1<sup>st</sup> and for Native Pasture May 15, 2010. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**9.04 Letter from Ian Zoerb re EID Classic Sheepdog Competition**

Mr. Hale 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 20-22, 2010. Mr. Zoerb is again requesting permission to place a small building on the grounds to be used as a judges' stand. The request for permanent pens and judges stand was denied.

**2010-03-071 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the use of EID land west of the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the EID Classic Sheepdog Competition to be held August 20-22, 2010, and for participant camping. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**



[11:25 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**9.05 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**

E. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of this claim. Mr. Wilson has initialed each page of the document in regards to the wording; approval is needed for the Board Chairman and General Manager to execute the document.

**2010-03-072 Moved by P. Hemsing that the Board authorize the Board Chairman and the General Manager to execute the Bassano Dam Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by T. Livingston. CARRIED**

[11:34 a.m. – 12:58 p.m. Lunch break.]

**6.0 AIPA cont'd.**

**6.01 YouTube.com Video – Eat Real Eat Local cont'd.**

The video posted on YouTube, Eat Real Eat Local, a video produced by Hellmann's, was viewed by the Board. A short discussion followed as to what this type of advertizing may do for irrigated agriculture. It was decided to let WID go ahead with their project with the District considering this type of medium after the WID trial.

**10.0 Equipment**

**10.01 Purchase of Utility Vehicle**

E. Wilson presented the following quotes for the purchase of a utility vehicle. A couple features on the Bobcat were considered more favourable.

Quotes Received on Utility Vehicle		
Make	Model	Price
Polaris	Ranger 800XP	\$13,475.00
John Deere	Gator HPX 4x4 Diesel	\$12,500.00
Bobcat	2200 Diesel Utility Vehicle	\$12,537.05

**2010-03-073 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a Bobcat 2200 Diesel Utility Vehicle for \$12,537.05 from Brooks Farm Centre Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**10.02 Disposal of Old Equipment**

Mr. Wilson presented the following bids for the disposal of old equipment. It was recommended that the 1997 Pup Trailer and 1989 GMC 3500 be sold to the highest local bidder as they are not drivable and delivery costs to Calgary will be too much.

Bids Received on Old Equipment	
Bidder	Price
<b>1998 GMC 3500 (rear differential seized)</b>	
Doug Mar	\$553
Canadian Public Auction	\$500
Curtis Skanderup	\$400

<b>1997 Pup Trailer</b>	
Canadian Public Auction	\$4,250
Count Lathom	\$2,500
Rayel Trucking	\$1,500
<b>Light Trucks</b>	
Annett Auction Services (7)	\$13,400
Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd. (7)	\$13,230
Regal Auctions Ltd. (5)	\$8,500
<b>2005 JD 330 Excavator</b>	
Brooks Industrial Metals	\$49,500
Michener Allen	\$40,888
BCA Services	\$38,000
Canadian Public Auction	\$34,000
<b>2005 JD 230 Excavator</b>	
Canadian Public Auction	\$40,500
Michener Allen	\$37,888
<b>2006 JD 240 Excavator</b>	
Canadian Public Auction	\$51,000
Michener Allen	\$44,888
C.K. Cattle Company	\$38,000
<b>1996 Mack Gravel Truck</b>	
Canadian Public Auction	\$17,000
Michener Allen	\$16,488
BCA Services	\$14,000
Richard Rosen	\$4,500
<b>1997 Freightliner Picker Truck</b>	
Michener Allen	\$15,888
Canadian Public Auction	\$13,500
Balance Energy Oilfield	\$12,600
Richard Benci	\$2,250 + \$10,250 of gabion baskets
Notch Sand & Gravel	\$9,500
<b>1989 GMC 80 3 Ton</b>	
Canadian Public Auction	\$1,000

**2010-03-074 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the acceptance of the following bids:**

- \$553 from Doug Mar for the 1998 GMC 3500 Truck,
- \$2,500 from Count Latham Contractors for the 1997 Pup Trailer,
- \$13,400 from Annett Auction for the 7 Light Trucks,
- \$49,500 from Brooks Industrial Metals for the 2005 JD 330 Excavator,
- \$40,500 from Canadian Public Auction for the 2005 JD 230 Excavator,
- \$51,000 from Canadian Public Auction for the 2006 JD 240 Excavator,
- \$17,000 from Canadian Public Auction for the 1996 Mack Gravel Truck, and
- \$15,888 from Michener Allen for the 1997 Freightliner Picker Truck.

**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **11.0 General Manager's Report**

E. Wilson presented the following items under the General Manager's Report.

##### **11.01 Cenovus Area Development & Operation Agreement**

A preliminary lunch meeting was held with Cenovus representatives and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Redelback. Negotiations will begin in April where compensation rates and small changes to the agreement will be reviewed.

##### **11.02 IRP Grant**

The Irrigation Rehabilitation Program cost share agreement was approved in the Provincial budget; the District will receive \$5,685,261 and be required to contribute \$1,895,087; as was anticipated in the District's budget. A motion is required to transfer the \$1,895,057 to the IRP fund once the Province's portion is received in April.

**2010-03-075 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve transferring the EID's 2010 contribution to the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,895,087.00. Seconded by P. Hemsing. CARRIED**

##### **11.03 County Watershed Committee**

R. Owen was appointed to this committee.

##### **11.04 Alberta Agriculture Water Quality Study**

The Water Quality Report done by Alberta Agriculture for all irrigation districts has been received. Mr. Wilson recommended passing this on to the County's Watershed Committee.

##### **11.05 Change of Purpose License Update**

A letter was received from Alberta Environment requiring the District to run public notice ads in all newspapers. Ads will be in this week's papers. Alberta Environment has written to all people who had concerns with the original application. They have also asked the District for information on specific projects that have saved the 5,000 acre feet.

##### **11.06 Irrigation Development**

Purchasing requirements for irrigation development land were discussed again in light of comments given at recent Spring Information Meetings. The 10 year lease to buy requirement was debated; some water users requested that it be shortened to 5 years. Some also requested an outright purchase, but with the District putting a 10 year caveat on resale. Water users were not in favour of opening the sale to non water users outside the District.

##### **11.07 AltaLink Transmission Line**

Mr. Wilson met with AltaLink yesterday for further discussion on route alternatives and environmental findings.

**11.08 Provincial Constituency Boundaries**

Information was included in board packages regarding the proposed changes to the Provincial constituency boundaries, and the County's request to lobby these changes. The Board requested that administration draft a letter opposing the revision.

**12.0 Letter from Victor & Lillian Zagorsky re AltaLink Transmission Line**

A letter was received from Victor and Lillian Zagorsky regarding the proposed AltaLink transmission line coming through the District, requesting that the District write to AltaLink supporting their full and proper compensation. A reply will be sent conveying that the District is only commenting on its own land and not that of private landowners.

**13.0 Letter from Irrigation Council re Annual Tours & Meetings**

A letter was received from the Irrigation Secretariat in regards to the annual Irrigation Council tours and meetings. It is being proposed that 4 meetings be held to replace individual meetings, in the Belly, Bow, Oldman and St. Mary river areas. The Board requested that administration reply offering to host this year's Bow River meeting at the EID.

[2:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Short break.]

**2:00 p.m. CAEPLA Presentation**

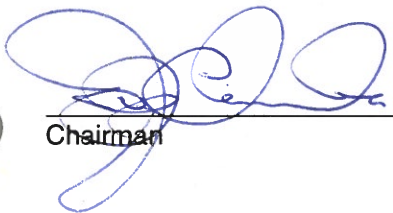
One of the District's private landowners that may be affected by the AltaLink transmission line requested that the EID be introduced to CAEPLA to hear what they can offer as negotiation support. B. Chrumka welcomed Dave Core, Chairman and CEO of the Canadian Association of Energy and Pipeline Landowner Associations. Mr. Core outlined the purpose of his organization, summarizing that it is a nonprofit organization formed in the 1990's to protect landowner interests when negotiating with energy-related projects. They endeavour to monitor provincial and federal regulations, inform the public and encourage grass root organizations to form under their umbrella to speak up about issues affecting them. The Board responded with examples of how the District is protecting its privately owned land and how they negotiate with energy companies. Mr. Core thanked the Board for their time and for his understanding of the District's negotiations. Mr. Chrumka added that although there is no need for the District to join this organization, both the District and CAEPLA are working towards the same goals.

[3:07 p.m. D. Core exited the meeting.]

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 14.01 | Annual General Meeting                                | - Wednesday, Mar 24, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn  |
| 14.02 | Nominations Close                                     | - Thursday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>            |
| 14.03 | Elections (if needed)                                 | - Friday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>              |
| 14.04 | Organizational Meeting<br>& Regular Directors Meeting | - Tuesday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |

**P. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:10 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**April 27, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

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

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

**2010-04-076 Moved by A. Nielsen that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

Nominations were called two more times.

**2010-04-077 Moved by R. Owen that nominations cease. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

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.

**2010-04-078 Moved by R. Owen that A. Nielsen be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

Nominations were called two more times.

**2010-04-079 Moved by C. Chomistek that nominations cease. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

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**

R. Owen was appointed.

**2.03 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce**

N. Johnson will continue.

**2.04 Scholarship Selection Committee**

N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, 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.

**2010-04-080 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.04 Variable Flow Devices
- 11.08 Letter from Communities in Bloom
- 11.09 Lake Newell Marina – Request to Install Beacons

**2010-04-081 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 March 23, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-04-082 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the March 23, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 WID Video**

The possibility of being involved in the production of an irrigated agriculture PR video was revisited. B. Chrumka and F. George met with the Western Irrigation District earlier this month and brought additional information to the Board which was discussed at length. In addition, 2 sample video excerpts were viewed. E. Wilson noted that the Bow River Irrigation District would also be discussing this possibility the following day.

[9:46 a.m. B. Chrumka was excused from the meeting to present at the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Public Hearing; A. Nielsen took the chair.]

**2010-04-083 Moved by F. George that the District proceed with the development of a video with other districts on the Bow River for PR purposes. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

A committee of E. Wilson, F. George, R. Owen and J. Culligan will attend a meeting with the WID, as yet to be arranged.

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## 4.0 Financial Report

### 4.01 Financial Statements – March 31, 2010

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to March 31, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$8.5 million and is about 14% (\$1.05 million) more than YTD budget.
- YTD total revenues of \$11.8 million are about 11% (\$1.2 million) more than YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses of \$3.3 million are about 5% (\$147,800) over YTD budget.

Mr. Bridges gave a general explanation to the new directors that the accounting system essentially operates in 6 departments: Administration, Maintenance, Operations, Equipment, Land and EIDNet. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bridges gave further explanations and responded to a variety of questions from the Board.

**2010-04-084 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2010, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[10:21 a.m. – 10:32 a.m. Short break.]

### 4.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2010

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment report summarizing that the market value of the District's investments at March 31, 2010 was \$6.1 million less than at September 30, 2009. This reduction was expected due to the funding requirements of the EID's capital works and equipment purchases programs over the past 6 months.

**2010-04-085 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[10:36 a.m. B. Chrumka rejoined the meeting; A. Nielsen relinquished the chair.]

### 4.03 Investment Policy

Mr. Bridges reviewed that the purchase of some corporate securities in February had resulted in the investment portfolio reaching the limit of \$17.5 million worth of corporate securities. The need to review the investment policy was raised at that time. Two recent cases of non-compliance with the investment policy have also underlined the need to review the policy. Discussion followed.

**2010-04-086 Moved by A. Nielsen that the current Investment Policy be revised as outlined in Mr. Bridges report. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2010-04-087 Moved by C. Chomistek that authorization be granted to hold the Bank of Nova Scotia investments while such investments were in excess of the Investment Policy limit. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

### 4.04 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2010

Mr. Bridges presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2010. Various accounts were discussed.

**2010-04-088 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

## 5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet report on behalf of R. Hayes. All Brooks customers have been re-pointed or converted to the new tower and all of the District's sector radios on the PCCC tower have been shut down. Cluny and Jenner customers are the only ones remaining on PCCC

connections. The new equipment which was ordered to help control traffic flow is in and working, and will continue to be monitored. The recent snowstorms caused power outages in all areas. The last remaining tower down was Cassils and power was finally restored to it on the afternoon of Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. F. George enquired when the Gem area would be receiving the option to upgrade to faster speeds, and whether switching some customers to the North Gem Tower would help. These enquiries will be looked into.

## 6.0 Operations

### 6.01 Snowpack Report & Reservoir Status

E. Wilson advised that in general, the snowpack remains low with estimated runoff varying from 55-70% based on below average to average precipitation in the mountains from April 15<sup>th</sup> – September. The District has been filling reservoirs since March 30<sup>th</sup> and has Snake Lake full, Crawling Valley almost full, Kitsim down only 1 ½ feet, Rolling Hills down 2 ½ feet (coming up 4" per day), and Newell was full and is now down 3" (it will easily be full by early May).

### 6.02 Set Date for Delivery of Water to Farmers

With recent snowstorms and rainfall, no orders for water are expected before May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, and heavy demand is not expected until May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**2010-04-089 Moved by F. George that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

### 6.03 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

#### 6.03.1 Abe Neufeld – SW 05-15-13 W4M

Current assessment is 147 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 123 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 20 acres in corners back to the EID at \$700/acre, and keep the remaining acres in the wedge. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,380. New assessment on this quarter is 127 acres.

**2010-04-090 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Abe Neufeld for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot in the SW 05-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,380. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**2010-04-091 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the purchase of Abe Neufeld's 20 acres of water rights on SW 05-15-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 20 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$14,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

#### 6.03.2 N. Pedersen – SW 20-15-15 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 10 acres in corners at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres at \$60/acre) - \$3,000 (10 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,980.

**2010-04-092 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for N. Pedersen for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the SW 20-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,980. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**



**6.03.3 E. Rath – SW 31-19-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 140 acres flood; new wheels area is 78 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 78 acres flood to wheels. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,950.

**2010-04-093 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. Rath for the conversion of 78 acres flood to wheels in the SW 31-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,950. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**6.03.4 H. Weaver – NE 06-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 136 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 78 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 78 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 2 wheeled sections, totaling 16 acres; there will be a 3 acre corner deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,340 (78 acres at \$30/acre) - \$900 (3 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,440.

**2010-04-094 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for H. Weaver for the conversion of 78 acres wheels to pivot in the NE 06-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,440. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**6.04 Variable Flow Devices**

R. Owen passed on a Water User request that the District consider variable flow devices under the Farm Improvement Policy. These devices are designed to attach to electric pumps to slow the rpm when water pressure increases, in order to save electricity and possibly water. The device plus transducer would sell for over \$10,000. Administration will gather further information and bring it back to the Board.

**7.0 Engineering Report****7.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status, summarizing that generally the construction year went well. All projects that were scheduled for construction at the start of the construction year are complete, except John Ware. O5-AH North Bantry may still be scheduled for summer depending on Transcanada Pipelines. Two small pipeline projects (02-A North Branch and 03 Sec A Rolling Hills) were added to this past year's construction. There are some smaller drain relocations that need to be completed now that the main construction is complete. There is no further information from Alberta Environment regarding the filling of the "wetland" on the Bantry Canal.

<b>EID Capital Construction Projects</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
M Tilley	- complete (except clean up)
17 Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
09-08A Springhill	- complete (except clean up)
Rolling Hills Spill # 2	- complete (except clean up)
27 Rolling Hills	- complete (except clean up)
Bow Slope	- near complete (except clean up)
V Tilley	- complete (except clean up)
One Tree	- 1 turnout structure, drain inlet, armour touchup remain

01-06 Bow Slope	- complete (except clean up)
20 Rolling Hills	- complete (except clean up)
Jamison Lake Drain	- complete (except clean up)
02A North Branch	- complete (except clean up)
03 Sec A Rolling Hills	- complete (except clean up)
John Ware	- landowner issues still outstanding
05-AH North Bantry	- Transcanada Pipelines decision by mid/end April

IRP Construction Projects	
Project Name	Comments
Bantry Canal	- complete (except clean up)
F Springhill	- complete (except clean up), flood boxes are being installed

### 7.02 Additional Information on J-06, J-07, J-08 West Bantry

This rehabilitation project was presented and approved at the last meeting in March. As this part of the West Bantry system consists of almost all flood irrigation, it was requested that Engineering staff bring back estimates if planned for pivot delivery. It was presented that savings in the downsized pipe converting flood irrigation methods to pivots would be \$330,000. Discussion followed regarding conversion incentives.

### 7.03 07-Secondary A Rolling Hills

This rehabilitation project is located 1.6 km east and 1.6 km south of the village of Rolling Hills, and extends 5.5 km to the northeast. The current system presently irrigates 1,623 acres, although the rehabilitation would be designed to include an additional 175 converted terminable acres at the end of the system. The existing canal is suffering from seepage, severe erosion, farm severance, and outdated turnouts and control structures. Two alternatives were presented to replace the existing earth canal with a gravity pressure PVC pipeline system.

**2010-04-095 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of 07-Secondary A Rolling Hills, alternative #2 by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,510,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

Reinhart Stojke has agreed to convert flood and wheel irrigation to pivot in SW 34 & Pt. NW 27-14-13 W4M in conjunction with the rehabilitation of this system, enabling the District to downsize the pipe and save \$150,000. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$30,000 (2 quarters at \$15,000/quarter).

**2010-04-096 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Reinhart Stojke, for converting to pivot irrigation in SW 34 & NW 17-14-13 W4M in conjunction with the system rehabilitation which would allow the pipeline to be downsized, saving the District \$150,000. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$30,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

Sereda Farms Ltd. have tentatively agreed to convert their 175 terminable acres to irrigable acres in NE 02 & Pt. NW 02-15-13 W4M under the Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy at the 50/50 EID/landowner cost-share for the first \$30,000 and 75/25 for the balance. It is estimated that the pipeline upsizing will cost \$110,000 and the extension \$50,000. Policy states that the District will pay for all upsizing in the mainline and cost-share the extension.

**2010-04-097 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Cost Share for Sereda Farms Ltd. on NE 02 & Pt. NW 02-15-13 W4M:**

50% for the first \$30,000	= \$15,000
25% for the remaining \$20,000	= \$ 5,000
Capital Asset Charge (175 acres x \$100/acre)	<u>= \$17,500</u>
	<b>\$37,500</b>

**Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[12:03 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break.]

**7.04 Drain Relocation Update – R. Schmidt – SW 34-16-16 W4M**

This drain relocation was approved last month under the Farm Improvement Policy at a 75/25 EID/landowner cost-share, up to \$30,000. The landowner is now requesting that the 25% share be waived, as when he first applied he had funds that could be allocated from the Environmental Farm Plan, but these funds are no longer available. The request to waive the 25% landowner share was denied.

