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January 13, 2011 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 13th day of January, 2011. 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. Ivan Friesen	Assist. Gen. Mgr
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 11:00 a.m.

1.0 Bill 36 – Alberta Land Stewardship Act

A memo from the District's solicitor, Dennis Roth, was made available to Directors for their review regarding Bill 36, the Alberta Land Stewardship Act. Mr. Roth was requested to review the Act as to how it may impact the District. Through discussion it was agreed to request commentary on the conservation clauses of the Act as well. In addition, the District is to pay close attention to the draft regional plan for this area when it is released.

2.0 Bow River Project Summary Report

The Bow River Project Summary Report was distributed to Directors. This completes the collaborative effort of major stakeholders on the Bow (irrigation districts, municipalities, NGO's and industry) demonstrating how the river could be managed differently to ensure more stable river flows. Mr. Wilson, who was part of the project, has a copy of the full report if anyone wants to review it.

3.0 Newell District 4-H

An email was received from Corina Hermus, President of the Newell District 4-H inviting Board representation to their 4-H recognition evening Friday, January 21st at the Duchess Hall. The EID will be recognized as a 'Friend of 4-H'; J. Culligan will attend.

4.0 PR Video Update

A meeting in Calgary is planned for Tuesday, January 18th to view the final versions of the 10 vignettes, discuss the options for release, and other details. E. Wilson and B. Chrumka will attend.

5.0 CRWUA Video

A DVD from the CRWUA conference was viewed. It was found to be quite similar to the PR vignettes produced by the WID, EID and BRID in theme, content and quality.

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

January 25, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of January, 2011. 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 GM – Administration
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assistant GM – Engineering
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 9:10 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 20.0 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 21.0 Alberta Research and Innovation
- 22.0 Bassano Rural Fire Association
- 23.0 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

2011-01-001 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 December 21, 2010**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-01-002 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the December 21, 2010 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.02 January 13, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-01-003 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the January 13, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.03 March 24, 2010 AGM Minutes – Review

These minutes were reviewed by the Board and are ready for inclusion in the Annual Report Book and to be taken to the Water Users at the upcoming AGM.

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 2011 Rates Bylaw**

Costs were reviewed and discussion revisited in regards to the maintenance surcharge for H Cowoki, 03 East Branch and Springhill pressurized pipelines.

2011-01-004 Moved by C. Chomistek that the maintenance surcharge for H Cowoki, 03 East Branch and Springhill pressurized pipelines be raised from \$2.00/irrigated acre to \$3.50/irrigated acre. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

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- 2011-01-005** Moved by A. Nielsen that 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, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED
- 3.02** **Grazing Association Request re Newell Rural Water Initiative**
The Board evaluated current costs for supplying drinking water for Lease Rider residences vs estimates for the County to pipeline to these locations. As many of these residences are remotely located, the pipeline was not seen to be practical. The request for the District to pay for all or a portion of the landowner fee was denied.
- 3.03** **1st Calls**
This item will be brought back to the Board for review.
- 3.04** **Alberta Agriculture Workshop – Sponsorship**
More information is to be gathered regarding this workshop.
- 4.0** **AIPA Email**
An email was received from Ron McMullin, Executive Director of AIPA, requesting upgraded, expanded or new off-stream storage possibilities within the districts. This information will be provided to Greg Weadick, MLA for Lethbridge West, to append the announcement of the Human Use Declaration developed by AIPA Executive Council. The Antelope Creek storage study will be forwarded by administration.
- 5.0** **Financial Report**
- 5.01** **December 31, 2010 Financial Statements**
K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to December 31, 2010, noting the following overall:
- YTD total revenues are about \$7.8 million.
 - YTD total net expenses are about \$2.2 million.
 - YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$5.6 million.
- 2011-01-006** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2010, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED
- 5.02** **2011 Remuneration Bylaw**
K. Bridges presented the proposed 2011 Remuneration Bylaw. The Director per diems were increased according to the District's cost of living increase for 2011, and mileage was raised from \$.55/km to \$.57/km. Meal reimbursements remained the same.
- 2011-01-007** Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #881 (2011), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of January, 2011. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED
- 2011-01-008** Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board read and approve Bylaw #881 (2011) the second time this 25th day of January, 2011. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED
- 2011-01-009** Moved by J. Culligan that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #881 (2011) this 25th day of January, 2011. Seconded A. Nielsen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2011-01-010 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #881 (2011), 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