**8.0 Lands**

**8.01 Irrigation Development – M. & S. Haag – E ½ 29-16-15 W4M**

This irrigation development application was approved in 2008 as a ½ section wiper pivot on the E ½ of 29-16-15 W4M, with the proposed delivery coming off the Bow Slope Canal in the SE corner of the NE quarter. 210 acres at \$700/acre were approved. As a better design, the landowner has since chosen to purchase a section pivot and install it with the pivot center near the section center, with the mainline running south to the bottom of the section, and remaining east of Sec. Hwy #535, just into NE 20-16-15 W4M. An Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant would apply to eliminating the existing turnout and ¼ mile of canal.

**2010-04-098 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for M. & S. Haag, for moving his delivery to SE 29-16-15 W4M, allowing the elimination of a turnout and ¼ mile of canal, saving the District in excess of \$30,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by R. Owen CARRIED**

This development would also qualify for a Farm Improvement Grant as 161 acres of existing wheel move irrigation is converting to pivot. Current assessment is 247 acres; new pivot area is 440 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 161 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 10 acres in corners at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,830 (161 acres at \$30/acre) - \$3,000 (10 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,830.

**2010-04-099 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for M. & S. Haag for the conversion of 161 acres wheels to pivot in the E ½ 29-16-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,830. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.02 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

**8.02.1 M. & S. Haag – Sec. 29-16-15 W4M**

The registration of an Irrigable Unit would be necessary for the section pivot in Sec. 29-16-15 W4M, with the delivery at the top of NE 20-16-15 W4M.

**2010-04-100 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in Sec. 29-16-15 W4M, all lands being owned by M. & S. Haag. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.02.2 Rejo Ranches Ltd. (Jamie Buteau) – Pt. NE & SE 25-18-16 W4M**

The pivot on this half encroaches on both quarters. There is one delivery off of the East Branch Canal in the NE quarter, necessitating the registration of an Irrigable Unit.

**2010-04-101 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE & SE 25-18-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Rejo Ranches Ltd. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.02.3 Joseph Toth – NW & Pt. SW 15-17-13 W4M**

As the only delivery for the Pt. SW 15-17-13 W4M remains in the NW, the registration of an Irrigable Unit is necessary.

**2010-04-102 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NW 15-17-13 W4M and Pt. Sw 15-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Joseph Toth. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.03 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Leases**

A discussion was held in regards to the sale of a farm and the time allowed for transferring a lease to another eligible water user. It was requested that both policy and the lease agreement be examined and that this information be made clear in a letter and forwarded to all current lease holders.

**8.03.1 #7080 – Allan Patterson & Greg Patterson to Tracy Hemsing**

Allan Patterson and Greg Patterson are requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7080 be transferred to Tracy Hemsing. Mr. Wilson confirmed that he is an eligible water user.

**2010-04-103 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7080 to be transferred from Allan Patterson & Greg Patterson to Tracy Hemsing. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**8.03.2 #7081 – Allan Patterson & Greg Patterson to Marlin Maldaner**

Allan Patterson and Greg Patterson are requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7081 be transferred to Marlin Maldaner. Mr. Wilson confirmed that he is an eligible water user.

**2010-04-104 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7081 to be transferred from Allan Patterson & Greg Patterson to Marlin Maldaner. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**9.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**

E. Wilson presented D. Lindsay's idea of having a campground office at the entrance to the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, with staff that would register and assign the campsites, rather than the current self-registration system. This would eliminate the necessity of campground staff checking sites and registration booths twice daily, and traffic of those looking for empty sites. An office would also make staff readily available to the campers.

**2010-04-105 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the construction of a campground office and permanent campsite near the entrance to the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[1:30 p.m. – 1:34 p.m. Short break; G. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Cenovus Negotiations**

E. Wilson advised that the 5 Year Area Development & Operation Agreement with Cenovus expires at the end of 2010. Both he and G. Redelback met with them on April 21<sup>st</sup>. They

indicated that they are happy with the overall agreement, have a couple of tiny editorial changes, have a couple minor administrative procedures to add, and made the District an offer for compensation. The Board approved a counter offer to bring back to Cenovus.

[2:14 p.m. G. Redelback exited the meeting.]

## **11.0 General Manager's Report**

E. Wilson presented the following items.

### **11.01 CWRA Conference Report**

Mr. Wilson attended the Canadian Water Resources Association – Alberta conference in Edmonton on March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Most of the papers presented were related to the North Saskatchewan River. Dave Hill and Lorne Taylor made a presentation on all the research projects they have agreed to fund. They also commented that they would be presenting a symposium on water allocation and trading on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Richard Phillips, Jim Webber, Roger Hohm and E. Wilson have been asked to keep that date clear.

### **11.02 AltaLink Transmission Line**

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, and E. Wilson met with a group of concerned acreage owners and farmers regarding the EID's decision to support AltaLink's proposed north line. The District's reasoning as to their route choice was reiterated.

### **11.03 Change of Purpose Application Update**

The Change of Purpose Application has been advertized and Alberta Environment is receiving comments from the public. Mr. Wilson has recently been interviewed by several newspapers, radio and TV reporters.

### **11.04 Bow River Project**

TransAlta has numerous reservoirs on tributaries of the Bow River that they operate for power production. They vary the flow at different times of the day and year to maximize revenue from power; they then re-regulate the river at Bears paw for constant flow changing only once or twice a week. There is a possibility that changing the way TAU manages flow could help the river and other users, at a financial cost to TAU. This idea was presented to Minister Renner who has asked that a research project be done to calculate the potential benefits, a model be created, etc. The research should go through Alberta Research Council. It may need some partner funding, and will need a steering committee. Jim Webber, Richard Phillips, E. Wilson, Paul Fesca (City of Calgary), and Mark Bennett have been asked to sit on the committee for the first meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **11.05 Lakeside Landspredding**

Lakeside has requested the use of EID lands to spread the solids out of their lagoons. They would like to do this in the summer when no farmland is available. Mr. Wilson was given approval to present certain grazing lands scheduled for breaking and regrassing for Lakeside's proposed landspredding use, and was requested to get further information.

### **11.06 County of Newell Watershed Committee Meeting**

E. Wilson and R. Owen attended the County's Watershed Committee meeting, where there was representation from the County, villages and Brooks. The County and the EID will proceed with water quality testing on their own, possibly some best practices information packages and possibly some incentive programs for farmers.

### **11.07 Rosemary Ag Society – Request to Purchase Land**

The Rosemary Ag Society has enquired whether the EID Board would consider selling a parcel of land north of the village in the NE corner of NE 01-21-16 W4M. Administration will request further

information from the Ag Society as to what they are planning on doing with the land, and bring this request back to the Board.

**11.08 Letter from Communities in Bloom**

A letter was received from the Brooks Communities in Bloom Association regarding the EID's proposed mural. They have requested involvement with the mural from beginning to completion, that the funding be channeled through their organization for matching grant purposes, and that their logo be included in the design. Administration will respond, confirming that the logo may be included and declining the other involvement requests.

**11.09 Lake Newell Marina – Request to Install Beacons**

The Lake Newell Marina has requested permission to install 4 solar powered beacons on the northeast end of Lake Newell to increase boating safety. These beacons are to be funded by the marina association.

**2010-04-106 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the installation of 4 solar powered beacons on the northeast end of Lake Newell, to be funded by the Lake Newell Marina Association. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**12.0 Letter from Stan Kanegawa re Irrigation Development**

This letter was received as information.

**13.0 Letter from Fred Barg re Irrigation Development & Drought Plan**

This letter was received as information.

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 14.01 | Regular Directors Meeting            | - Tuesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 14.02 | Regular Directors Meeting            | - Monday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 14.03 | Water Allocation & Trading Symposium | - Tuesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , place TBA |
| 14.04 | Irrigation Council Meeting           | - Friday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office |

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:14 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**May 25, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.02 New Lease Agreement with Silver Sage Ag Society
- 5.01 EIDNet Upgrade Status
- 6.05 17 Bow Slope Canal Structure
- 6.06 District Land in Rainier
- 6.07 Farm Improvement Policy
- 10.0 Email from Joe Chomistek
- 11.0 Trespassers on 12 Mile Coulee
- 12.0 AltaLink Transmission Lines

**2010-05-107 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 April 27, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-05-108 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the April 27, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 April 30, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to April 30, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$10.3 million and is about 14% (\$1.29 million) more than YTD budget and about 2% (\$250,100) less than prior YTD.
- YTD total revenues of \$14.1 million are about 10% (\$1.2 million) more than YTD budget and about 2% (\$295,000) more than prior YTD.
- YTD total net expenses of \$3.8 million are slightly less than YTD budget and about 17% (\$545,100) more than prior YTD.

Mr. Bridges responded to a number of questions. It was requested that expenses for small equipment on the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground be tallied and reported next meeting.

**2010-05-109 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2010, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**4.02 New Lease Agreement with Silver Sage Ag Society**

Mr. Bridges noted that the lease agreement with the Silver Sage Ag Society requires the Society to maintain a minimum of \$5 million liability insurance coverage during the term of the lease and that to date the Society has only a \$2 million liability policy in force. The Board discussed the matter and confirmed that \$5 million coverage is required.

**2010-05-110 Moved by N. Johnson that administration advise the Silver Sage Ag Society that insurance coverage as specified in the lease agreement must be maintained and, in the event such coverage is not in force by May 28, 2010, additional coverage be acquired as provided for in the lease agreement. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. 1,128 installed users are on the system as of the beginning of May. Approximately 175 people are awaiting upgrades, which can involve re-pointing/reprogramming equipment to complete frequency changeovers. The recent poor weather has caused delays in upgrade work in Rosemary; Duchess and Rolling Hills are scheduled next. New installs and service calls are usually scheduled for 1 day a week or as can best be fit into the schedule.

**5.01 EIDNet Upgrade Status**

It is estimated it will take approximately 5 weeks to complete scheduled upgrades. Following that will be the installation of new sectors in Gem and that area's upgrades. All of the budgeted upgrades, except for replacing the Gem sector radios and 2 backhaul radios, have been completed. Preliminary discussions have started with PCCC regarding tower co-location agreements. EIDNet has equipment on 3 PCCC towers (Jenner, Bassano, Cluny) and PCCC has equipment on 1 EIDNet tower (Patricia).

B. Chrumka advised that the Tilley Fire Department would need to erect a new tower, and that there is interest in Platinum wanting to co-locate on the tower. It was agreed that administration offer the Tilley Fire Department the opportunity to use the EIDNet tower in Tilley for Fire Department communication purposes.

[9:51 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Short break.]

**6.0 Operations**

**6.01 Snowpack Report**

E. Wilson reviewed current data, advising that in general the snowpack is close to average for this date due to the melt being later than normal.

**6.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date**

Reservoirs are expected to be full July 1<sup>st</sup>; they are now at 95% capacity. Water use data was reviewed. With the rain this spring there have been no early requests for water and very low demand. Water diverted to date is 46,700 acre feet, which equals .16 of a foot per acre.



**6.03 Variable Flow Devices**

Mr. Wilson advised that he does not see a savings in water with variable flow devices; they are designed to save energy for the farmer. It was confirmed that they will not be considered for a grant under the Farm Improvement Policy.

**6.04 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

**6.04.1 J. & J. Culligan – SW, Pt. NW & Pt. SE 24-21-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 50 acres flood; new pivot area is 142 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 50 acres flood to pivot. This pivot is off the new F Springhill pipeline and the extra acres were awarded through the irrigation application review in 2008; an Irrigable Unit was approved as well. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,000.

**2010-05-111 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for J. & J. Culligan for the conversion of 50 acres flood to pivot in SW, Pt. NW & Pt. SE 24-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[J. Culligan abstained from voting.]

**6.04.2 C. & L. Cummings – SE 14-16-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 83 acres wheels; new pivot area is 83 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 83 acres wheels to pivot. The delivery for the pivot is in the NE corner of SW 14-16-16 W4M; and an Irrigable Unit is already in place. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,490.

**2010-05-112 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C. & L. Cummings for the conversion of 83 acres wheels to pivot in SE 14-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,490. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**6.04.3 L. & S. Pickett (1078828 AB Ltd) – SW 22 & SE 21-22-17 W4M**

Current assessment is 40 acres wheels in SW 22 and 40 acres wheels in SE 21-22-17 W4M; new pivot area is 132 acres. The extra 52 acres were approved through the irrigation application review in 2009. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,800.

**2010-05-113 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. & S. Pickett (1078828 AB Ltd) for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in SW 22-22-17 W4M and 40 acres flood to pivot in SE 21-22-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,800. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

[10:18 a.m. K. Green entered the meeting.]

**6.05 17 Bow Slope Canal Structure**

A. Nielsen requested that the District look into installing a guard rail at the structure where 17 Bow Slope begins off Bow Slope Canal in the NE corner of NE 21-15-15 W4M as the structure is very close to the road.

**6.06 District Land in Rainier**

A. Nielsen requested that the District look into leasing out the EID parcel of land on the west side of Rainier in NE 23-16-16 W4M. It was suggested that this piece be considered with other small parcels for evaluation of type and length of use, and rent or sale possibilities. Administration will bring back a compiled list.

**6.07 Farm Improvement Policy**

The current Farm Improvement Policy was discussed briefly. A review may need to be considered in the fall/winter.

**7.0 Engineering Report****7.01 2009/2010 Construction Projects Cost Summary**

I. Friesen reviewed the 2009/2010 Construction Projects Cost Summary, noting that one of the projects coming in well under budget is not yet complete and 2 projects are not included as the construction has not yet started. Total cost to date is \$14,179,000.

**7.02 John Ware Drain Section E**

K. Green presented 2 options for the alignment relocation of Section E of the John Ware Drain. There are landowner concerns with both ends of the rehab. The rehab begins in SE 26-20-14 W4M, with Option #1 relocating to the west and north boundaries of the quarter section to allow for a proposed pivot; Option #2 relocates to the south and east boundaries. Both options end in SE 01-21-14 W4M, where the canal will be realigned to the quarter section boundaries to allow for a second pivot. Discussion followed in regards to landowner impact.

**2010-05-114 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Section E of the John Ware Drain, Option #2 for an estimated cost of \$1,542,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[10:55 a.m. K. Green exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Lands****8.01 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Assessment Report**

E. Wilson presented a detailed Assessment Report for January 1, 2010 to May 17, 2010, on behalf of Robert Matoba. A number of questions were responded to by administration. The summary is as follows:

<b>EID Water Roll</b>			
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
January 1, 2010	280,803	6,885	287,688
May 17, 2010	282,692	6,877	289,569
Net increase	1,889	< 8 >	1,881
<b>Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			55
<b>Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			1,936

**8.02 Irrigable Unit Registrations – Snake Lake Ranches**

There are 2 blocks of land with multiple parcels serviced by a single delivery. An Irrigable Unit must be registered on these parcels.

**2010-05-115** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Part Sections 05, 06 & 08-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Snake Lake Ranches. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

**2010-05-116** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 10 & Pt. NE 03-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Snake Lake Ranches. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

**8.03 Tender Results of Annual Private Grazing Lease #7169 & #7279**

These private grazing leases are put up for tender as a package each year. This year, the combined lease consists of 906 acres, having a carrying capacity of 30 cow/calf pairs from May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. The tender was awarded to Ellis Kropf.

Name	Tender Amount	
Ellis Kropf	\$32.66 cow/calf pair	x 30 AUM x 5 months = \$4,900 + GST
Menno Kropf	\$30.00 cow/calf pair	x 30 AUM x 5 months = \$4,500 + GST

**8.04 Email from Rosemary Ag Society re Request to Purchase Land**

A reply was received in regards to the intended purpose of the land in question. After a brief discussion, it was requested that administration gather more information on this parcel of land and bring back to the Board, to determine whether it should be put up for sale.

**9.0 General Manager's Report**

E. Wilson presented the following items.

**9.01 Bow River Project**

Project team members were listed, including government, irrigation districts, City of Calgary, municipalities, DU, and environmental organizations. \$250,000 in government funding has been secured, with a possible \$200,000 - \$250,000 in funding anticipated from Water Smart / U of Lethbridge / Federal Water Conservation Fund. The group is in the process of model development; E. Wilson and R. Phillips will be focusing on this over the summer.

**9.02 Change of Purpose Application Update**

Alberta Environment has received approximately 30 different letters of concern; some people sent more than one to different offices. They are categorizing them now, will send them to the District next week, and will be asking the District to comment on some of the concerns listed. Alberta Environment is starting to make a decision on which respondents are directly affected and need to be considered; they will then consider those and the District's response and make a decision.

**9.03 Old Yard Remediation**

A meeting was held with Alberta Environment and Thurber Engineering Ltd., the District's geotechnical consultant, regarding the contaminated old yard site. It was requested that the District submit a written plan outlining the delineation and removal process of the free product, by June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will likely involve test pit excavations and small drilling program. The Board gave direction to clean up the site by means of excavation and new dirt replacing contaminated soils.

**9.04 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**

The Siksika vote on the Bassano Dam Land Claim is this week.

**9.05 PR Video**

F. George, J. Culligan, R. Owen and E. Wilson met with Richard Phillips (BRID), Jim Webber (WID) and 4 or 5 people from White Iron on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Calgary. Content of the video was discussed, and White Iron has since submitted a revised outline for review. The 3 district

managers will work on amending the script. Discussion followed regarding content, PR possibilities, targeted audiences, cost, and distribution.

**2010-05-117 Moved by F. George that the District commit to \$70,000 for the development of a PR video with the WID and BRID. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**9.06 Mural Update**

Artist research has been completed, with preliminary proposals having been requested of 5 muralists. The selection has been narrowed down, with discussions and a meeting on the project in finer detail. Tentative timelines and rough drafts have been discussed as well.

**10.0 Email from Joe Chomistek**

An email was received from Joe Chomistek on behalf of the Community of Scandia, requesting a letter of support from the EID for application to the Rural Community Adaptation Grant Program. The Board was in agreement with writing this letter.

**11.0 Trespassers on 12 Mile Coulee**

C. Chomistek noted that complaints have been received regarding large groups of people gathering on private grazing leases on the west side of 12 Mile Coulee. Mr. Wilson responded that the District is not in agreement with this type of activity on its land, has staff patrolling the most common areas when possible, and has an agreement with the Community Peace Officers to patrol areas as well. It was advised that the private grazing lease lessees call the RCMP directly when this occurs.

**12.0 AltaLink Transmission Line**

F. George presented a petition from Donald MacIntyre and area residents regarding the north route option of the proposed AltaLink high voltage transmission line. B. Chrumka reiterated that he, N. Johnson and E. Wilson met with area landowners in April and explained that the EID's response to AltaLink was as a private landowner for District land. Route preference as landowner is the north route, based on its land base, irrigated agriculture and infrastructure involved. The Board did not alter their decision, although it was stated that if AltaLink was successfully lobbied to choose the south route, the District would not put up resistance to that decision.

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 13.01 | Land Use Framework Q & A          | - Thursday, June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00 p.m., Lethbridge<br>(Bob, Neil, Floyd, Carl, Kevin) |
| 13.02 | EID Staff & Board Rodeo Breakfast | - Friday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 – 8:30 a.m., EID Shop                                 |
| 13.03 | Cenovus BBQ & Brooks Pro Rodeo    | - Friday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30 p.m. BBQ, 6:00 Rodeo                                  |
| 13.04 | Regular Directors Meeting         | - Monday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 13.05 | Irrigation Council Meeting        | - Friday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office   |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:22 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**June 18, 2010 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Mgr <i>[apologies]</i>
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

**2010-06-118 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2.0 Mural Update**

Mr. Wilson presented the mural concept from Metro Design Group in Calgary. The proposal was reviewed in regards to content, square footage and estimates. If given the go ahead, painting would begin in August, with mounting of the completed panels to take place in October.

Directors requested to replace the map portion of the mural with a historical picture, and include some oil and gas reference in the grazing portion. It was also recommended to ask the City if a sign could be installed somewhere along the parking stalls below the mural which could include a District map and some text giving a brief overview. E. Wilson will be taking the sketch to the City of Brooks for their approval.

**2010-06-119 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board accept the Metro Design Group proposal for a 3,125 square foot mural as presented, with suggested revisions. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**3.0 XL Foods Lakeside Packers Spreading of Lagoon Sediment**

Mr. Wilson reviewed that XL Foods Lakeside Packers had approached the EID requesting to landspread sediment from their lagoons on District land in August and September. Approximately 1,650 acres would be needed for the 125,000 m<sup>3</sup> of biosolids. Soils would be tested and must meet Alberta Environment guidelines. Two passes will be required with their discer. Earlier, general approval had been given. It was agreed to proceed with the landspreading on areas that are planned for regrassing this fall, namely the Eyremore east regrass field.

**4.0 XL Foods Lakeside Packers Effluent**

E. Wilson advised that Lakeside Packer's lagoons are full and the plant is less than 2 weeks away from shutting down. Normally the plant irrigates from these lagoons on their own land and on District grazing land. Due to the extreme rainfall levels this spring, little irrigating has been able to take place. They have therefore made an application to Alberta Environment to allow them to discharge into the District's C Springhill canal which flows east through the One Tree Reservoir and north out the One Tree Creek to the Red Deer River. This request is believed to be a definite exception, and in previous consultations with the EID, it was planned to allow this in October after water shut down, however the constant rainfall this spring has moved the urgency

up several months. In order for the District to be in agreement, several conditions would have to be met, including a downstream landowner meeting, testing of the treated effluent and canal water upstream and downstream, shutting down any laterals from the canal and ceasing discharge once calls for water are being made.

A meeting with downstream landowners, Lakeside Packers and EID representatives has been arranged for today, Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage. A decision will be made after landowner consultation, with letters then forwarded to Alberta Environment and Lakeside.

[11:11 a.m. – 11:17 a.m. Short break. T. Jensen entered the meeting.]

## 5.0 Cenovus Negotiations

E. Wilson reviewed existing, initial offer, counter offer and revised offer rates from Cenovus Energy. The rates are being negotiated for a 3 year term rather than the usual 5 years, and both parties are in agreement at this point.

**2010-06-120 Moved by R. Owen that the Board accept the negotiated rates with Cenovus Energy for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[11:37 a.m. T. Jensen exited the meeting.]

## 6.0 Financial Report

### 6.01 May 31, 2010 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to May 31, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$9.55 million and is about 12% (\$1.05 million) more than YTD budget and about 19% (\$2.31 million) less than prior YTD. This year the EID's contribution to the IRP program was paid from the General Fund. Previously, the contribution had been withdrawn from the reserve fund. This change explains \$1.9 million of the current year to prior year variance.
- YTD total revenues of \$14.5 million are about 8% (\$1.1 million) more than YTD budget and about 9% (\$1.4 million) less than prior YTD. Without the IRP contribution change, current year revenues would have been approximately \$500,000 more than prior YTD revenues.
- YTD total net expenses of \$4.98 million are 2% (\$92,700) more than YTD budget and about 21% (\$874,700) more than prior YTD.

**2010-06-121 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2010, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

### 6.02 K300 Financial Mortgage

K. Bridges advised that the EID holds two mortgages on some of the undeveloped lands at Lake Newell Resort. The mortgages were last renewed in 2008 and will mature on August 31, 2010. Background information was presented; discussion followed. The Board gave direction to renew these mortgages with the following conditions:

- another 2 year term
- 10% interest mortgage payments
- 10% of the principal is to be paid per year as well
- partial discharges will be considered at \$25,000/lot with a \$1,000 administration fee per lot

It was requested to bring back a map to the Board outlining the specific land associated with the mortgages.

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. 1,137 customers are currently connected. Poor weather has delayed upgrades in Rosemary and Duchess. Some 900 sectors had to be manually restarted after power outages, but continue to function properly since then. Service calls have increased with bad weather, tree growth and customer equipment problems. A major network upgrade is planned for Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to help segregate and diagnose problems more efficiently. It will be done early in the morning so as to affect as few customers as possible and emails will be going out today notifying people of the work and what they can expect.

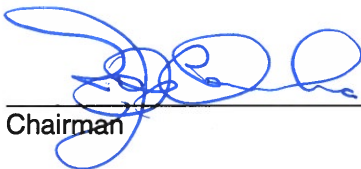
**8.0 Dinosaur Park Presentation Invitation**

An invitation was received from Canadian Badlands Ltd. and Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation to attend a presentation on the Dinosaur Provincial Park and Area Tourism Development Plan. R. Owen and J. Culligan will attend the meeting at the Heritage, Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**9.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 9.01 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Wednesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                             |
| 9.02 | Dinosaur Provincial Park and Area<br>Tourism Development Plan | - Thursday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> , Heritage Inn, 6:30 p.m.<br>(Ross, Jim) |
| 9.03 | Irrigation Council Bow River Regional Meeting                 | - Friday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office, 10:00 a.m.                   |
| 9.04 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                               |
| 9.05 | Brooks Centennial Celebrations                                | - Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1:00 p.m.                              |
| 9.06 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Tuesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                             |

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:45 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager

**June 23, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010. 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. Mgr <i>[apologies]</i>
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Mgr <i>[apologies]</i>
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

10:00 a.m.

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 District Housing Review
- 3.02 K300 Mortgage
- 9.04 Farmer Access to Gravel Pits
- 9.05 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

**2010-06-122 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 May 25, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-06-123 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the May 25, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 District Housing Review**

E. Wilson presented a table of current Water District Supervisor housing, 3 of which are rented by non-staff, and 1 is currently vacant. Most of the houses/acreages are identified as necessary to be maintained for long-term staffing needs, 2 are optional and 1 is not required. After discussion, it was requested that more information be brought back on the acreage located along the lake road.

**3.02 K300 Mortgage**

A map and details were brought back to the meeting outlining the specific land related to the K300 mortgages. Mr. Wilson gave a short description on the quality and value of the different parcels for the Board's information.

**4.0 Report on Land Use Framework (AIPA)**

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, R. Owen, C. Chomistek and K. Bridges attended the Land Use Framework information session in Lethbridge on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Overall, it was felt that the session was informative and that it was important to hear how this legislation might affect



irrigation districts, and especially the EID as it has such a large land base. Mr. Wilson added that as the regulations for the bill have not been written yet, it will be evident in due time what effect this will have on the District as it unfolds how the Irrigation Districts Act will have to comply under this bill. The Board and management will have to follow the progress of this bill.

## **5.0 AIPA Executive Report**

A. Nielsen reviewed the report from the AIPA Executive Committee Meeting held May 25<sup>th</sup>, summarizing the following:

- AIPA 2010 Conference made a profit of \$16,332.55.
- The CEP Report was reviewed; Mr. Wilson had forwarded his revisions.
- The status of the EID's license amendment application was reviewed.
- LNID's expansion plan process was examined.
- Magnacide H will be available, at an 18% cost increase.
- IRP funding formula was discussed.
- The issue of storage will be kept on the table.
- Alberta Water Council is adding a Non-Point Source Pollution Committee.
- \$50,000 grant was received for a Recreation Study.
- Promotional activities were Chamber of Commerce Tour, fishing derby contest, reusable shopping/produce bags, advertizing trailer and ad in the Lethbridge Herald and Medicine Hat News.
- Upcoming Technical Conference and ALSA/Land Use Framework Presentation were noted.

[10:16 a.m. – 10:23 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

## **6.0 Alberta Research Institute Water Market Symposium**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attended the Alberta Research Institute's Water Market Symposium in Calgary on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The morning started with a presentation on water exchange/marketing, followed by a panel discussion in the afternoon. A wide range of views were present, with an equally broad perception of how a water exchange process could be set up and how this issue is currently handled by Alberta Environment under the Water Act. While one person was pushing hard for a water royalty, very few thought that the Water Act should be dissolved. In summary, it was generally felt that a water exchange process could be possible, if it was heavily regulated, and that in essence is what the Water Act currently does.

## **7.0 Engineering Report**

### **7.01 North Bantry Canal**

I. Friesen presented the North Bantry Canal synopsis. This reach of the North Bantry Canal being proposed for rehabilitation begins at Hwy #1 in SE 26-18-14 W4M and ends at the Cowoki Reservoir split in E ½ 09-19-13 W4M, running 12 km and serving approximately 50,000 acres of irrigation. The main problems are seepage and lack of capacity due to a combination of flat grade and aquatic weed growth. Some areas are cattle beaten and side slope erosion is also occurring along sections of the canal. The North Bantry Canal was originally built following the natural contours of the area and has become the land boundary along much of it. This forces the rehabilitation to follow the existing alignment. The rehabilitation will consist mainly of earth covered poly liner with gravel armoured side slopes. There are 2 areas that will not be lined due to a combination of high water table and/or the canal being in a cut where seepage is less of a concern. It is recommended that this rehabilitation be funded under the IRP cost share program, at an estimated cost of \$6.58 million. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen and Mr. Wilson.

**2010-06-124 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of North Bantry Canal by installing liner and armour at an estimated cost of \$6.58 million. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**7.02 C, 01-C & 02-C West Bantry Canal**

R. Gagley presented the C, 01-C & 02-C West Bantry Canal synopsis. This part of the system is located approximately 8 km southeast of Brooks, just on the south side of the aqueduct. Portions of these three systems that are still open ditch are in poor condition from cattle access and vegetation growth. The proposed rehabilitation would involve piping the remaining open ditch at an estimated cost of \$1.33 million, to be funded under the capital works program.

**2010-06-125 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of C, 01-C & 02-C West Bantry Canal by pipelining at an estimated cost of \$1.33 million. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**7.03 W Tilley Canal**

Mr. Gagley also presented the W Tilley Canal synopsis. This rehabilitation project is located approximately 8 km south of Tilley and is slated for the 2010/11 construction year. The current system has seepage and erosion problems. The proposed rehabilitation consists of lining and armouring the first 3.6 km and to trim and armour the last km, at an estimated cost of \$1,783,000 to be funded under the capital works program.

**2010-06-126 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation project of W Tilley Canal by installing liner and armour at an estimated cost of \$1,783,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**7.04 Borrow Acquisition Rate**

E. Wilson advised that the borrow acquisition rate had not been reviewed since 2006. It is currently \$.40/m<sup>3</sup> for Water Users and the County, \$2.00/m<sup>3</sup> for oil companies, and negotiated on a project basis between \$1.00/m<sup>3</sup> and \$2.00/m<sup>3</sup> for road construction contractors.

**2010-06-127 Moved by R. Owen that the Board set the borrow acquisition rate at \$.75/m<sup>3</sup>, for both the purchase and sale of dirt to the Water Users and the County of Newell. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**7.05 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Project**

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the County of Newell and Alberta Transportation's requirements in regards to roads within the proposed development area. An alternative option was discussed that would lessen the road expenses but change the size of the irrigated parcels. A lengthy discussion followed covering fencing, oil and gas, size of pivots, length of lease preceding purchase, minimum price per acre, qualifications of purchasers, maximum allowed acres, subleasing, and the newsletter and auction timeline. It was requested to bring this item back for discussion and finalization at July's meeting.

[11:57 a.m. – 12:27 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting, B. Hale entered.]

**8.0 Equipment**

Mr. Wilson presented the following equipment requests.

**8.01 Request to Purchase Packer**

A new packer is being requested for purchase as the District's old machine was sold in spring. It was noted that the EID also rents a packer from the County in winter and this arrangement has been working out well. Three makes of packers were investigated, Caterpillar, Bomag and Volvo. All makes were quoted within a \$3,000 variance and through past rental history the Caterpillar was recommended for purchase.

**2010-06-128 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a CAT CP56 Packer for \$156,800 from Finning, Calgary. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.02 Request to Purchase Dozer**

The District keeps 2 dozers on hand and runs them about 5 years. A Caterpillar D6 is being recommended and has been quoted to be built for GPS capabilities.

**2010-06-129 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a CAT D6 Dozer for \$309,200 from Finning, Calgary. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**9.0 Lands**

**9.01 Grazing Report**

B. Hale was in attendance to give the Grazing Report.

**9.01.1 Set Round-Up Date**

It is recommended to set a Round-Up Date for cattle to be out of the community leases sometime during the week of October 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

**2010-06-130 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board set the Round-Up Date for lease cattle to be out by October 29, 2010. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**9.01.2 Request to Double 2010 Reseeding Program**

The extreme moisture conditions and XL Foods Lakeside Packers' request to spread biosolids has presented a prime opportunity to increase the reseeded program for 2010. It is recommended to add #3 Tilley Swing Field to the regrass program.

**2010-06-131 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve adding the #3 Tilley Swing Field to the regrass program this year. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Hale.

[12:56 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**9.02 ATCO Electric Transmission Line**

ATCO Electric is now hosting open houses for its new DC 500 KVA transmission line from northeast of Edmonton to west of Brooks. F. George and N. Johnson attended the open house in Brooks on June 14<sup>th</sup>; another open house is scheduled for Duchess on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Maps with proposed routes were shown to directors and it was generally agreed that the existing transmission line along Hwy #36 would likely be the most favorable route for the District. Mr. Wilson has been in conversation with ATCO Electric regarding land in the Brooks area for the south converter station.

**9.03 Request to Purchase Land at Lake Newell Resort**

A request was received from Blake Miller to purchase approximately 2 acres of commercial land at Lake Newell Resort to operate a storage facility. After discussion regarding location, price and type of sale, the following was approved.

**2010-06-132 Moved by R. Owen that the District tender approximately 2 acres of commercial land in NW 06-18-14 W4M at Lake Newell Resort with a minimum bid of \$15,000/acre plus development costs. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**9.04 Farmer Access to Gravel Pits**

J. Culligan enquired if Water Users could have a set day or days per month or year to have access to District gravel pits. Mr. Wilson confirmed that Water Users may each be granted a total

of 100 cubic yards of screenings free of charge; all other material would be at a cost. He added that the only gravel pits that have sufficient amounts of this type of material would be the Eyremore pit near the river and the Crawling Valley pit. Trucking from these locations may prove prohibitive to most farmers. Equipment vandalism at the pits has been an issue, but loaders on site are necessary for the District and for local truckers who also purchase gravel. It was requested that more information be brought back to the Board.

**9.05 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park**

A. Nielsen commented that several complaints have been heard from cottage owners at Kinbrook Island. E. Wilson responded that the District has done work on the shoreline in the past, at the request of the provincial government.

**10.0 General Manager's Report**

Mr. Wilson presented the following under the General Manager's Report.

**10.01 PR Video Update**

The Eastern Irrigation District and Bow River Irrigation District have agreed to join the Western Irrigation District in the development of a public relations video. At a recent committee meeting it was agreed that the districts will share the cost under their specified amounts; the budget will not be raised for the project. Video development is continuing.

**10.02 Bow Project Update**

Grant money has been secured but it was requested that each irrigation district and major water users also contribute \$20,000 in addition to this funding. This request was denied by district managers. Conference call meetings continue and the project is moving along. This model will be a valuable tool regarding data on water flowing in and out of the Bow River. It was noted that a previous model has been completed, but focused only on irrigation district demands; this will be incorporated into the overall model.

**10.03 License Amendment Application Update**

Mr. Wilson summarized the categories of complaints received. A response letter will be written to Alberta Environment addressing the issues raised.

**10.04 Irrigation Council Bow River Regional Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the first year Irrigation Council has decided to run a regional meeting with Western Irrigation District, Eastern Irrigation District and Bow River Irrigation District, and to not include tours. The meeting agenda was reviewed and it was noted that the EID's drought plan would be presented.

**11.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 11.01 Dinosaur Provincial Park and Area Tourism Development Plan | - Thursday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> , Heritage Inn, 6:30 p.m. (Ross, Jim) |
| 11.02 Irrigation Council Bow River Regional Meeting              | - Friday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> , EID Office, 10:00 a.m.                |
| 11.03 Regular Board Meeting                                      | - Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                            |
| 11.04 Brooks Centennial Celebrations                             | - Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 11:00 a.m.                          |
| 11.05 Regular Board Meeting                                      | - Tuesday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                          |

**N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:55 p.m.**

Chairman

General Manager

**July 27, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010. 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. Mgr
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Mgr
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.05 Weed Control / Screen Cleaners
- 7.06 Grass Fire Hazard
- 8.05 17 Bow Slope Canal Structure
- 9.04 Ron Sereda – Terminable (2<sup>nd</sup>) Water Conversion & Pipeline Extension

**2010-07-133 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 June 18, 2010 and June 23, 2010**

Both June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-07-134 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the June 18, 2010 and June 23, 2010 Board Meetings be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Small Equipment Charges**

E. Wilson reviewed the request for small equipment expenses on the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground to be recorded, and gave background on current daily equipment recovery practices for large equipment. It was agreed that small equipment (ride on lawnmowers, utility vehicle, small John Deere tractor and mower, and kilifers) will be recovered annually on a percentage basis between the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, Administration and Maintenance.

**3.02 District Housing Review – Excess WDS Acreages**

Mr. Wilson noted that additional information with possible sale options will be brought back to the September meeting regarding excess District acreages in Rainier, Rosemary and along the #873 lake road.

**3.03 Farmer Access to Gravel Pits**

With regards to farmer access to Eyremore and Crawling Valley gravel pits, it was agreed to not limit nor promote certain days per month or year. To maintain this access and to counteract the recurrent vandalism, E. Wilson will look into the possibility of constructing a small steel shop on skids to house the loader at the Eyremore pit.

**4.0 Report on Dinosaur Provincial Park & Area Tourism Meeting**

R. Owen and J. Culligan attended the Dinosaur Provincial Park & Area Tourism Meeting, organized by Canadian Badlands Ltd. and Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Owen conveyed that a study had been done for the area from Lake Newell to Dinosaur Park and among other general recommendations that are already in place, it was suggested by the study that additional camping near Dinosaur Park would benefit the area.

**5.0 Financial Report****5.01 June 30, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to June 30, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$10.7 million and is about 6% (\$674,000) less than YTD budget. This year the EID's contribution to the IRP program was paid from the General Fund as a charge against revenue. Previously, the contribution had been withdrawn from the reserve fund.
- YTD total revenues of \$16.6 million are about 3% (\$589,000) less than YTD budget. Without the IRP contribution charge, current year revenues would have been approximately \$1.3 million more than YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses of \$5.9 million are tracking on (slightly above) YTD budget.