6.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. There are 1,133 customers currently connected (47% Water Users, 44% residential and 9% business). The recent winter storms did not cause any major internet problems. Customer upgrades will continue in Gem, Rolling Hills, Rainier and Tilley as weather permits. The new EIDNet website is now online and overall customer feedback is very positive.

7.0 Engineering Report

7.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status noting that the weather has put crews 2 – 3 weeks behind schedule. The remaining 2.5 km of South Bantry Drain will be delayed to next construction year as unnecessary costs were being accrued due to frost and weather. The postponement of South Bantry Drain to next year, pushing back the E. Wiens Drain to late spring and working additional overtime should ensure the crucial jobs are completed on schedule.

CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Project Name	Detailed Design Complete	Right-of-Way Signed	Comments
CANAL			
John Ware – Reach E (6.7 km)	√	√	- only lower section remains (800 m)
Schooner Drain (7.3 km)	√	√	- complete
2 Drain Relocations	√	N/A	- moving into H. Tateson drain relocation next week
One Tree	√	√	
W-Tilley (4.7 km)	√	√	- earthworks complete, armouring and structures remain
South Bantry Drain (4.4 km)	√	√	- bottom end earthworks complete, upper 2.5 km remain
PIPELINE			
07 Sec A Rolling Hills (7.7 km)	√	√	- 7 of 7.7 km complete
J-06, J-08 West Bantry (6.5 km)	√	√	- scheduled to start end of January
C West Bantry (4.1 km)	√	√	
05-C East Branch (4.5 km)	√	√	
11 Rolling Hills (4.2 km)	√	√	- scheduled to start end of January
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%	- the first 3 km of buried liner complete of 9 km, several hundred meters of canal excavation started, some armouring of side slopes and armour stockpiling has started

7.02 Screen Cleaners

Mr. Friesen presented the proposed screen cleaner projects for 2011, noting that 2 side-sweep screen cleaners are also being installed on the Bantry Canal as part of that rehabilitation project. Operations Managers were consulted and the following problem areas identified.

SCREEN CLEANERS		
System	Screen Cleaner Options	Cost
05-04 C Springhill (SW 27-19-14 W4M)	- inline or side-sweep screen, comes with solar power panel	\$23,500
P North Bantry (NE 02-20-13 W4M)	- inline or side-sweep screen, comes with solar power panel	\$27,500
16 North Branch (NW 19-23-16 W4M)	- gabion wall	\$24,000
	- down-sweep / side-sweep cleaner in canal	\$28,000
	- traveling screen cleaner in pond, comes with new pipeline inlet structure	\$68,000

Merits of the different types of cleaners were debated for 16 North Branch.

2011-01-011 Moved by F. George that a traveling screen cleaner be installed on 16 North Branch in NW 19-23-16 W4M, at an estimated cost of \$68,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03 Rolling Hills Reservoir Development – Pump Tender Results

I. Friesen presented the pump tender results for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Development. As the lowest bidder, Ruhrpumpen (EC & M Electric), did not meet specifications, it was recommended to approve Academy Irrigation’s bid as it was the next lowest in price, had no conditions, and had well rated pumps.

Rolling Hills Reservoir Development Pump Tender Results	
Ruhrpumpen (EC & M Electric)	\$445,109.00
Academy Irrigation	\$468,959.00
National Process Equipment	\$469,851.00
Sego Industries	\$518,298.00
Chamco Industries Ltd.	\$611,131.15

2011-01-012 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Academy Irrigation's bid of \$468,959 for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Development Pump Project. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[10:47 a.m. R. Martin and M. Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 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 2011 and will take place on February 18th & 19th of this year, with the actual hunt being Saturday, 19th.

2011-01-013 Moved by F. George that the Board approve a one day winter pheasant hunt sponsored by the The Canadian Pheasant Company and the Brooks Clays & Feathers Club, on a total of 9 parcels of EID community pasture or private grazing leases (lease holder's permission required) with the requirement that the sites are not site/species sensitive and the CPC and BCFC be required to provide proof of \$5,000,000 liability insurance and have a release signed by those participating. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.02 2010 Public Access Summary

R. Martin presented the Public Access Summary for 2010. District staff periodically patrolled lands in spring and summer, with the assistance of Community Peace Officers and the RCMP. A stolen burnt out truck was discovered on the Duchess Community Pasture which was removed. As a result of the high fire hazard concerns, "No Camp Fire" and "High Fire Hazard" signs were posted, and ads run in the local newspapers. "No Camping" signs were installed at random camping sites around Crawling Valley Reservoir after Board direction in August eliminated camping outside the developed campground. Notice to campers and patrolling these areas followed suit; one abandoned unit was hauled away. Lands adjacent to Dinosaur Provincial Park were patrolled in part by Conservation Officers; less prohibited activity was noted with 2 charges to dirt bikers and 2 parties of bikers being evicted. Fish and Wildlife Officers assisted with monitoring access activities, issuing verbal and written warnings, laying 2 trespassing charges, and charging individuals with tampering with an EID check structure at Cowoki Reservoir in regards to illegal fishing. Fewer hunters were seen over the fall hunting season, likely due to poor weather conditions and fewer game birds and deer on District lands. A total of 129 vehicles were monitored, with only 2 found in violation, for a compliance rate of 98.5%.

8.03 CAP Update

Mr. Martin reported on the Classroom Agriculture Program, reviewing that the District has been involved with the program since 2003 and is currently sponsoring \$4,000 annually. Each year, R. Martin attends 3 – 4 meetings, and presents at 6 – 10 grade 4 classrooms to talk about agriculture, irrigation and the CAP program. The overall organization has experienced reduced funding and is applying for charitable status. Almost 200 volunteers are involved, reaching approximately 600 classrooms and 13,000 students. It was requested that Mr. Martin follow up AIPA's allotted funding of last year.

8.04 2010 PHD Year End Summary

M. Jarvis Redelback presented the Partners in Habitat Development Summary for 2010, with statistics shown for overall work in the EID, BRID, WID and South Region. Within the EID in 2010 the PHD:

- planted 23,025 trees & shrubs
- purchased and delivered a total of 3,600 m of fencing materials for installation by landowners

Plans for the EID in 2011 include:

- planting approximately 21,000 trees and shrubs on 12 sites
- planting seedlings at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground expansion sites
- installing 5,600 m of fencing on new planting sites
- installing 1,600 m of fencing to protect existing naturalized habitat

A seedling survival rate of 91% was seen, in large part due to the rain and cooler temperatures. Decreased funding is still an issue. Although sufficient funds have been held over for 2011, grant search continues. A number of additional questions were responded to.

[11:08 a.m. R. Martin and M. Jarvis Redelback exited the meeting; T. Jensen and R. Matoba entered.]

8.05 Oil & Gas Year End Summary

T. Jensen presented the Oil and Gas Summary for October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010:

- new surface acquisitions – 81
- twinned wells – 77
- new pipelines – 532.94 acres (88.82 miles)
- seismic activity – 0 permits (0 miles)
- total payouts for well sites, pipelines & seismic activity to Grazing Associations and Private Leaseholders - \$29,672.25

New activity registered from October 1, 2010 to January 14, 2011:

- new locations – 50
- twinned wells – 29
- pipelines – 289.03 acres (48.17 miles)

8.05.1 Oil & Gas Rates – Dirt, Land Spraying, Seismic

In her report, Mrs. Jensen recommended keeping the dirt, land spraying and seismic rates the same as last year. A number of questions were responded to.