Administration responded to a number of questions from the Board.

**2010-07-135 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2010 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[9:55 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break.]

**5.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2010**

Mr. Bridges presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report summarizing that the market value of the District's investments at June 30, 2010 was \$1.04 million less than at September 30, 2009; and that this fluctuation is considered normal.

**2010-07-136 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Investment Report to June 30, 2010 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**6.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Network upgrades were completed July 14<sup>th</sup> and uptime and stability have greatly improved, with customers supporting this observation. End user upgrades will now be completed. The new VL sectors at Gem have been put up and a few test changeovers have been done. Changeovers continue in Rosemary, Duchess and Rolling Hills.

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

A total of 106,000 acre feet of water have been diverted so far this year. The District is diverting 1,350 cfs today (2,700 acre feet), and 2,100 cfs are going over the dam (this is expected to drop to 1,000 cfs next week). With demand from the Western Irrigation District, Eastern Irrigation District and Bow River Irrigation District being quite low, there is ample water in the Bow River. YTD water usage in the EID ranges from just .35 of an acre foot in the Antelope Creek area to a minimal .10 of an acre foot in the Cowoki/Patricia area.

**7.02 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvement.

**7.02.1 Peter Nielsen – SE 29-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 155 acres; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement application calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot. The delivery site would remain the same. The Water User is wishing to keep the 22 acres outside of the pivot circle. It was noted that a previous Infrastructure Savings Grant was given on this parcel, and through discussion it was found that the previous grant would in this situation negate the eligibility for the Farm Improvement Grant.

**7.03 Drain Relocation – Harley Tateson – SE 08-15-15 W4M**

A request was received from Harley Tateson to relocate his drain in SE 08-15-15 W4M. The landowner is requesting that the drain be moved near the south and west quarter section boundaries to accommodate a proposed pivot. The relocation is estimated to cost \$54,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$30,000.

**2010-07-137 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Harley Tateson in SE 08-15-15 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**7.04 Letter from Rod Dyck & Pete Sprunger re Drain**

A letter was received from Rod Dyck and Peter Sprunger enquiring if it was feasible for the District to pipeline the drain in NE 36-20-16 W4M and SE 01-21-16 W4M. This request was denied. It was confirmed that the EID does not pipeline natural drains for reasons of volume of spill from natural rainfall drainage and snow melts; and for the required pipeline to be concrete or steel to withstand freezing and melting cycles. The District will however, consider relocating drains on a cost share basis where practical.

**7.05 Weed Control / Screen Cleaners**

F. George expressed the need for screen cleaners on certain pipelines in the Gem area, where pivots were getting plugged quite frequently. Mr. Wilson confirmed that additional money has been budgeted for extra screen cleaners, but went on to add that a new type of static screen cleaner is worth investigating. This model consists of a rock filled gabion placed just prior to the pipeline inlet and can be modified to suit. Engineering will be looking into this method.

**7.06 Grass Fire Hazard**

Directors raised concerns over what soon will be a high fire hazard in the grazing leases due to the extreme amount of grass growth. Occurrence of random and designated camping; ATV, dirt bike and vehicle access; and oil and gas activity were discussed. Additional signage, advertizing, and heightened surveillance were advised. Additional mowing and restrictions of campfires may also need to be implemented. This item is to be reviewed at next month's meeting.

**8.0 Lands****8.01 Irrigable Unit Discharge – S. Haag & M. Haag – W ½ 29-16-15 W4M**

The landowners changed irrigation systems in 2010. Their old system covered the 2 west quarters. The new system covers all 4 quarters and an Irrigable Unit has been registered on the 4 quarters, enabling this Irrigable Unit to be discharged.

**2010-07-138 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the discharge of the irrigable unit on SW & NW 29-16-15 W4M, lands being owned by Seigfreid Haag and Monfred Haag. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

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- 8.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Unsworth, Hok, Adams, Spicer – Pt. SW 17-19-13 W4M**  
The pivot on this field covers parts of both Pt. SW 17-19-13 W4M and Plan 5034FC, Parcel A. An Irrigable Unit resolution must be registered on these parcels.
- 2010-07-139 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW 17-19-13 W4M and Parcel A, Plan 5034FC in SW 17-19-13 W4M, lands being owned by Beverly Unsworth, Valerie Hok, Judith Adams and Thomas Spicer. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**
- 8.03 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Lathom Hutterian Brethren**  
An application was received to transfer 48 irrigation acres purchased from 1271503 Alberta Ltd. and are located in NW 31-18-14 W4M, to Sec. 13-20-17 W4M, lands being owned by Lathom Hutterian Brethren. The transferred acres will be added to an existing 130 irrigation acres for a proposed new pivot. The transfer is subject to soils, and if the purchaser is putting up a 220 acre pivot, 42 additional irrigation acres will have to be acquired.
- 2010-07-140 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 48 irrigation acres from NW 31-18-14 W4M, lands being owned by 1271503 Alberta Ltd. to Sec. 13-20-17 W4M, lands being owned by Lathom Hutterian Brethren, subject to soils. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**
- 8.04 Email from Hal Pasichnyk re Crawling Valley Campground Boat Docking**  
An email directed to the Chairman was received from Hal Pasichnyk regarding fees for docking boats onshore at the Crawling Valley Campground. It was confirmed that the District requires the Crawling Valley Recreation Society to not charge anyone for using the newly constructed boat launch, but that the matter of docking fees falls under their management discretion.
- 8.05 17 Bow Slope Canal Structure**  
A. Nielsen requested an update on a requested guard rail in the NE corner of NE 21-15-15 W4M. I. Friesen will contact the County again to make sure this situation gets addressed.
- 9.0 Engineering Report**  
I. Friesen presented the following engineering projects.
- 9.01 One Tree Creek**  
This rehabilitation project is located approximately 1 km NE of Brooks and is slated for the 2010/2011 construction year. The proposed rehabilitation consists of trimming and armouring 4 sections throughout the canal, as the remainder is in good shape. It is recommended that this project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$150,000.
- 2010-07-141 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of portions of One Tree Canal by trimming and armouring at an estimated cost of \$150,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**
- 9.02 05-C East Branch**  
This rehabilitation project is located approximately 5 km west of Brooks along Cassils Road, and is slated for the 2010/2011 construction year. The system supplies 3,967 acres. There are seepage and erosion problems with the current system. The proposed rehabilitation consists of installing 3,400 m of PVC closed gravity pipeline coming off the Cassils Siphon and continuing north and east, tying into 2 existing pipelines and dumping back into 05-C East Branch Canal. It is recommended that the project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$2,546,000.
- 2010-07-142 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 05-C East Branch by pipelining at an estimated cost of \$2,546,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**



**9.03 John Ware – Reach E**

In May this project was approved at a total project cost of \$1.542 million. A proposed change of alignment was offered to landowners in the SE and NE of 01-21-14 W4M, of which the SE was accepted but Kay's in the NE declined. They have since reconsidered and would like to proceed. The cost of this realignment is \$210,000. This change has the potential to postpone this project several months as this relocation will have to be advertized and the proper regulations followed.

**2010-07-143 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the requested realignment option estimated at \$210,000 for the John Ware – Reach E rehabilitation project; revised estimated project total being \$1,752,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**9.04 Ron Sereda – Terminable (2<sup>nd</sup>) Water Conversion & Pipeline Extension**

This conversion was brought back to discuss the landowner's preference of converting terminable acres to irrigation acres, but keeping the existing pump location out of the drain. Through discussion it was confirmed that the conversion cost share proposal approved in April was as per policy and would not be revised.

[12:03 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break.]

**10.0 General Manager's Report****10.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Project**

A lengthy discussion debating several points continued from last month on the irrigation development process. Soil tests have been completed and additional information was presented, along with the following cost breakdown.

Project Item	Cost
Pump House	\$2,850,000
Pipeline & Turnouts	\$4,050,000
Construction of Roads	\$ 600,000
Legal Surveys & Soil Tests	\$ 120,000
Engineering	\$ 700,000
Contingencies	\$ 700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,020,000</b>

E. Wilson received direction and confirmation on the following details:

- Fourteen 225 acre pivots, five 133 acre pivots, and two 123 acre pivots immediately east of Hwy #36 and south of Sec. #873.
- Access road to be built by the District to the County's Class 2 specifications.
- Sale by live auction, by section of infrastructure, in November.
- \$10,000 certified cheque and satisfying eligibility requirements to be able to receive a bid number.
- Minimum bid price of \$2,000/irrigated acre + \$750/dry acre for parcels 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, S & W; and \$2,250/irrigated acre + \$750/dry acre for the balance.
- Eligibility of all Water Users owning land with more than 40 acres of irrigable (1<sup>st</sup>) water rights.
- Maximum amount any individual can purchase is 450 acres of irrigated acres, including what was purchased by auction in 2008.

- Lease would be for 10 years, January 1, 2012 – January 1, 2022; purchaser has the automatic right to purchase the land at the end of the 10 year period, and purchaser can apply to purchase land outright.
- Annual payment of 7% of purchase price established by auction.
- 2/7<sup>th</sup>s of the annual rent would apply to the purchase price.
- EID retains oil and gas annual rental on existing leases for 10 years.
- Purchaser would get any new oil and gas development compensation (not twin wells or rate changes on existing leases).

**2010-07-144 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the irrigation development off the Rolling Hills Reservoir immediately east of Highway #36, south of Secondary #873 as per Mr. Wilson's report, with the following revisions:**

- 5 year lease option to be added; and
- look into whether any corner arms can be added.

**Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

Following the August Board Meeting where the remaining details will be confirmed, a newsletter will be sent out and packages will be available on individual parcels. It was also noted that the project area will be fenced and grazed this fall.

#### **10.02 County of Newell Drainage Plan**

Mr. Wilson noted that the County would like to review the current drainage policy.

**2010-07-145 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District negotiate a new drainage agreement with the County. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **10.03 AltaLink Submission to EUB**

AltaLink has made their application to the EUB, their preferred route in the north route, but they show 3 alternatives. A full package is available for review.

#### **10.04 Letter from Gail Kelly**

A letter was received from Gail Kelly requesting that the District fence approximately ½ a mile of fence along the North Branch Canal in Sec. 27-21-18 W4M. It was confirmed that the EID does not normally construct fences adjacent to road allowances or parcels of land that have no other fences, but it was agreed to cost share this fence in order to keep cattle from damaging the North Branch Canal when being moved to other grazing lands.

**2010-07-146 Moved by F. George that the District cost shares 50/50 on a ½ mile of fence on North Branch Canal in the W ½ of Sec. 27-21-18 W4M. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### **10.05 PR Video Update**

The production company was in the EID 1 ½ days filming Bassano Dam, Main Canal, control structures, numerous crops, Bantry Canal, Kinbrook Island and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, etc. They will be shooting in the WID and BRID next week and plan on an additional shooting in mid-August to pick up some grazing, aerial views, marshes and recreation.

#### **10.06 Old Yard Remediation Update**

Numerous test pits were dug on the old yard, park and old Modern Auto property to closer identify the extent of contamination and determine the course of action. The test results will be back next week. Excavation should be able to start in mid to late August.

#### **10.07 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update**

The Siksika Nation vote passed with 88% in favour. The agreement has been ratified by the District, but Canada, Alberta and Siksika still need to ratify.

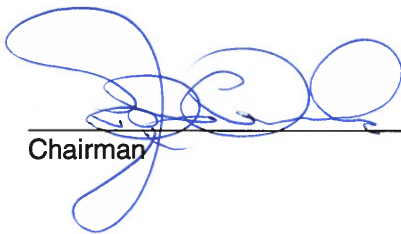
**10.08 August Board Meeting**

The August Board Meeting will be moved from August 24<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**11.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|--------------------------------|--|
| 11.01 | Brooks Centennial Celebrations | - Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 11:00 a.m.<br>(Bob, Allen, Neil, Floyd, Carl)      |
| 11.02 | Regular Board Meeting          | - Tuesday August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 11.03 | Annual EID Golf Tournament     | - Friday, August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00 p.m., Brooks Golf Course<br>Supper, 6:00 p.m. |

**N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:18 p.m.**



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Chairman



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General Manager

**August 31, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2010. 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. Mgr
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Mgr <i>[apologies]</i>
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		9:07

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.04 Domestic Turnouts
- 8.04 10-A Rolling Hills Pipeline
- 9.01.1 Designated Campsites / Random Camping
- 12:15 p.m. Fred Barg Presentation re Request to Purchase a Portion of ROW
- 9.04 AltaLink Open House

**2010-08-147 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 July 27, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-08-148 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the July 27, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

A. Nielsen reported on the AIPA Executive Committee Meeting held August 23<sup>rd</sup>, summarizing the following points:

- Meetings with Ministers Hayden, Renner and Ady not yet confirmed.
- Follow up discussion on Irrigation Council meetings with districts. All districts suggested keeping the IRP funding formula the same. Water trusts, and time served/terms served on boards were also discussed.
- License amendment updates were given.
- Promotional bags have been distributed; trailer, fishing derby, Bow River districts video noted.
- Drought plans discussed.
- Next Directors Meeting is Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in Picture Butte.
- Annual conference may go back to being held in November, in 2011.

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**5.0 Financial Report****5.01 July 31, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to July 31, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$11.3 million and is about 8% (\$1.01 million) less than YTD budget.
- YTD total revenues of \$18.4 million are about 3% (\$696,000) less than YTD budget. Without the IRP contribution change, current year revenues would have been approximately \$1.2 million more than YTD budget.
- YTD total net expenses of \$7.1 million are about 5% (\$318,200) more than YTD budget.

**2010-08-149 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2010 as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**5.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2010**

Mr. Bridges presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2010. Various accounts were discussed.

**2010-08-150 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2010 as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**6.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. 1,150 customers are currently connected. Some alignment issues were discovered and repaired on a few VL sectors in Rosemary and One Tree, which improved coverage in those areas. There are also ongoing backhaul optimizations occurring. Customer feedback has been very positive with the network remaining stable and fast in all areas. Customer upgrades are continuing in Rosemary, Duchess, Rolling Hills and Gem.

[9:38 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Short break; K. Green entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Engineering Report**

K. Green was in attendance to present the following two projects.

**7.01 11 Rolling Hills Canal**

This rehabilitation project is located immediately southwest of Rolling Hills and serves 1,400 acres. The canal is quite overgrown with trees and other vegetation. The proposal is to install 5 km of pipe at an estimated cost of \$2.0 million.

**2010-08-151 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 11 Rolling Hills by installing 5 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**7.02 Schooner Drain Relocation**

The Schooner Drain begins 1 mile north and 3 miles west of Rosemary and runs northeast for approximately 4 miles. The realignment will allow quarters to be squared and pivots to be installed. At this time, 500 acres are preparing to convert from flood to pivot due to the realignment. A previous 850 m realignment along this drain was completed in 2008 to allow for a pivot installation. The cost to rehabilitate including gravel armouring and fencing is estimated to be \$1,365,000.

**2010-08-152 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Schooner Drain Realignment at an estimated cost of \$1,365,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**7.03 North Bantry Tender Results**

I. Friesen presented the North Bantry tender results. Mr. Friesen explained that the approved estimate for the project was \$6.58 million; the new estimate is now \$7.0 million as additional concrete work was required and bid prices are above original estimation. This year's bid prices have increased 10% over last year's reach of the Bantry Canal.

<b>North Bantry – Contract 3 Tender Results</b>	
Richardson Bros.	\$3,082,650
Contour Earthmoving	\$3,743,100
BYZ Enterprises	\$3,882,000
Caliber Systems	\$4,013,863
Mesken Contracting	\$4,272,437
deGraff Excavating	\$4,721,438

<b>North Bantry – Contract 4 Tender Results</b>	
Richardson Bros.	\$2,163,925
Contour Earthmoving	\$2,281,000
Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate	\$2,355,900
Caliber Systems	\$2,453,439
Mesken Contracting	\$2,712,675
deGraff Excavating	\$3,404,960

**2010-08-153 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve Richardson Bros. bids for Contract 3 - \$3,082,650 and Contract 4 - \$2,163,925 for the North Bantry rehabilitation project. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**7.04 Domestic Turnouts**

J. Culligan enquired about domestic turnouts. E. Wilson reviewed current policy and a short discussion followed.

[10:14 a.m. K. Green exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Operations****8.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date**

E. Wilson noted that all reservoirs are still higher than at the start of the season, getting close to winter levels. Currently, 1,500 cfs is being spilled at the dam.

**8.02 Water Shut Down Date**

Mr. Wilson recommended that water shut off be October 8<sup>th</sup>, however with most crops being late and not anticipating much demand at all for late fall irrigating, the date could be as early as October 1<sup>st</sup> and would lower the risk of frost damage.

**2010-08-154 Moved by F. George that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Friday, October 8, 2010. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

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**8.03 Farm Improvements****8.03.1 L. Chau & J. Peng – SW 12-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 148 acres flood. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 148 acres flood to wheels. The delivery site remains the same, although a flood well will need to be changed to a riser at a cost of \$1,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,440 (148 acres at \$30/acre) - \$1,500 (riser) = \$2,940.

**2010-08-155 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. Chau & J. Peng for the conversion of 148 acres flood to wheels in the SW 12-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,940. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**8.03.2 R. & G. Crapo – SW 26-23-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 88 acres flood; new pivot area is 83 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 83 acres flood to wiper pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center; and a flood well will need to be changed to a riser at a cost of \$1,500. The Water User is choosing to keep the 5 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,980 (83 acres at \$60/acre) - \$1,500 (riser) - \$1,500 (5 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,980.

**2010-08-156 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for R. & G. Crapo for the conversion of 83 acres flood to pivot in the SW 26-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,980. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.03.3 G. Ellefson – SE 19-17-16 W4M**

Current assessment on the east side of the drain is 70 acres; new pivot area is 76 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 70 acres flood to wiper pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. 6 extra acres are needed at a cost of \$300/acre, or they may be moved from the west side of the drain. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200 (70 acres at \$60/acre) - \$1,800 (6 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,400. New assessment on this quarter is 113 acres.

**2010-08-157 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for G. Ellefson for the conversion of 70 acres flood to pivot in the SE 19-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**8.03.4 E. & U. Wiebe – NE 28-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 144 acres; new pivot area is 126 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 126 acres flood to wiper pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Water User is choosing to keep the 18 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,560 (126 acres \$60/acre) - \$5,400 (18 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,160.

**2010-08-158 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. & U. Wiebe for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot in the NE 28-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,160. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.04 10-A Rolling Hills Pipeline**

C. Chomistek enquired if 10-A Rolling Hills pipeline could be looked at in regards to excessive leakage around a structure. Engineering will investigate.

[10:38 a.m. R. Martin entered the meeting.]