2011-01-014 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the following Oil & Gas rates for 2011:

- Dirt: fill - \$2.00/m³, top soil - \$10.00/m³;
 - Land Spraying: \$1,000/well; and
 - Seismic: source - \$1,250/mile, receiver - \$800/mile, improved pasture – add \$100/mile.
- Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.06 4th Quarter Assessment Report

R. Matoba presented a detailed Assessment Report for January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The irrigated acres for the land development subdivision parcels will be added to the assessment roll in 2011. The summary is as follows:

EID Water Roll			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2010	280,803	6,885	287,688
December 31, 2010	283,828	6,628	290,456
Net increase	3,025	< 257 >	2,768
Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			171

Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)	2,939
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2011-01-015 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Assessment Report to December 31, 2010. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[11:23 a.m. T. Jensen and R. Matoba exited the meeting.]

8.07 Annual Private Grazing Lease #7101 Skrove / Lester

Private Grazing Lease #7101 is currently shared 1/3 by Curtis & Lynn Lester and 2/3 by Eric Skrove, and was made an annual lease in 2009. Previously, it was a long term lease with the same lessees since 1998, and partly leased by Mr. Skrove since 1974. A letter was received from E. Skrove indicating that he does not want to renew his share of the lease, and suggests that he would like Andrew Lester to get his share. As annual leases are not transferable, different options for this lease are to be investigated and brought back to the February meeting.

[11:42 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.0 Letter from Lake Newell Marina Association

This item is to be brought back to the February meeting.

10.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Auction Results

The second auction for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development project was held in Rainier on January 13, 2011. Two parcels that did not sell at the land auction in December 2008 were sold first, then the remaining 7 parcels that were not sold in the November 2010 auction. The auction total was \$5,940,000. This amounted to an average of \$2,240/irrigated acre plus \$750/dry acre for the 2 south parcels, and \$3,177/irrigated acre plus \$750/dry acre for the development parcels.

Auction Order	Land Location/Description	Minimum Bid	High Bid	Awarded To
Scandia / Rolling Hills Parcels				
1	N ½ 35-14-15 W4M	\$258,900	\$300,000	Jacobson Stock Farms
2	S ½ 35-14-15 W4M	\$250,800	\$340,000	Jacobson Stock Farms
North Branch				
3	Block 9	\$492,000	\$730,000	Neil Johnson
4	Block 15	\$549,000	\$810,000	Anthony Brummelhuis
5	Block 8	\$507,000	\$770,000	Reid Johnson
6	Block 12	\$543,750	\$800,000	Anthony Brummelhuis
7	Block 10	\$492,000	\$780,000	Rodney Johnson
8	Block 7	\$489,750	\$690,000	Peter Wolf
9	Block 11	\$541,500	\$720,000	Reid Johnson

10.01 Don Jacobson – Request re Land Auction NE 33-15-15 W4M

A request has been received from Don Jacobson asking if Stephen Anderson would be allowed to take the lease for the NE 33-15-15 W4M parcel he was high bidder on, due to the fact that the District added the 2 south parcels to the past auction after originally stating that they would not be brought back to auction. After a short discussion the Board carried the following motion.

2011-01-016 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board allow Stephen Anderson / S & K Farms Ltd. to sign the lease for NE 33-15-15 W4M at the same purchase price of \$460,000.00 as was bid by Don Jacobson / Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.0 AltaLink Ware Junction to Cassils Update

E. Wilson advised that he met with AltaLink's project coordinator for the Ware Junction to Cassils power line and outlined areas of conflict on both the preferred route and the alternate route. The same agreement and access limitations will be requested by the District, as was used for the previous project. District infrastructure will have to be relocated once the route is approved, at AltaLink's expense.

12.0 ATCO Electric Offer to Purchase Land

A response from ATCO Electric has been received agreeing to the District's requirements on purchase price per acre and deposit terms. Mr. Wilson has asked the District's solicitor, Dennis Roth, to review the agreement to purchase.

13.0 PR Video Update

The WID has hired a PR consultant to arrange for an MLA/senior bureaucrat breakfast where the video is launched. He is suggesting to ask Arno Doerksen, MLA for Strathmore-Brooks to announce it at the Legislature later that day. The EID was asked about participation in this function.