## 9.0 Lands

### 9.01 Access / Fire Hazard Report

R. Martin noted the following measures being taken in regards to the exceptional grass growth the District has experienced this year:

- High fire hazard ads have been placed in the local papers through to the end of October; and an article ran in the Brooks Bulletin.
- All public access enquiries are informed of the hazard; vehicle access is restricted only to roads and trails that are graded, graveled or mowed.
- No campfires are being permitted at designated camping sites / random campsites; signs have been installed.
- Fish and Wildlife Officers and Community Peace Officers have been advised of the hazard and have been requested to enforce the restrictions.
- Oil and gas companies have been contacted and requested to mow their access trails in areas where mowing has not taken place.
- High fire hazard signs are being installed throughout EID grazing lands.
- Fire guards are being graded where needed.
- Staff patrols of grazing lands are continuing and will be increased as needed.

E. Wilson noted that in some cases oil and gas companies are choosing to shut down their wells temporarily rather than keeping the access and well sites mowed.

#### 9.01.1 Designated Campsites / Random Camping

A short discussion was held on random camping and the 3 designated campsites around Crawling Valley Reservoir. It was reasoned that with the redevelopment work at the Crawling Valley Campground, no remaining designated campsites are needed. This was the case when the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground was built; all other random or designated sites were shut down around that reservoir and Lake Newell. It was requested that temporary signs be posted immediately notifying the public that there will be no random camping allowed, with permanent signs to be posted once available.

**2010-08-159 Moved by F. George that random camping be shut down around Crawling Valley Reservoir; no fires or overnight camping will be allowed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

### 9.02 PHD Funding Update

Mr. Martin summarized that the Partners in Habitat Development program experienced reduced external funding for 2010; new funding sources are being explored. Pheasants Forever support has declined over the last 3 years and has not been confirmed for 2011. The PHD program expects to continue working at near the present level in the EID, WID and BRID, although operation may have to be discontinued in the southern region if additional funding is not secured.

[11:02 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. R. Martin exited the meeting; short break.]

[11:10 a.m. Ron Sereda and Kent Sereda entered the meeting.]

### 11:10 a.m. Ron Sereda Presentation re Pipeline Extension to Convert 2<sup>nd</sup> Water to 1<sup>st</sup>

Ron Sereda and Kent Sereda joined the meeting to appeal the decision on the pipeline extension and conversion from terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 02 & Pt. NW 02-15-13 W4M. Mr. R. Sereda provided a letter as a formal application to convert from 2<sup>nd</sup> water to 1<sup>st</sup> and presented the following arguments: this parcel has been farmed for 25-30 years with almost continuous water delivery under a terminable agreement; the water has never been restricted or terminated; and as efficiencies (corner arm pivot) have already been made there is no significant value added or more efficiency methods to be gained from a pipeline. It was Mr. Sereda's preference to



convert the acres to 1<sup>st</sup> water, but keep the drain as the water delivery. The Board and Admin countered the discussion with the following: the drain will see diminished run-off water supply as 07-Secondary A Rolling Hills is pipelined and more pivot efficiencies take place; supplying additional water to this drain 2 miles back is wasteful; conversion from 1<sup>st</sup> water to 2<sup>nd</sup> water adds significant value to the land; and other parcels in similar cases are being converted as per the same cost-share policy when pipelining canals. The Seredas were thanked for their time and it was noted that the Board would discuss the matter further and get back to them.

[12:15 p.m. R. Sereda and K. Sereda exited the meeting; Fred Barg entered.]

**12:15 p.m. Fred Barg Presentation re Request to Purchase a Portion of ROW**

Fred Barg was welcomed to the meeting to present a request to purchase a portion of the right-of-way in W ½ 32-19-14 W4M to enable the conversion from wheels to pivot. Approximately 14.5 acres are needed to complete the 78 acre wiper pivot formation and to 'square off' the parcel. The right-of-way, which mostly covers parts of 3 quarters, was for the Long Pump Reservoir which was discontinued years ago and exists now as a habitat land use lease. Mr. Barg was thanked for his time and informed that the District would get back to him.

[12:25 p.m. – 1:04 p.m. F. Barg exited the meeting; lunch break.]

**Ron Sereda Presentation re Pipeline Extension to Convert 2<sup>nd</sup> Water to 1<sup>st</sup>, cont'd.**

Board discussion continued regarding the Sereda matter. It was concluded that the earlier decision will be upheld, as per policy. Administration will send correspondence to Mr. Sereda.

**Fred Barg Presentation re Request to Purchase a Portion of ROW, cont'd.**

The request to purchase, and the right-of-way as a whole was discussed. A decision will need to be made on the balance of this land as the lease terminates shortly.

**2010-08-160 Moved by N. Johnson that the proposed pivot portion of ROW in W ½ 32-19-14 W4M be offered to F. Barg at \$1,500/acre plus subdivision costs, with Mr. Barg moving or purchasing the necessary irrigable acres. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[1:08 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**9.0 Lands cont'd.**

**9.03 Grazing Report**

B. Hale joined the meeting to present the following reports.

**9.03.1 Number of Extra Cattle**

Approximately 750 extra cattle were let onto community grazing pastures after the Board increased the allotment in June. Newell and Patricia were the largest participating associations with approximately 200 extra cattle each.

**9.03.2 Update on Regrass Project**

Fall rye was seeded with the grass in the Rolling Hills regrass field this spring and it is looking like the rye crop would be worth harvesting. Direction was given to have the rye custom combined.

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

**9.04 AltaLink Open House**

J. Culligan is arranging a meeting with AltaLink's Senior Vice President of External Relations and MLA Arno Doerksen, which other Directors are free to attend. This meeting is in regards to the Ware Junction to Cassils reach of the proposed new AltaLink 240 kV transmission line.

**10.0 Irrigation Expansion****10.01 Review Development with Corner Systems vs No Corner Systems**

E. Wilson presented a breakdown on design specs and costs for basic to deluxe corner arm system pivots for both 225 acre and 259 acre pivots. Total development costs, purchaser costs, and energy consumption were discussed in light of the information given. It was concluded that corner systems will not be factored into the project.

Larger pivots versus ¼ section size, probability of number of parcels selling, and residency clause matters were all revisited, with the following motion being put forward.

- 2010-08-161 Moved by C. Chomistek that a primary residence within the EID be included in the eligibility requirements for purchasing the Rolling Hills Reservoir irrigation development parcels. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED**

R. Owen suggested selling the parcels in phases, with 2 of the 3 segments offered for sale this fall, and evaluating when the third segment would be offered, depending on demand. Mr. Wilson advised that it would be prudent to still design the capacity large enough for all 3 segments, and suggested that the auction could have highest bidder choosing the segment and individual parcel, then proceeding with drawing other parcels and selling to the highest bidder, and the process repeated for a second segment. It would then be evaluated when to hold a second auction.

- 2010-08-162 Moved by R. Owen that two thirds of the Rolling Hills Reservoir irrigation development parcels be sold at auction in November, 2010 and that a second auction be held at a later date depending on demand. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

The auction is to be set for the first week of November. A newsletter to all 1<sup>st</sup> Water Users will be sent out and parcel packages will be developed as soon as possible.

**10.02 Review Possible Irrigation Development in Gem – Sec. 24-23-17 W4M**

E. Wilson provided irrigation development options for Sec. 24-23-17 W4M. This area was considered a few years ago, but was dismissed due to the rough land. The Board re-evaluated this piece and mentioned a few other areas that might be considered. It was suggested that a farmer meeting be set for the end of October to present and explore possible irrigation development in the Gem area. The 3 pivot preliminary plan in Sec. 24-23-17 W4M is to be presented with estimated project costs.

**11.0 Equipment****11.01 Approval to Lease-to-Purchase Excavators**

Mr. Wilson advised that the following quotes were received on new excavators. The District would lease the excavators for 3 months and if satisfied, would convert the lease to a sale with 100% of the lease applying to the purchase price.

240 Excavators	
Dealer	Price
Wajax (Hitachi)	\$263,850
Brandt (John Deere)	\$265,600
Finning (Cat)	\$290,950

350 Excavators	
Dealer	Price
Wajax (Hitachi)	\$307,910
Brandt (John Deere)	\$323,400
Finning (Cat)	\$353,200

**2010-08-163** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a Hitachi 240 Excavator for \$263,850 and a Hitachi 350 Excavator for \$307,910 from Wajax. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

#### **12.0 Mural Unveiling**

It was requested that administration arrange a mural unveiling/publicity event. This would likely be held in October.

#### **13.0 Campgrounds**

A short discussion was held on Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and the Crawling Valley Campground operations.

#### **14.0 Scholarship Program**

##### **14.01 Review Eligibility Criteria**

It was requested to review eligibility requirements for the Scholarship Program with regards to Masters programs; a short discussion followed.

**2010-08-164** Moved by J. Culligan that Masters programs be deemed eligible for scholarships beginning in 2011. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

#### **15.0 License Amendment Application Update**

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of this application.

#### **16.0 Newell Community Action Group – Request for Funding**

This request for funding was denied as it falls outside the mandate of the EID.

#### **17.0 BRBC – Request for Funding**

A request for funding was received from the Bow River Basin Council for two of their current projects: Online State of the Watershed Report, and Bow River Watershed Management Plan Phase II.

**2010-08-165 Moved by F. George that the District donate \$5,000 to the Bow River Basin Council for the Online State of the Watershed Report and Phase 2 of the Bow River Watershed Management Plan. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**18.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------------------------------|--|
| 18.01 Ducks Unlimited Supper | - Friday, September 10 <sup>th</sup> , Heritage Inn, 6:00 p.m. |
| 18.02 AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, September 20 <sup>th</sup> , Picture Butte           |
| 18.03 Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.              |

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.**

  
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Chairman  
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General Manager

**September 28, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010. 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. General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

Five Farm Improvements and two Land items were deferred to October's meeting; the rest of the items not addressed at the meeting were received as information.

**2010-09-166 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 August 31, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-09-167 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the August 31, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[9:04 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

**3.0 Engineering Report****3.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status, giving additional comment to the following:

Earthworks Projects		
Priority	Project Name	Length (km)
#1	John Ware – Reach E	6.7 km earth canal / armour
#2	Schooner Drain	7.3 km earth canal / armour
#3	2 Drain Relocations	2.5 km earth canal
#4	One Tree	0.5 km earth canal / armour
#5	W-Tilley	4.7 km liner canal / armour
#6	South Bantry Drain	4.4 km earth canal / armour
		<b>EID Crews – 25.6 km</b>

	North Bantry Canal	Richardson Bros. – 12.0 km
	<b>Total 2010 Earthworks</b>	<b>37.6 km</b>

### 3.02 South Bantry Drain – Reach A

South Bantry Drain crosses the Rolling Hills Highway approximately 15 km north of the Hamlet of Rolling Hills. Reach A includes 1.6 km east of the highway and 2.8 km west to Summit Drain. The major problem is that the banks are being undercut and are sloughing in over the majority of the drain. It is recommended that the canal be re-cut with a bench cut at 4 m above center grade and armoured following the existing alignment with 1.6 km of road needing to be relocated, at an estimated cost of \$1,740,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

**2010-09-168 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of South Bantry Drain – Reach A by trimming and armouring at an estimated cost of \$1,740,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

### 3.03 J-01 West Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located 4 km west of Tilley, in SE 28-17-13 W4M. The inlet comes off J-West Bantry and runs west 470 m to the center of the quarter where it feeds 214 acres of flood irrigation in the SW and W ½ of the SE. Severance and seepage are the major problems with this lateral. It is recommended to install a gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$95,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program, and to be added to the J-06, 07, 08 West Bantry Project budget.

**2010-09-169 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of J-01 West Bantry by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$95,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

### 3.04 Infrastructure Savings-Grant – J-06 & J-08 West Bantry – Jim Aleman

Presently the NW & SW 23-17-13 W4M are flood irrigated but the landowner is proposing to install 2 pivots. As a result, and in conjunction with the West Bantry rehab project, the District will be enabled to reduce the deliveries from 6 to 2, reduce the flow by 7 cfs and reduce the size and length of the pipeline. A cost savings of \$160,000 in pipe alone will be realized by the District. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$30,000 (2 quarters at \$15,000/quarter).

**2010-09-170 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Jim Aleman, for converting to pivot irrigation in NW & SW 23-17-13 W4M in conjunction with the system rehabilitation which would allow the pipeline to be downsized, saving the District \$160,000. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$30,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

[9:11 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

## 4.0 Lands

### 4.01 Sale of Commercial Land at Lake Newell Resort

K. Bridges advised that 3 offers were received regarding the 2.25 acre parcel of land advertized for sale at Lake Newell Resort. The high bidder is also interested in an additional 1.36 acres adjacent to the advertized parcel.

**2010-09-171 Moved by A. Nielsen that the offer be accepted from Kevin Stephenson for \$18,200/acre for the 2.25 acre original sale lands. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**4.02 Sale of Commercial Land at Lake Newell Resort & Relocation of Visitor's Parking Lot**

This matter will be brought back once the transaction on the original sale lands has been completed. Direction was given to administration to resolve the relocation of the visitor parking lot before any additional land is advertized for sale.

**5.0 General Manager's Report**

E. Wilson presented the following items under the GM Report.

**5.01 XL Foods Lakeside Packers Effluent**

Lakeside has applied to Alberta Environment to discharge treated effluent from their lagoon into 04-C Springhill / One Tree Reservoir / One Tree Creek / Red Deer River after water shut down this fall. It will be advertized in the newspaper and the public will have input before Alberta Environment makes their decision. This is at the same time as the City of Brooks is discharging their treated effluent into One Tree. It was noted that the District will not be able to flush with fresh water until next spring. It is anticipated that increased lagoon capacity and additional land will be added so that this does not need to happen in the future.

**2010-09-172 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the request from XL Foods Lakeside Packers to discharge treated effluent from their lagoon into 04-C Springhill after water shut down this fall. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**5.02 AltaLink**

Mr. Wilson advised that a meeting with AltaLink regarding their proposed east-west route between Ware Junction and Cassils resulted in suggested alterations from District management. Mapping information was given outlining EID pipelines and canals; and this may aid in their north-south route planning as well. A compensation table was reviewed with the Board for the Cassils to Medicine Hat line. It was agreed to not sign these agreements until reviewed again at the October Board Meeting.

**5.03 Vern Hoff Retirement Reception**

A. Nielsen and E. Wilson will attend the retirement reception for Vern Hoff on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge. Mr. Hoff served on Irrigation Council for 15 years.

**5.04 Mural Opening**

The mural "unveiling" ceremony will be planned for Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Installation of the mural is scheduled for the week prior.

[10:13 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Short break.]

[10:20 a.m. County representatives entered the meeting: Molly Douglass, Reeve; Jack Harbinson, Deputy Reeve; Councilors Ike Schroeder, Anne Marie Philipsen, Sheila Evans, Allen Eastman, Brian de Jong and Harold Wutzke; Kevin Stephenson, CAO, and Mark Harbicht, Public Works Superintendent.]

**10:30 a.m. Drainage Cost Share Agreement with the County of Newell**

B. Chrumka welcomed County of Newell representatives to the meeting. Mr. Wilson presented an overview of the proposed Drainage Cost Share Agreement, receiving input from County admin and councilors, and District admin and directors. Approval was given to continue to further define the agreement, to begin planning a 3 Year Plan, and it was advised to give notice to utility companies where necessary on priority projects.

**6.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|------------------------------------|--|
| 6.01 | Pre-Auction Meeting & Site Tour    | - Friday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 1:00 p.m., EID Office       |
| 6.02 | Regular Board Meeting              | - Monday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                   |
| 6.03 | Mural Opening Ceremony             | - Monday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> (tentative)                   |
| 6.04 | Scholarship Meeting                | - TBA  |
| 6.05 | New Irrigation Development Auction | - Wednesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Rainier Hall |

**C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:40 a.m.**



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Chairman

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General Manager



**October 25, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010. 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. General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	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 Drainage Cost Share Agreement with the County of Newell
- 10.09 AIPA
- 10.10 Co-op Program for Engineering Students
- 10.11 Regional Water
- 10.12 Old Yard Remediation

**2010-10-173 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 September 28, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-10-174 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the September 28, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Drainage Cost Share Agreement with the County of Newell**

E. Wilson advised that there have been no changes to the discussed agreement since the meeting with the County, and that the County has passed a resolution to enter into a Drainage Agreement with the District.

**2010-10-175 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District enter into a 3 Year Drainage Cost Share Agreement with the County of Newell. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**4.0 Financial Report****4.01 ATB Banking Resolution and Account Application**

K. Bridges advised that ATB is requesting a new account application and new banking resolution to update the District's current account.

- 2010-10-176 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Incorporated Society and Municipal Body Agreement and the Banking Resolution dated October 25, 2010 with Alberta Treasury Branches be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[9:14 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

## **10.0 Lands**

### **10.06 Grazing**

B. Hale presented the following grazing reports.

#### **10.06.1 Summary of 2010 Grazing Season**

2010 was a record year for rain; as a result grass conditions in the EID grazing leases have never been so good, with excellent carryover of grass. 2010 cattle numbers were 15,120 head, with a total of 321 members (no increase of membership from 2009). The water lines, new regrassing and fencing projects these past years have helped considerably in maintaining a healthy native range. 30 miles of new fence was constructed and several miles of repair work was done along Highway #1 rail road tracks, etc. A significant amount of money was spent cleaning Texas gates as well. Fire guards were graded twice this year, due to the abundance of grass. We had one small fire caused by lightening at the Bassano lease. Approximately 4,000 acres of old regrass should be done reseeding by October 30<sup>th</sup>. One field is located out east by Tide Lake (east boundary of the EID), and the other field is the east part of Eyremore lease. Grass mix that was used:

- 30.8% Smooth Brome grass
- 22.6% Green Needlegrass
- 15.4% Kirk Crested Wheatgrass
- 15.4% HPS Tall Fescue
- 13.3% Northern Wheatgrass
- 2.5% Spreader 4 Alfalfa

#### **10.06.2 Set Total Number of Cattle for Community Grazing Leases for 2011**

For the 2011 grazing season, B. Hale recommended increasing the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases to 85,000 AUM, which translates to 17,000 head over 5 months. It is expected that membership will stay the same or decline, and pastures are retaining quite a bit of carryover grass.

- 2010-10-177 Moved by A. Nielsen that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 17,000 head (85,000 AUM) for the 2011 grazing season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[9:27 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

## **5.0 EIDNet**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Customer feedback continues to be very positive and the network is still stable and fast in all areas. Customer upgrades are continuing in Rosemary, Gem, Rolling Hills and Duchess.

[9:29 a.m. J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

## **6.0 Engineering Report**

### **6.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status, giving additional comment to the following:

CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	Right-of-Way Signed	Comments
<b>CANAL</b>			
John Ware (Reach E)	√	80%	- roughly 50% of the earthworks in the relocations complete
Schooner Drain	√	√	
2 Drain Relocations	50%	N/A	
One Tree	√	√	
W-Tilley	√	√	- commenced construction October 12 <sup>th</sup>
South Bantry Drain	√	√	- commenced construction October 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PIPELINE</b>			
07 Sec A Rolling Hills	√	√	- scheduled to start November 15 <sup>th</sup>
J-06, J-08 West Bantry	√	√	- scheduled to start 1 <sup>st</sup> week in January 2011
C West Bantry	90%	√	
05-C East Branch	√	√	
11 Rolling Hills	80%	0%	
25 Rolling Hills	√	√	
17 Rolling Hills	50%	0%	

IRP PROJECTS			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	Right-of-Way Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal	√	100%	- Richardson Bros. have commenced de-watering

## 6.02 17 Rolling Hills

J. Kabut presented the 17 Rolling Hills synopsis. This rehabilitation project is located 6 km south of Rolling Hills and is slated for the 2010/11 construction year. The system supplies 365 acres, 63% being sprinkler. There are seepage and flow control problems with the current system. The proposed rehabilitation will consist of a closed gravity pipeline system coming off the main canal and continuing east hitting the existing deliveries. The other part of the rehab is tying into the existing 16 Rolling Hills pipeline and continuing east hitting the delivery for the NW 19-14-13 W4M. This project consists of installing approximately 2,100 m of PVC pipe and is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$424,000.

Concern was expressed in regards to feeding sloughs to provide drinking water for cattle. Direction was given to dig dugouts in the south and north ends of the grazing lease, thereby increasing the efficiency of water use on the lease. The carrying capacity of this lease may need to be adjusted as previously fed sloughs dry up.

- 2010-10-178** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 17 Rolling Hills Canal by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$424,000 and excavating dugouts in SW 18 & SW 19-14-13 W4M, to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[9:42 a.m. – 9:52 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

## **7.0 Operations**

### **7.01 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

#### **7.01.1 Jim Aleman – NW 23-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 134 acres; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Water User is choosing to keep the 1 acre outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres at \$60/acre) - \$300 (1 acre at \$300/acre) = \$7,680.

- 2010-10-179** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jim Aleman for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the NW 23-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,680. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

#### **7.01.2 Jim Aleman – SW 23-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 144 acres; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Water User is choosing 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 \$7,980 (133 acres at \$60/acre) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,680.

- 2010-10-180** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jim Aleman for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in the SW 23-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,680. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

#### **7.01.3 Beasley Ranching Ltd. – NE 12-20-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 112 acres; new wiper pivot area is 110 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Water User wishes to transfer the 2 extra acres outside the pivot area to NW 07-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600. New assessment on this quarter is 110 acres, all under the pivot.

- 2010-10-181** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Beasley Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot in the NE 12-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

#### **7.01.4 Beasley Ranching Ltd. – NW 07-20-12 W4M**

Assessment was 54 irrigable acres and 47 terminable acres; 2 irrigable acres have been transferred from NE 12-20-13 W4M which now makes 103 acres. The new pivot area is 90 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 56 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,360.

- 2010-10-182** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Beasley Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 56 acres flood to pivot in the NW 07-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,360. The Capital Assets Charge is \$3,400. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

34 irrigable acres are needed to complete the pivot. 34 terminable acres will be converted to irrigable acres at a Capital Assets charge of \$100/acre. The remaining 13 terminable acres will be canceled. New assessment on this quarter is 90 irrigable acres, all under the pivot.

**7.01.5 Beasley Ranching Ltd. – SW & Pt. NW 17-20-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 132 acres in the SW and 54 acres in the Pt. NW; new pivot area straddling the quarter section line is 138 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 138 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. A 48 acre piece in the south end of the SW quarter will continue to be flood irrigated; no pivot corners will be irrigated. An Irrigable Unit is already in place. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,280.

- 2010-10-183** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Beasley Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 138 acres flood to pivot in the SW & Pt. NW 17-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,280. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**7.01.6 A. Folkerts – NE 31-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 129 acres; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740.

- 2010-10-184** Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for A. Folkerts for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in the NE 31-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

**7.01.7 Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff – NW & Pt. NE 16-20-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 147 acres; new corner arm pivot area is 147 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 147 acres wheels to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. An Irrigable Unit is already in place. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,410.

- 2010-10-185** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff for the conversion of 147 acres wheels to pivot in the NW & Pt. NE 16-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,410. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**7.01.8 Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff – SE 17-20-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 63 acres; new wheel area is 63 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 63 acres flood to wheels. The delivery site remains the same off the Springhill Canal, with an Irrigable Unit already in place. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,890.

- 2010-10-186** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff for the conversion of 63 acres flood to wheels in the SE 17-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,890. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

**7.01.9 Rosedale Construction (Dale Marzolf) – NE 08-15-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 136 acres; new wiper pivot area is 120 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 120 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Water User is choosing to keep the 16 acre outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,200 (120 acres \$60/acre) - \$4,800 (16 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,400.

**2010-10-187 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rosedale Construction for the conversion of 120 acres flood to pivot in the NE 08-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**7.01.10 Ernie & Kathy Wiens – SE 24-21-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 152 acres; new pivot area is 135 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut-offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Water User is wishing to sell back 5 acres outside the pivot circle in the SE corner at \$700/acre, and keep the remaining 12 acres at a deduction of \$300/acre. The delivery site remains the same and an Irrigable Unit is already in place. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,100 (135 acres at \$60/acre) - \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,500.

**2010-10-188 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ernie & Kathy Wiens for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in the SE 24-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2010-10-189 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of Ernie & Kathy Wiens' 5 acres of water rights in the SE corner of SE 24-21-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 5 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**7.01.11 Drain Relocation – Ernie Wiens – SE & NE 24-21-16 W4M**

A request was received from Ernie Wiens to relocate his drain in SE & NE 24-21-16 W4M. The landowner is requesting that the drain be moved near the south and east quarter section boundaries to accommodate a proposed pivot. The relocation is estimated to cost \$40,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$30,000.

**2010-10-190 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Ernie Wiens in SE & NE 24-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowners. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[10:24 a.m. R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

**8.0 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Assessment Report**

R. Matoba presented a detailed Assessment Report for January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010. A number of questions were responded to by administration. The summary is as follows:

<b>EID Water Roll</b>			
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
January 1, 2010	280,803	6,885	287,688
September 30, 2010	282,668	6,850	289,518
Net increase	1,865	< 35 >	1,830
<b>Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			127
<b>Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			1,957

**2010-10-191 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Assessment Report to September 30, 2010. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **9.0 Irrigation Applications for 2011**

E. Wilson presented the 9 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.

##### **9.01 Ed & Donna Timko – NW 19-17-13 W4M**

The applicants currently have a 63 acre wheel move parcel and are applying for an additional 40 acres to go under a proposed 103 acre linear machine. A large amount of L6 soils prevents the installation of a full circle pivot. Approval is conditional on the linear machine being installed by December 1, 2011.

##### **9.02 Phyllis Andrus – NW 28-21-17 W4M**

The applicant is applying for 133 new irrigation acres to be under a proposed pivot on current dry land, with the delivery coming off of Secondary B North Branch pipeline. Approval is conditional on soils.

##### **9.03 Tsuyoshi Hironaka – NE 23-21-16 W4M**

The applicant currently has 31 acres wheels and 32 acres flood and is applying for 45 additional acres to all go under a proposed 108 acre wiper pivot. Approval is conditional on soils.

##### **9.04 Rommens Farms Ltd. – NE 03-19-15 W4M**

The applicants are applying for 38 new irrigation acres to be under a proposed pivot on current dry land, and would transfer 88 acres from other parcels. The EID must obtain an easement from the intervening landowner so that a pipeline can be constructed from the 05C East Branch pipeline in SW 02-19-15 W4M to the boundary of the applicants parcel. Approval is conditional on soils and an easement being obtained.

**2010-10-192 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the following Applications for Water, based on a minimum rating of 40 points:**

- **Ed & Donna Timko – NW 19-17-13 W4M**
- **Phyllis Andrus – NW 28-21-17 W4M**
- **Tsuyoshi Hironaka – NE 23-21-16 W4M**
- **Rommens Farms Ltd. – NE 03-19-15 W4M**

**Seconded R. Owen. CARRIED**

**9.05 1184989 Alberta Ltd. – SW 07-17-15 W4M**

This application was denied as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

**9.06 Isaak Wall – NE 15-16-16 W4M**

This application was denied as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

**9.07 Rejo Ranches – E ½ 25-18-16 W4M**

This application was denied as the applicant has already received his maximum number of new acres.

**9.08 WTT Livestock Inc. – NW 05-15-15 W4M**

This application was denied as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

**9.09 Brennan Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M**

This application was denied as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

**10.0 Lands con'td.****10.01 Irrigation Development Land Auction – November 10<sup>th</sup>, Rainier Hall**

E. Wilson advised that the pre-auction meeting held the previous Friday for prospective purchasers went well, with no new concerns. He did request direction, however, on whether a bidder would be able to choose 1 or up to their maximum parcels allowed when winning a bid. After discussion, it was decided that the first high bidder has the option of choosing up to 3 parcels on any one branch, up to his/her maximum acres allowed, at the same high bid price. Subsequently, the remaining parcels on that branch will be chosen in order by the District and auctioned off individually to the highest bidder. This process will be repeated for the second branch.

**10.02 Irrigation Development in Gem**

Mr. Wilson presented 3 potential areas for irrigation development in Gem:

- Area A
  - Sec. 24-23-17 W4M
  - previously considered
  - quite rolling, with up to 20' elevation difference; numerous sloughs
- Area B
  - SE 31 & SW 32-23-15 W4M
  - SW soils are L2, SE not tested
- Area C
  - Sec. 16, SW 10, Sec. 09, SE 08, NE 04, NW 03-24-15 W4M
  - soils not tested, 6 – 10 quarters may be irrigable
  - considerable infrastructure investment required
  - several oil and gas leases involved, some deeded

After discussion it was concluded that a decision on whether to proceed with an irrigation development project in Gem will be reached after November 10<sup>th</sup>'s auction.

[11:37 a.m. – 12:57 a.m. Lunch break; R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

**10.03 AltaLink**

As discussed last meeting, expediency payments are being offered to landowners if signing within a limited timeframe. The District has asked for an extension to this deadline in order that AltaLink may approach private landowners beforehand. A meeting with AltaLink's Senior Project Manager and Vice President is planned to discuss this further. It is expected that a letter from the EID agreeing to not intervene on either route will be sufficient.



**2010-10-193** Moved by A. Nielsen that a letter be sent to AltaLink stating the District will agree to either route and not intervene, if guaranteed the expediency payment if signed within 2 weeks of the AUC ruling. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**10.04 ATCO**

E. Wilson advised that preliminary discussions have taken place with a land agent from ATCO. The agent was informed of the most recent EID land selling for industrial/commercial development outside of Brooks was to the County for \$6,000/acre. Environmental consultants have been advised that access for studies on proposed routes will not be granted until the purchase price/acre is resolved.

**10.05 Sale of Commercial Land at Lake Newell Resort**

K. Bridges noted that an agreement for sale has been reached for the original 2.25 acre parcel, that the relocation of the Condo Corp's visitors' parking lot is currently being negotiated, and asked for direction on the remaining 1.33 acre parcel.

**2010-10-194** Moved by J. Culligan that the 1.33 acre additional lands at Lake Newell Resort be advertized for sale, with a minimum bid price of \$18,200/acre. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**10.07 Scott Tateson – Request to Lease Portion of NE 20-16-12 W4M**

Scott Tateson has requested to lease approximately 13 acres of District land in NE 20-16-12 W4M in order to install a 41 acre pivot. He would transfer the required water rights from elsewhere on the parcel. He would like to continue to flood the acres south and west of the pivot if possible. The land in question is an amalgamation of very small parcels of land, some in title to Scott Tateson, some under the EID. In order to clean up the titles, retain right-of-way along the Bantry #1 Reservoir, and secure the most efficient use of water the following was proposed:

**2010-10-195** Moved by C. Chomistek that the 12.93 acres of land in NE 20-16-12 W4M be offered for sale to Scott Tateson with the following conditions:

- no irrigation acres outside the proposed pivot; and
  - \$2,000/acre, with the District keeping the oil and gas revenue for 10 years; or
  - \$2,000/acre plus the purchaser paying the oil and gas revenue for 10 years up front.
- Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**10.08 Ed Buteau – Request to Purchase Old ROW in NE 18-19-15 W4M**

Ed Buteau has requested to purchase the old right-of-way of 04-C in NE 18-19-15 W4M. This old canal is infill and totally treed in. Mr. Buteau would like to water it and set up a family picnic/camping area. If a sale is to be considered, the owner of the balance of the quarter should be given a chance first. Discussion ensued regarding returning old right-of-way to adjacent landowners, pricing for intended use and subdivision/consolidation costs.

**2010-10-196** Moved by J. Culligan that the old right-of-way in NE 18-19-15 W4M be offered to Brian Murray, landowner of quarter section, for \$1.00 if consolidated, or at \$2,000/acre if keeping separate titles. Seconded by F. George. (TABLED)

**2010-10-197** Moved by A. Nielsen that Motion 2010-10-196 be tabled to the next meeting. CARRIED

**10.09 AIPA**

A. Nielsen reported that the AIPA Executive Committee met with Minister of Environment, Rob Renner on October 15<sup>th</sup> to present the CEP Report. In addition, they reviewed a draft of AIPA's Human Use Declaration; and Mr. Nielsen brought it to Minister Renner's attention that the EID had a drought plan which covered this human use aspect. Other discussion took place in regards to the Water Act and the Irrigation Districts Act.

**10.10 Co-Op Program for Engineering Students**

C. Chomistek enquired if the District would consider participating in the co-op program for engineering students. Mr. Wilson responded that the EID has taken part in this program twice and recommended that the best approach would be to have the student contact the EID if interested in this field of engineering, rather than advertising in the broad range program.

**10.11 Regional Water**

J. Culligan asked how each rural area was handling licensing for regional water. Mr. Wilson replied that each municipality has their own license. As Mr. Wilson was asked to sit as an advisor on the pipelining, he updated the Board with other general information.

**10.12 Old Yard Remediation**

E. Wilson advised that excavation is complete; approximately 1 ½ days are needed to finish hauling fill. Excavation could not occur under the lane due to the utilities. Where needed, barriers, powder and sumps were put in. It is expected that Alberta Environment will be satisfied with this reclamation.

[2:25 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Short break.]

**11.0 General Manager's Report**

Mr. Wilson presented the following items under the GM Report.

**11.01 District Housing Review**

A table of all District housing was reviewed in June, with 3 residences/parcels being identified for consideration. Additional information was brought back regarding the following.

**11.01.1 Lake Newell Residence – NE 05-18-14 W4M**

There are 3 titles on this quarter located along the Lake Newell road, all owned by the District. It was recommended to revise to 2 titles, adjusting the boundaries and selling approximately 4 – 5 acres which includes the house, yard and stock ponds. The Board gave direction for subdivision work to proceed for a 4 – 5 acre acreage, requesting a recommendation on a minimum price to be brought back for consideration.

**11.01.2 Rainier Residence – NE 23-16-16 W4M**

Either this parcel, located in Rainier, or the Antelope Creek residence were suggested for sale. The Board gave direction for an appraisal for the entire 40 acres in Rainier to be brought back for consideration.

**11.01.3 Rosemary Residence – NE 01-21-16 W4M**

There are 2 small parcels of land located north of the old WDS residence, immediately north of the village of Rosemary. One of the District's internet towers is located on 1 of the parcels and an easement would need to be put in place if sold. These lands were of interest to the Rosemary Ag Society. The Board was not interested in considering a sale at this time.

**11.02 Partners in Habitat Development Update**

Pheasants Forever Calgary has been one of the main funding partners in the PHD program; at one time they were 50%. Last year they contributed \$75,000 out of approximately \$250,000 cash contributed; total was approximately \$400,000. PFC has decided to change direction somewhat and will not be contributing to the District's PHD program. Their new emphasis is on larger projects including land purchases. They say the EID PHD program does not give guaranteed public access, does not have enough signs and many projects are too small. They would rather have larger projects, ideally land purchases and indefinite maintenance. However, if the District has a project that meets their requirements funding can be applied for on that project.

**11.03 Ron Sereda Appeal re Pipeline Extension to Convert 2<sup>nd</sup> Water to 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mr. Sereda has appealed the District's decision to Irrigation Council. Irrigation Council, at their October meeting, dismissed the appeal stating the District has the right to not convert to 1<sup>st</sup> water if the availability of water from the drain is questionable and that the District's offer to cost-share the pipeline extension is reasonable.

[2:54 p.m. A. Nielsen exited the meeting.]

**11.04 Okotoks License Application**

The Town of Okotoks has made applications to Alberta Environment to transfer existing licenses to theirs and increase their license by 2 – 3 times on the basis that they will return water (treated effluent) to the Bow River. The Western Irrigation District has hired Richard Jones of Vipond Jones, LLP to write a letter to Alberta Environment objecting to this application. After discussion it was directed that administration request Richard Jones to write a letter on behalf of the EID supporting the transfer of water licenses 100%, but clearly opposing the concept of using return flow amounts to increase licenses.

**11.05 PR Video Update**

The first draft of the PR video should be available in early November. As a launching event, the WID is suggesting an MLA reception in Edmonton, sometime during the winter sitting of the Legislature. The Board was in agreement with a political launch of the video.

**11.06 Staffing Update**

Some revisions have been done to the District's corporate structure to accommodate staff movement within the organization:

- Jim Meador is retiring as Operations Manager; he will be working on special projects (drainage, power, Farm Improvements) on a part-time basis.
- Irv Morey will be retiring as the North Division Assistant Superintendent; he will be working as the Headworks Operator running the Bassano Dam, North Branch, East Branch, Springhill and Snake Lake headgates.
- Allan Olson will be the South Division Superintendent, with Dirk Senneker as Assistant.
- Kevin Tebo will remain as North Division Superintendent, with the Assistant currently being advertised within the company.
- There will be no Operations Manager; both Divisional Superintendents will report to the General Manager.
- Ivan Friesen is being promoted as a second Assistant General Manager, with the engineering department reporting directly to him.
- The Equipment Superintendent and the Divisional Superintendents of Operations will report directly to the General Manager and in times when the GM is away, will report to Ivan Friesen.
- A Wireless Internet Technician position is currently being advertized to fill the vacancy.

**11.07 Water District Supervisor Boundary Changes**

The WDS boundaries in the North Division have been reviewed, eliminating 1 position/area and increasing 5 in size.

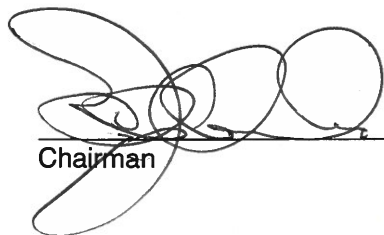
**11.08 Alberta Environment Wetland Policy**

Alberta Environment held 6 small sector meetings to discuss the proposed new Wetland Policy last week. Richard Phililips, BRID; Ron McMullin, AIPA; E. Wilson, 2 Alberta Beef representatives, and 1 crop grower representative were asked to attend on behalf of Agriculture. Other sectors attending were mining, forestry, oil & gas, municipalities, NGO's, etc. On Friday there will be a round table with a couple of people from each of these sectors with the Minister. The principles of this policy all agreed were good, but the difficulty comes with working out the details.