2011-01-017 Moved by J. Culligan that the District participate in the video launch with the WID and BRID, and fund 1/3 of the PR video launch expenses. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

14.0 Water Quality Study

E. Wilson reviewed that a previous 2 year study was completed for all Irrigation Districts, with summary and full report on file. For the next 5 years, Alberta Environment is planning to continue the study, and districts are allowed to request additional sites at \$3,000 site (lab test costs only). The following sites have been identified by Alberta Environment:

- in at Bassano Dam
- out of Crawling Valley Reservoir
- return flow to the Red Deer River north of Gem
- out of Lake Newell
- out of Tilley B Reservoir
- bottom end of Tilley
- bottom end of 12 Mile Coulee
- bottom end of Bow Slope
- Kitsim Reservoir

Mr. Wilson made the following suggestions:

- add 1 Tree Canal
- add East Branch before Lake Newell

- add Matzhiwin Creek
- move north Gem down to just north or just south of Gem

2011-01-018 Moved by R. Owen that the District request 3 – 4 additional water quality testing sites at \$3,000 per site, under the Alberta Environment Water Quality Study program. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

15.0 Capital Purchases

E. Wilson presented the following capital purchase requests.

15.01 Gradall

This type of excavator is preferred for working under power lines as it works on a telescoping boom system. Only one supplier of this type of machine is known of, Cubex out of Calgary. Delivery date would be approximately 90 days from order.

2011-01-019 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a Gradall for \$262,283 from Cubex, Calgary. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

15.02 Mowers

Four quotes were received, for purchase of 3 mowers.

Dealer	Make	Price	Total
Pinnacle International	Kubota ZD331-60P	\$13,395	\$40,185
Evergreen	JD	\$14,250	\$42,750
Ag-Plus	Toro Z597-D	\$14,612	\$43,839
Brooks Farm Centre	Cub S6032D	\$16,500	\$49,500

2011-01-020 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of 3 Kubota ZD331-60P mowers for \$13,395 each from Pinnacle International, Brooks. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

15.03 Quad

More information was requested on the difference in price and related engine power for the various quads.

Dealer	Make	Price
A & E	Polaris	\$5,499
New Way Irrigation	Yamaha	\$8,849
All Season	Honda	\$9,199

15.04 1 Ton Spray Truck

These quotes are for truck and chassis only.

Dealer	Make	Price
Martin Chrysler	Dodge	\$29,500
Brooks Motor Products	GMC	\$37,832
Harwood	Ford	\$38,689

2011-01-021 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of a Dodge 1 Ton Truck for \$29,500 from Martin Chrysler, Brooks. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

15.05 Gravel Truck & Pup

These quotes are for truck, box and trailer; an automatic is recommended.

Dealer	Transmission	Price
Great West Kenworth (Calgary)	18 Speed	\$158,100
	Automatic	\$171,100
Pinnacle International (Summit Motors, Taber)	18 Speed	\$166,155
	Automatic	\$178,155
Nortrux Mack (Calgary)	18 Speed	\$168,100
	Automatic	\$177,600
Dunlop Western Star (Lethbridge)	18 Speed	\$183,000
	Automatic	\$191,000

2011-01-022 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a Kenworth automatic gravel truck and pup for \$171,100 from Great West Kenworth, Calgary. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

16.0 County/EID 3 Year Drainage Plan

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the progress with developing the 3 Year Drainage Plan joint project between the County of Newell and the EID. In consultation with J. Meador, a large portion of the County's drainage was examined and prioritized. Most of the south half of the County was inspected, along with the Patricia area. The remaining north half will be rated in spring, but in general requires less rehab than the south. The following areas were identified:

- Cassils Year 1a
- Scandia Year 1a
- Rolling Hills – North Year 1a
- Patricia Year 1a
- Bantry Year 1a
- Cassils – South Year 1b
- Brooks – West Year 1b
- Rainier Year 1b

- Bow Slope Year 1b
- Rolling Hills – South Year 2 & 3

E. Wilson recommended focusing on 1st year priorities, as the magnitude of survey work, right-of-way and utility company issues, and areas yet to be inspected will delay 2nd and 3rd year planning.