## 12.0 Upcoming Events

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| 12.01 | Mural Opening               | - Monday, November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 11:30 a.m.                              |
| 12.02 | Scholarship Meeting         | - Friday, November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m.                              |
| 12.03 | AEPA Fall Water Workshop    | - Tuesday, November 9 <sup>th</sup> , Red Deer (Neil, Floyd, Bob)            |
| 12.04 | Land Auction                | - Wednesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Rainier Hall             |
| 12.05 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies  | - Thursday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , Griffin Park, 11:00 a.m.             |
| 12.06 | Regular Board Meeting       | - Tuesday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                             |
| 12.07 | CRWUA Conference, Las Vegas | - December 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> (Neil, Floyd, Bob, Jim, Carl) |

**N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:19 p.m.**



Chairman



General Manager

**November 30, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010. 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. General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

- Board In-Camera

[10:22 a.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges, J. Meador, I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Total Number of Cattle for Community Grazing Leases for 2011
- 3.02 Old Yard Remediation
- 3.03 AltaLink
- 10.0 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 15.03 Additional Irrigation Development
- 20.0 Crawling Valley Reservoir Campground
- 22.0 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2

The following items were deleted from the agenda:

- 13.01 Dryland Farm Lease #8139 – Martin Cattle Co. Inc. – SE 09-21-14 W4M
- 13.02 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Lease #8226 – Gordon & Christine Cook

**2010-11-198 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 October 25, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-11-199 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the October 25, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[10:25 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Total Number of Cattle for Community Grazing Leases for 2011**

This matter was revisited from last meeting, with discussion on the total number of cattle being adequate to remove some of the carryover grass and yet not too high given the possibility of a dry

summer. It was confirmed that increasing to 85,000 AUM or 17,000 head over 5 months would be suitable for the 2011 grazing season. Maximum numbers per full, second and first year members will be set in December once applications are received and a firmer total number of cattle is apparent. Length of stay in community leases will be set in summer as usual, once mid-way through the season.

[10:40 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**3.02 Old Yard Remediation**

E. Wilson advised that the majority of the remediation work has been completed on the old yard. Consultant's reports should be received shortly, and there may be some monitoring work that will need to be done.

**3.03 AltaLink**

Mr. Wilson noted that a draft letter was forwarded to AltaLink stating that the District will agree to either route and not intervene, if guaranteed the expediency payment if signed within 2 weeks of the AUC ruling.

**4.0 AIPA**

**4.01 Appoint AIPA Director**

A. Nielsen has completed a term with AIPA and is stepping down. B. Chrumka will stay on as alternate.

**2010-11-200 Moved by N. Johnson that Carl Chomistek be appointed as the District's AIPA Director. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**4.02 AIPA Annual Meeting**

The AIPA Annual General Meeting is set for Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge. A. Nielsen, B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek, N. Johnson, R. Owen and F. George will attend.

**4.02.1 Proposed Human Use and Livestock Statement**

The AIPA has prepared a declaration that human use of water and water for sustenance of livestock will take priority over irrigation water use. The declaration is hoped to be ratified at the AGM and then forwarded to MPs, MLAs, government departments, other partners and then the public via the media. Mr. Wilson advised that the support documents not limit human use to a maximum of 300 litres, but to leave it open as this number is rather limiting for Canadian standards.

**5.0 Report on AEPA Fall Water Workshop**

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson and F. George attended the Agri-Environmental Partnership of Alberta Fall Water Workshop in Red Deer on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Red Deer River Alliance workshop consisted mostly of government opinions on water, with good sessions and speakers, especially Brent Paterson. The First-in-Time – First-in-Right policy was debated, along with the suggestion of a provincial tax on ground water. As well, representatives from northern Alberta were quite vocal on their present water situation.

**6.0 Financial Report**

**6.01 October 31, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges advised that October Financial Statements were not available for review as the new accounting software transition has created issues that have not yet been resolved.

**6.02 Interest Rate Applicable to Capital Construction Charges Financing Agreements**

K. Bridges advised that the current financing agreement for capital construction charges is at 5% per annum, with a maximum repayment term of 10 years. Mr. Bridges recommended setting this annual rate at the current interest rate of 5% for any construction loan agreements entered into during the coming year. It was requested that this review be moved to July so as to precede the signings on new construction projects.

**2010-11-201 Moved by J. Culligan that, effective January 1, 2011, 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 C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**7.0 Bylaw 878 Setting the Date for the Election of Directors, Divisions 1 & 5**

By-Law 878 (2010) was presented to the Board for the 2011 Election of Directors for Division 1 (Floyd George) and Division 5 (Allen Nielsen) establishing the date for nominations of Directors ceasing on Thursday, March 31, 2011, with an election date if necessary on Friday, April 15, 2011.

**2010-11-202 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw 878 (2010), 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 F. George. CARRIED**

**2010-11-203 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw 878 (2010), be read the second time. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2010-11-204 Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 878 (2010) this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2010-11-205 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw 878 (2010), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.0 Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive Rent Reviews**

Mr. Bridges advised that the lease for the space occupied by Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive will expire at the end of 2010. Due to the present economy, the building and grounds inconveniences and the possibility of the property taxes increasing, it was recommended that there be no increase in rent.

**2010-11-206 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board offer leases for 2011 to Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive at the same rate as 2010. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2010-11-207 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board grant 2 weeks free rent to Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive for the old yard remediation inconvenience. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**9.0 Agricultural, Exhibition and Rodeo Grounds 3 Year Development Plan**

A 3-Year Grounds Development Plan has been received from the Silver Sage Agricultural Society. Administration is to request additional information, ie. timelines for items listed and details on Kinsmen improvements.

**10.0 Prairie Conservation Forum**

R. Owen advised that he has been asked to sit on the executive committee of the Prairie Conservation Forum; he is presently a District representative.

**2010-11-208 Moved by N. Johnson that Ross Owen be appointed to represent the EID on the Prairie Conservation Forum Executive Committee. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**11.0 EIDNet Report**

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet report on behalf of R. Hayes. Canceled and inactive accounts have been cleared from the accounting software, making a total of 1,086 customers currently connected. The recent storms brought some power outages to some areas of the District. All equipment came back on when power was restored except for the radios on the PCCC tower in Bassano. A site visit was required to get their tower back online. Customer upgrades will be continuing in Gem, Rolling Hills and Duchess as the weather permits. The new EIDNet website is now online and overall feedback continues to be very positive.

**12.0 Engineering Report****12.01 Project Status**

I. Friesen presented the Project Status. He noted that the last week's weather has obviously slowed construction, however weather shut down days are anticipated.

<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>			
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>Right-of-Way Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>CANAL</b>			
John Ware – Reach E (6.7 km)	√	√	- upper relocations complete with armour, middle section down existing and lower relocation remain
Schooner Drain (7.3 km)	√	√	- 75% earthworks complete
2 Drain Relocations	50%	N/A	
One Tree	√	√	
W-Tilley (4.7 km)	√	√	- liner excavation complete, 1/3 complete covering liner
South Bantry Drain (4.4 km)	√	√	- road relocation complete, drain excavation ongoing
<b>PIPELINE</b>			
07 Sec A Rolling Hills (7.7 km)	√	√	- roughly 1 of 7.7 km complete
J-06, J-08 West Bantry (6.5 km)	√	√	- scheduled to start 1 <sup>st</sup> week in January 2011
C West Bantry (4.1 km)	√	√	



05-C East Branch (4.5 km)	√	√	
11 Rolling Hills (4.2 km)	√	√	
25 Rolling Hills (1.9 km)	√	√	
17 Rolling Hills (2.0 km)	50%	0%	

IRP PROJECTS			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	Right-of-Way Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal (12 km) (Richardson Bros.)	√	100%	- canal excavation to liner has started, they are indicating a lot more equipment is being mobilized by month's end

### 12.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Pump House Tender Results

Mr. Friesen presented the tender results for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Pump House project. The contract will be awarded to Tekton Construction Ltd.

ROLLING HILLS RESERVOIR PUMP HOUSE TENDER RESULTS	
Bidder	Amount
Tekton Construction Ltd.	\$1,085,419
Charmar Enterprises Inc.	\$1,114,000

## 13.0 Operations

### 13.01 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

#### 13.01.1 C. & D. Curran – S ½ 27 & NE 27-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 130 acres in SW, 113 acres in SE and 37 acres in NE 27-19-14 W4M. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 37 acres in the NE and 11 acres in the NE corner of the SE from wheels to wiper pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The delivery site remains the same, and an Irrigable Unit is already in place. 4 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,440 (48 acres at \$30/acre) - \$1,200 (4 acres at \$300/acre) = \$240. New assessment in the SW is 126 acres, in the SE is 115 acres, and in the NE is 43 acres.

**2010-11-209 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C. & D. Curran for the conversion of 48 acres wheels to pivot in the S ½ 27 & NE 27-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$240. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

#### 13.01.2 J. & K. Mortensen – NE 27-19-14 W4M

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood, serving 91 irrigated acres. 2 flood wells will need to be changed to risers at a cost to the Water User of \$2,000. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2010-11-210** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for J. & K. Mortensen for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the NE 27-19-14 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

**13.01.3 Stan Parker (Tom Parker) – NW 19-21-15 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood extending the full width of the quarter, serving 138 irrigated acres. The installation of a pump well will be charged to the Water User, if needed. The maximum District 50/50 cost share for converting from flood to gated pipe is \$2,500.

**2010-11-211** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for Stan Parker for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in the NW 19-21-15 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by A. Nielsen. **CARRIED**

**13.01.4 H. & L. Tateson – SE 08-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 40 acres; new pivot area is 133 acres. The additional acres for this pivot were granted under the 2009 water applications. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400.

**2010-11-212** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for H. & L. Tateson for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in the SE 08-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400. Seconded by C. Chomistek. **CARRIED**

**14.0 Lands**

**14.01 Ed Buteau – Request to Purchase Old ROW in NE 18-19-15 W4M**

This request was addressed at the October Board Meeting, with the following motion being tabled.

*2010-10-196 Moved by J. Culligan that the old right-of-way in NE 18-19-15 W4M be offered to Brian Murray, landowner of quarter section, for \$1.00 if consolidated, or at \$2,000/acre if keeping separate titles. Seconded by F. George. (TABLED)*

**2010-11-213** Moved by A. Nielsen to lift Motion 2010-10-196 from the Table. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

Discussion continued regarding a more accurate price per acre for acreage parcels.

**2010-10-196** Moved by J. Culligan that the old right-of-way in NE 18-19-15 W4M be offered to Brian Murray, landowner of quarter section, for \$1.00 if consolidated, or at \$2,000/acre if keeping separate titles. Seconded by F. George. **DEFEATED**

**2010-11-214** Moved by R. Owen that the old right-of-way parcel in NE 18-19-15 W4M be offered to the quarter section owner for \$1.00 if consolidated into the quarter section, or at \$10,000/acre if the right-of-way title is left as a separate parcel. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

[12:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch break.]

## 15.0 Irrigation Development

### 15.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Auction Results

The irrigation development land auction was held in Rainier on November 10, 2010. The 14 parcels that were auctioned brought in a total of \$8,639,000. This amounted to an average of \$3,300/irrigated acre plus \$750/dry acre. Highest bidder chose the center branch to begin the auction; round 2 had the highest bidder choosing the south branch.

Auction Order	Land Location/Description	Minimum Bid	High Bid	Awarded To
<b>Center Branch</b>				
1	Block 17	\$541,500	\$839,625	WTT Livestock
2	Block 13	\$548,250	\$735,000	WTT Livestock
3	Block 14	\$494,250	\$720,000	Greg Johnson
4	Block 16	\$492,000	\$740,000	Bruce Takeda
5	Block 19	\$548,250	\$775,000	Myra Takeda
6	Block 20	\$551,250	\$685,000	Myra Takeda
<b>South Branch</b>				
7	SW 33-15-15 W4M	\$267,750	\$489,150	S-Scan Farms Ltd.
8	Block 21	\$550,500	\$785,000	Peter Wolf
9	NW 33-15-15 W4M	\$267,750	\$450,000	S-Scan Farms Ltd.
10	NE 33-15-15 W4M	\$319,500	\$460,000	Jacobson Stock Farms
11	NE 34-15-15 W4M	\$319,500	\$490,000	Northbend Cattle Co.
12	NE 34-15-15 W4M	\$319,500	\$430,000	Kanegawa Farms Ltd.
13	SE 33-15-15 W4M	\$319,500	\$520,000	Kanegawa Farms Ltd.
14	SW 34-15-15 W4M	\$319,500	\$520,000	Kanegawa Farms Ltd.

### 15.02 Set Next Auction Date

An auction for the remaining north branch was discussed. Eligibility requirements will remain the same, and the auction will again be at the Rainier Hall. A newsletter to Water Users will be sent out prior to Christmas.

**2010-11-215 Moved by A. Nielsen that the second auction for irrigation development land off the Rolling Hills Reservoir be set for mid-January. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

### 15.03 Additional Irrigation Development

Further discussion was held regarding irrigation development in Gem. Information is to be prepared on the various options with minimum price requirements, for a meeting or open house in February.

N. Johnson enquired if the 2 parcels that were not sold in 2008 could be auctioned at the next auction set for January. E. Wilson confirmed that they could be.

**2010-11-216** Moved by C. Chomistek that the 2 parcels not sold in 2008 be put up for auction with the remaining parcels off the Rolling Hills Reservoir, with a minimum bid price of \$1,800/irrigated acre and \$750/dry acre. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

**16.0 Truck Quotes for ½ Tons and ¾ Tons**

Mr. Wilson presented quotes from 6 dealerships for ½ ton and ¾ ton trucks. The lowest quote was approved for purchase.

Dealer	½ Ton	¾ Ton
Martin Chrysler	\$21,164	\$25,984
Chinook Chrysler	\$21,454	\$26,165
Lethbridge Dodge	\$20,909	\$25,590
Harwood Ford	\$30,869	\$32,640
Taber Ford	\$28,034	\$32,043
Brooks Motor Products	\$28,427	\$35,766

**2010-11-217** Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase 4 ½ ton trucks and 5 ¾ ton trucks from Lethbridge Dodge, for \$20,909 and \$25,590 each respectively. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**17.0 License Amendment Application Update**

Mr. Wilson advised that the EID's license amendment application has been approved by Alberta Environment. Details on these types of agreements and their transferability will need to be brought back to the Board for discussion in January.

**18.0 Bow Project Update**

It is anticipated that project work will be completed December 10<sup>th</sup>, with a report to follow.

**19.0 PR Video Update**

Recent revisions have been applied to the PR video, with the hopes that the final draft will be available for viewing at December's Board Meeting. Mr. Wilson suggested using portions of this video at the Scholarship Awards & Reception.

**20.0 Crawling Valley Reservoir Campground**

F. George attended a recent Crawling Valley Recreational Society meeting and enquired if additional boat slips and a beach have been factored into the overall campground redevelopment plan. A short discussion followed.

**21.0 ATCO Electric**

E. Wilson is still in negotiations regarding a purchase price per acre for a ½ section parcel of land which ATCO Electric is interested in for their substation. They may reassess their request and downsize the size of the parcel, and they may request to make a presentation to the Board.

**22.0 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2**

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of this claim.

**23.0 2010/2011 Budget Discussion**

Budget discussion was deferred to Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**24.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 24.01 | Budget Meeting               | - Friday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 24.02 | AIPA AGM                     | - Monday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge<br>(Allen, Bob, Carl, Neil, Floyd, Ross) |
| 24.03 | U of A Gift Announcement     | - Tuesday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30 a.m., Ranchmen's Club,<br>Calgary (Floyd)                |
| 24.04 | CRWUA Conference, Las Vegas  | - December 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> (Neil, Floyd, Bob, Jim, Carl)                         |
| 24.05 | EID Staff Christmas Party    | - Friday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> , Heritage Inn, 6:00 p.m.  |
| 24.06 | Regular Board Meeting        | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 24.07 | Christmas Meet & Greet       | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., City Hall                                   |
| 24.08 | Scholarship Awards Reception | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m.   |

[2:47 p.m. K. Bridges, J. Meador, I. Friesen and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- Board In-Camera

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:40 p.m.**

  
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Chairman  
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General Manager

**December 3, 2010 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2010. 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. General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

- Board In-Camera, with E. Wilson.

[9:43 a.m. – 9:48 a.m. Short break; K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

**1.0 2010/2011 Budget Discussion**

E. Wilson presented the preliminary budget. Each department was reviewed and pertinent items highlighted. Extensive discussion was held on a variety of items.

[12:32 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch break; PR Video was viewed]

[1:24 p.m. A. Nielsen exited the meeting]

The final budget will be brought to the Board for approval at the December Meeting.

**C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:11 p.m.**



Chairman



General Manager

**December 21, 2010 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2010. 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. General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Jim Meador	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Neil Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9.02 Alberta 1<sup>st</sup> Call Program
- 10.01.5 Subletting of Private Grazing Leases
- 22.0 AIPA Executive Report
- 23.0 Alberta Agriculture Workshop
- 24.0 Okotoks License Application
- 25.0 License Amendment Application Update

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- Bill 36 – Alberta Land Stewardship Act

**2010-12-218 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 November 30, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-12-219 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the November 30, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**2.02 December 3, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2010-12-220 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the December 3, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Report on CRWUA Conference**

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan and C. Chomistek attended the Colorado River Water Users Association annual conference in Las Vegas, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Directors commented that it was a good conference focusing on water rights and working together, with

Colorado being a model of such. Sessions and panel debates on legal issues were interesting, and could be related to this side of the border. The importance of maintaining an infrastructure rehabilitation program, the problems with mussels invading the water systems, and new chemicals were also noted. As well, a video on the Hoover Dam and a video at the conference were very good and quite similar to what has just been produced by the Western, Eastern and Bow River Irrigation Districts.

#### **5.0 Report on University of Alberta Gift Announcement**

F. George attended the University of Alberta Historic Gift Announcement in Calgary on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Ranchmen's Club, where it was announced that Ed & Ruth Mattheis donated their ranch to the University for preservation and research purposes. The 12,300 acre (19 section) working ranch is comprised of mostly native grassland, with 700 cultivated acres. The ranch is situated east and west of Hwy #36, bordered on the north by the Red Deer River, and is currently leased out to private grazers.

#### **6.0 County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative**

A meeting with County Council was held December 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of the EID's monetary involvement in the County of Newell Water System Initiative.

##### **6.01 District Contribution**

The following motion was the outcome of the previous meeting.

**2010-12-221 Moved by A. Nielsen that for Water Users that have irrigable acres and have paid the County's \$1,000 deposit and the project proceeds, the EID contribute \$2,000 of the \$6,000 owing for the County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative; only one property per Water User will be subsidized. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

##### **6.02 Grazing Association Request re Connection Fee**

At the December 16<sup>th</sup> GAC Meeting, it was requested from one representative that the District pay the full \$7,000 landowner portion or offer the \$2,000 contribution for Grazing Associations which have Lease Rider residences that would qualify under the Rural Water System Initiative. It was requested that further information be brought back to the Board for consideration.

[9:57 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break.]

#### **7.0 Financial Report**

##### **7.01 November 30, 2010 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to November 30, 2010, noting the following overall:

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is \$3.7 million.
- YTD total revenues are about \$5.3 million.
- YTD total net expenses are about \$1.6 million.

**2010-12-222 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2010, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**



## 8.0 Engineering Report

### 8.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status, giving a visual overview of the current projects and answering related questions.

CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	Right-of-Way Signed	Comments
<b>CANAL</b>			
John Ware – Reach E (6.7 km)	√	√	- upper relocations complete with armour, 800 m of earthworks in the middle section down existing, and lower relocation remain
Schooner Drain (7.3 km)	√	√	- earthworks mainly complete, culvert installations remain
2 Drain Relocations	50%	N/A	
One Tree	√	√	
W-Tilley (4.7 km)	√	√	- 300 m of liner installation and armouring remains
South Bantry Drain (4.4 km)	√	√	- road relocation complete / drop structure to 300 m downstream County road complete
<b>PIPELINE</b>			
07 Sec A Rolling Hills (7.7 km)	√	√	- roughly 4.5 of 7.7 km complete
J-06, J-08 West Bantry (6.5 km)	√	√	- scheduled to start in mid-January
C West Bantry (4.1 km)	√	√	
05-C East Branch (4.5 km)	√	√	
11 Rolling Hills (4.2 km)	√	√	
25 Rolling Hills (1.9 km)	√	√	
17 Rolling Hills (2.0 km)	50%	0%	

IRP PROJECTS			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	Right-of-Way Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal (12 km) (Richardson Bros.)	√	100%	- first 2 km of buried line complete of 9 km, several hundred meters of canal excavation started, some armouring of side slopes and armour stockpiling has started

**8.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan**

Mr. Friesen presented the District's IRP 3-Year Plan for the construction years 2011/12 to 2013/14. Completed projects and continuing projects are listed in the report, with new projects as follows:

<b>IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>
Proposed Year 1 2011/12	North Bantry Canal (Reach #3)	\$8,000,000
	Irrigation Water Quality Assessment	\$225,000
Proposed Year 2 2012/13	West Bantry Canal	\$5,000,000
	Secondary B Springhill Canal	\$3,000,000
	Irrigation Water Quality Assessment	\$225,000
Proposed Year 3 2013/14	AH North Bantry Canal	\$4,000,000
	Bow Slope Canal	\$1,500,000
	Irrigation Water Quality Assessment	\$225,000

**2010-12-223 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2011/12 to 2013/14. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**9.0 Operations****9.01 Farm Improvements**

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

**9.01.1 E. & R. Kropf – W ½ 31-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 118 acres in the NW and 153 acres in the SE 31-16-13 W4M. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 106 acres wheels in the NW and 29 acres wheels in the SW to pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. The delivery site is in the south end of the SW, and an Irrigable Unit is already in place. The Water User is choosing to sell the 25 acres in corners back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050.

**2010-12-224 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. & R. Kropf for the conversion of 135 acres wheels to pivot in the W ½ 31-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2010-12-225 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of E. & R. Kropf's 25 acres of water rights in the SE corner of W ½ 31-16-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 25 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$17,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

New assessment in the NW is 106 acres (all under pivot), and 139 acres in the SW (29 pivot, 110 wheels).

**9.01.2 Quickway Farms (Ian Dutton) – NW 27-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 48 acres; new pivot area is 60 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 48 acres wheels to wiper pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no

cold weather shut offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. 12 additional acres are needed; 7.5 acres are gained through efficiencies from wheels to pivot, and 4.5 would be new water - all at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,440 (48 acres at \$30/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 60 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2010-12-226 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Quickway Farms (Ian Dutton) for the conversion of 48 acres wheels to wiper pivot in the NW 27-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,440. The Capital Assets Charge is \$3,600. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**9.01.3 W. & C. Scheuerman (Conny Rommens) – SW 18-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 113 acres; new pivot area is 117 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 113 acres wheels to corner arm pivot. Pivot must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut offs. Pivot must be piped from pump site to pivot center. 4 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,390 (113 acres at \$30/acre). The Capital Assets Charge is \$1,200 (4 acres at \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 117 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2010-12-227 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for W. & C. Scheuerman (Conny Rommens) for the conversion of 113 acres wheels to corner arm pivot in the SW 18-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,390. The Capital Assets Charge is \$1,200. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**9.02 Alberta 1<sup>st</sup> Call Program**

C. Chomistek enquired why the District is not listed under the Alberta 1<sup>st</sup> Call program. E. Wilson responded that this option has been looked at in the past and can be evaluated again. Currently, the electrical and oil and gas companies contact the District directly for their projects. It is anticipated that a full time position would be required to do locates in the 1 mile radius required by Alberta 1<sup>st</sup> Call on all calls. It was requested that more information be brought back to the Board.

[11:07 a.m. B. Hale and R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands**

**10.01 Grazing**

B. Hale was in attendance to present the following items and also gave comment to a number of other grazing queries.

**10.01.1 Set Grazing Number per Member**

Mr. Hale noted that applications for 15,189 head have been received; consequently the 17,000 head target number for over 5 months has not been reached. It was advised that increasing the maximums to 72, 48 and 24 for early entries, and 134, 89 and 45 for late entries should see an increase to approximately the target amount. GAC representatives were in favour of this increase.

- 2010-12-228 Moved by F. George that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2011 grazing season be set at 72 for full members, 48 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year members, and 24 for 1<sup>st</sup> year members. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**10.01.2 Set AUM Grazing Rate**

The Grazing Rate will be set in February once all the revised numbers are in.

**2010-12-229 Moved by A. Nielsen that AUM Grazing Rates be set once cattle numbers are received; based on a rate for cattle numbers for the upcoming grazing season balancing expenses from the last grazing season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**10.01.3 Rosemary Grazing Lease – Request to Hold Event on District Land**

A letter was received from Mark Kasdorf of the Rosemary Grazing Association, requesting permission to hold a community social event on grazing lease land in mid-January. A bonfire, snowmobiles and refreshments are planned, all with supervision. This event is essentially an “Out with the Old” and “In with the New” event for the south corrals and is intended to be a one-time occurrence. The Board approved this event as an exception and a letter will stipulate that proper supervision be carried out.

**10.01.4 Request to Remove Residency Clause from Grazing Lease Eligibility**

B. Hale passed on a request from a grazing lease member that the residency clause be removed from the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures. The Board denied this request.

**10.01.5 Subletting of Private Grazing Leases**

It is apparent that 2 instances of prohibited subletting are occurring in Private Grazing Leases. Mr. Hale was instructed to investigate and take appropriate action.

[11:35 a.m. B. Hale and R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

[11:38 a.m. D. Van Hal entered the meeting.]

**11:38 a.m. Northbend Cattle Corp. (Danny Van Hal) re Land Auction – NW 34-15-15 W4M**

B. Chrumka welcomed Danny Van Hal to the meeting. Mr. Van Hal explained that Stephen Anderson had approached him with an offer to trade land for the parcel he purchased at the land auction in November and he was asking for approval from the Board to do so. The land trade would benefit both parties location-wise, Mr. Anderson was the second highest bidder on this parcel at the auction, and the EID's lease agreement has not yet been signed. Mr. Chrumka thanked D. Van Hal for his presentation.

[11:41 a.m. D. Van Hal exited the meeting.]

After a short discussion the Board carried the following motion.

**2010-12-230 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board allow Stephen Anderson / S & K Farms Ltd. to sign the lease for NW 34-15-15 W4M at the same purchase price of \$490,000.00 as was bid by Danny Van Hal / Northbend Cattle Corp. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[11:45 a.m. – 1:28 p.m. Lunch break; R. Matoba entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands cont'd.**

**10.02 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Leases 8226, 8250, 8251, 8266, 8267, 8268, 8271**

R. Matoba presented information on the 7 irrigated leases requiring 5 year rate reviews. Lease #8226, NE 12-15-14 W4M, expires May 14, 2011. The current lessees have decided to pay the required fee to extend the lease for 10 additional years. The remaining leases will expire December 31, 2015. After discussion, the following motions were carried.

**2010-12-231 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the five year rental rate for:**

- Irrigated Lease #8226 in NE 12-15-14 W4M at \$60/acre on 135 wetted acres;
- Irrigated Lease #8250 in NE 28-14-13 W4M at \$60/acre on 130 wetted acres;

- Irrigated Lease #8251 in SE 29-14-13 W4M at \$60/acre on 135 wetted acres;
  - Irrigated Lease #8266 in NE 32-15-15 W4M at \$65/acre on 134 wetted acres;
  - Irrigated Lease #8267 in SE 32-15-15 W4M at \$65/acre on 134 wetted acres;
- plus \$5/acre on dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2011 through 2015. Seconded N. Johnson. CARRIED

- 2010-12-232 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the five year rental rate for:
- Irrigated Lease #8268 in Pt 36-23-16 & Pt 31-23-15 W4M at \$55/acre on 450 wetted acres;
  - Irrigated Lease #8271 in Pt SE 11 & Pt S ½ 12-15-13 W4M at \$50/acre on 272 wetted acres;
- plus \$5/acre on dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2011 through 2015. Seconded N. Johnson. CARRIED

**10.03 Dryland Farm Lease #8139 – Martin Cattle Co. Inc. – SE 09-21-14 W4M**

This dryland lease was tendered for a 5 year term, from 2005 – 2009. Last year the lease was extended for 1 year to consider retesting the soils. Soils testing had been done in 1992, and due to the dominance of solonetzic soils, were classified as non-irrigable. It was merited to retest, and to extend the lease for 1 more year.

- 2010-12-233 Moved by J. Culligan that Dryland Farm Lease # 8139 – SE 09-21-14 W4M be extended for 1 more year at the same rate, ending December 31, 2011; and that in the meantime proceed with retesting the soils. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

**11.0 Additional Irrigation Applications for 2011**

R. Matoba presented the following irrigation applications that were received after those dealt with in October. 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.

**11.01 Fred Klassen – E ½ 25-21-17 W4M**

This application was automatically denied as the ability to deliver water is rated a '0' due to the fact that at least a mile of new pipeline would have to be installed to serve the property; and it is also very unlikely that the soils would be classified as irrigable. It was also turned down in 2009.

**11.02 Fred Klassen – NW 36-21-17 W4M**

This application is for 133 new irrigation acres to be under a proposed pivot on current dry land, with the delivery coming off of Secondary C North Branch pipeline. Approval is conditional on soils.

- 2010-12-234 Moved by F. George that the Board approve Fred Klassen's Application for Water in NW 36-21-17 W4M, subject to soils. Seconded J. Culligan. CARRIED

**11.03 Lee Nygaard – SE 31-14-12 W4M**

This application was approved in November 2008, subject to soils. The soils were found to be irrigable and the applicant is applying for an extension for his December 1, 2010 deadline to install the pivot.

- 2010-12-235 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Lee Nygaard's Application for Water in SE 31-14-12 W4M, subject to the installation of a pivot by December 1, 2011. Seconded N. Johnson. CARRIED

**11.04 Harley Tateson – SW 08-15-15 W4M**

This application was 1 of 2 pivots conditionally approved in November 2008, and was subject to the elimination of terminable wild flood irrigation to ensure adequate water for the pivots and to enable the applicant to be eligible for both projects. The applicant is asking to convert and transfer the terminable wild flood acres. As terminable acres are not transferable under policy, but the District does see the value in eliminating wild flood acres to develop efficient pivot irrigation elsewhere, the following motion was carried as a compromise for the terminable acres eliminated.

**2010-12-236 Moved by A. Nielsen that Harley Tateson be charged a capital assets charge of \$400/acre for the first 106 acres and \$700/acre for the balance of acres for the irrigation development in S ½ 08-15-15 W4M. Seconded J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**11.05 Irrigable Unit Registration – Sereda Farms Ltd. – Pt. NW & NE 02-15-13 W4M**

As part of the construction of 07 Secondary A Rolling Hills pipeline, a turnout was installed in the SE corner of NE 02-15-13 W4M. 175 terminable acres were converted to irrigation acres. The pivot covers all of the NE quarter and part of the NW quarter. An irrigable unit must be registered on the 2 parcels.

**2010-12-237 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in Pt NW 02 & NE 02-15-13 W4M, lands being owned by Sereda Farms Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[2:08 p.m. R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

**12.0 ATCO Electric Offer to Purchase Land**

E. Wilson advised that ATCO Electric has made an offer to purchase W ½ 09-18-15 W4M for their south converter station; the document has been sent to the District's solicitor, Dennis Roth for review. Both the price/acre and parts of the purchase agreement are not acceptable to the EID, and Mr. Wilson will respond outlining the District's requirements.

[2:16 p.m. – 2:21 p.m. Short break.]

**13.0 2010/2011 Budget Approval**

A revised budget was presented to Directors as per December 3<sup>rd</sup>'s meeting. Discussion continued, identifying a couple more changes being requested.

**2010-12-238 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board of Directors approve the 2010/2011 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**14.0 Rates Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2011 Rates Bylaw, which is based on a '0' water rate.

Eastern Irrigation District

**BYLAW 879 (2010)**

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 “**2011 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 **875 (2010)** is hereby repealed.
13. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

**2010-12-239 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #879 (2010) be introduced and read the first time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2010-12-240 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #879 (2010) the second time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

It was requested that more information be brought back regarding pressure system surcharges.

## **15.0 Fees Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2010 Fees Bylaw; amounts to be charged have not changed since 2008.

### Eastern Irrigation District

#### **BYLAW 880 (2010)**

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 "**2011 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.
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Agri-Business	refers to a rural water use agreement issued for any agriculturally related and/or connected commercial activity, other than for livestock watering.
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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.
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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.
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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].
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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 (\$27.86 x .65 rounded to nearest \$0.50)		
	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$18.00 / ac ft.	\$270.00
	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	\$185.00
Agri-Business at 90% of per acre foot cost (\$27.86 x .90 rounded to nearest \$0.50)		
	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$25.00 / ac ft.	\$300.00
	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	\$200.00
Country Residential – non-pressurized system at 100% of per acre foot cost (\$27.86 x 1 rounded to nearest \$0.50)		
	Base charge of \$100.00 plus \$28.00 / ac ft.	\$300.00
	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	\$200.00

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Country Residential – served by pressurized system		
	Base charge of \$200.00 plus \$75/ac ft.	\$450.00
	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	\$275.00

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Industrial		
at 110% of per acre foot cost		
(\$27.86 x 1.1 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

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- 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 [ $\$27.86 \times 0.95 = \$26.47$  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 [ $\$27.86 \times 0.85 = \$23.68$  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 [ $\$27.86 \times 0.75 = \$20.90$  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 **876 (2010)** is hereby repealed.
15. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.
- 2010-12-241 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #880 (2010) be introduced and read the first time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**
- 2010-12-242 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve Bylaw #880 (2010) the second time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**
- 2010-12-243 Moved by N. Johnson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #880 (2010) this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2010-12-244 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #880 (2010), 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 R. Owen. CARRIED**

**16.0 Letter from Lake Newell Marina Association**

A letter was received from the Lake Newell Marina Association regarding shoreline repair and erosion prevention for the lighthouse peninsula. This item was tabled to the January Board Meeting; it was also suggested that the Board go and view the area in question.

**17.0 Letter from Crawling Valley Recreational Society**

A letter was received from the Crawling Valley Recreational Society requesting additional boat slips needed for their marina. This request was approved and dealt with under Budget Approval.

**18.0 Letter from Area Golf Clubs**

An email was received from the Duchess, Brooks, Bassano and Rolling Hills Golf Clubs requesting that the District eliminate the annual water conveyance fees for their clubs, citing financial difficulties due to the downturn in the economy.

**2010-12-245 Moved by J. Culligan that Bassano, Brooks, Duchess and Rolling Hills Golf Clubs each be granted a discount of up to \$2,500 for water conveyance in 2011. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

**19.0 Bow River Basin Advisory Council****19.01 Bow River Basin – State of the Watershed Summary 2010**

E. Wilson presented the Bow River Basin State of the Watershed Summary, produced by the BRBC as a supplement to the Online State of the Watershed Tool (WSOW) launched October 28, 2010. The booklet is a user's guide meant to help navigate the online report that presents current data and information on the basin's water quality and quantity, its landscape and biological community, and land use activities. The online tool can be accessed at <http://wsow.brbc.ab.ca>. The tool is built on a web based GIS platform that allows users to explore different layers of mapping and corresponding indicators related to water quality, quantity and physical environment. It is expected that this site will be used by students, teachers, policy makers and the general public. The BRBC recognized the EID as one of the major supporters of the project.

**20.0 Bow Project**

Mr. Wilson expects this project to be completed next week.

**21.0 Scott Tateson – NE 20-16-12 W4M**

Mr. Tateson has requested to continue to flood a portion of his land outside the proposed pivot as it has already been developed with gated pipe. This request was denied by the Board and the original decision upheld. These acres may be transferred to another parcel or sold.

**22.0 AIPA Executive Report**

A. Nielsen gave a short update on the AIPA Executive meeting he attended December 6<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge, after the AGM. Timing of the Human Use Declaration, CEP Report, staffing wages, government review of all boards, and Irrigation Council's long term (10-15) year plan for districts were all touched on. Mr. Nielsen is now stepping down and C. Chomistek will represent the EID.

**23.0 Alberta Agriculture Workshop**

F. George requested that administration get more information on the water efficiency workshop offered by Alberta Agriculture and to perhaps promote it as a district.

**24.0 Okotoks License Application**

E. Wilson advised that the Okotoks License Application was approved but Environment ruled against the multiplier clause (ie. a license holder cannot claim return flows to the river as a way to increase their licensed amount). The 2 transfers of existing licenses to Okotoks were also approved.

**25.0 License Amendment Application Update**

Although approved, the EID's license amendment application is now in the appeal process. Of the 6 appeals, only 1 qualifies to proceed. The Board will be kept updated as to this status.

**26.0 Tentative Dates for Spring Information Meetings**

It was suggested that Information Meetings be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March.

**27.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 27.01 | Scholarship Awards Reception         | - Tuesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m.                    |
| 27.02 | Land Auction                         | - Thursday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Rainier Hall      |
| 27.03 | January Board Meeting                | - Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                     |
| 27.04 | February Board Meeting               | - Tuesday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                    |
| 27.05 | North West Irrigation Operators Tour | - February 28 <sup>th</sup> – March 4 <sup>th</sup> , Mesa, Arizona |

**C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:40 p.m.**

  
Chairman  
General Manager