2011-01-023 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve all 1(a) areas and as many of 1(b) areas as can be completed for Year 1 of the County/EID 3 Year Drainage Plan. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

17.0 Banff Management Course

E. Wilson, I. Friesen, N. Johnson and C. Chomistek will attend the Banff Management Course March 16th – 19th.

18.0 Bow River Project

The full report was included in Director packages as information.

19.0 North West Irrigation Operators Tour – Phoenix, Arizona

The NWIO Tour in the Phoenix, Arizona area is planned for February 28th – March 3rd. All Directors plan on attending, as well as E. Wilson and I. Friesen.

[2:27 p.m. – 2:33 p.m. Short break.]

20.0 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen reported on a Prairie Conservation Forum meeting which he attended. Some topics discussed at the meeting are issues the District is also dealing with. Susan Skinner of Operation Grassland Community will be contacting the District to make a presentation.

21.0 Alberta Water Research Institute

An invitation to participate in a round table discussion on water trading, February 17th at the Sheraton in Calgary, was brought by F. George. Other district managers were listed as invited. E. Wilson and F. George will attend.

22.0 Bassano Rural Fire Association

A letter was received from Travis Peters, Fire Chief of the Bassano Rural Fire Association requesting that the EID consider installing visual markers on the east side of the Crawling Valley Reservoir to aid in rescue locating. This request was initially submitted in 2009 and turned down for reasons of effectiveness, availability of GPS systems, maintenance costs and unsightliness. It was now being suggested to install approximately 3 – 6 marker poles; discussion ensued.

2011-01-024 Moved by F. George that the District install 6 marker poles on the east shoreline of the Crawling Valley Reservoir to aid in rescue locating. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED

23.0 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

F. George reported on a CVRS meeting he attended. The Society will be applying for 2 County Rural Water System hook-ups, and was enquiring if the EID would be willing to assist in the expense. They were also asking for assistance in developing a job description for their campground maintenance staff. As with the Community Grazing Lease request, the District will

not be subsidizing this cost. In regards to job descriptions, the District does not have an outline for this type of personnel.

24.0 Upcoming Events

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| 24.01 | Meeting with the Auditor | - Tuesday, February 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 24.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 24.03 | NWIO Tour | - February 28 th – March 4 th , Phoenix, Arizona
[Bob, Allen, Neil, Floyd, Ross, Jim, Carl, Earl, Ivan] |
| 24.04 | Spring Information Meetings | - TBA (2 nd week in March) |
| 24.05 | PR Video Launch | - TBA (possibly March) |
| 24.06 | Management Course | - March 16 th – 19 th , Banff [Earl, Ivan, Neil, Carl] |
| 24.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, March 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 24.08 | Annual General Meeting | - Monday, March 28 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 24.09 | Nominations Cease | - Thursday, March 31 st , 5:00 p.m. |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 22, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of February, 2011. 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 GM – Administration
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assistant GM – Engineering
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 9:45 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 1st Calls
- 3.02 Alberta Agriculture Workshop – Sponsorship
- 9.03 Parcel to be Offered for Sale at Lake Newell Resort
- 9.05.3 Letters from South Slope Feeders & Newell Grazing Association re N ½ 12-17-16
- 9.05.5 Request to Transfer PGL - #7099 – Robert C. Simpson to Southwind Farms Ltd.
- 9.05.6 Trichomoniasis
- 12.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting

2011-02-025 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 January 25, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-02-026 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the January 25, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 1st Calls

This item will be brought back to the Board when the review is complete.

3.02 Alberta Agriculture Workshop – Sponsorship

No workshops have been held, nor has the EID been approached regarding any upcoming workshops.

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 January 31, 2011 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to January 31, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$9.7 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$2.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$7.3 million.

2011-02-027 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[9:57 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break; Darryl Halbert entered the meeting.]

10:04 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor - Review of 2010 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. Testing proved that there were adequate controls in place, and it was noted that every third year auditing emphasis is put on a different area of the District's books. Mr. Halbert reviewed the letters to the Board, outlining the requirements addressed in each letter. In reviewing the letters, a variety of matters were discussed and questions answered by both Mr. Halbert and administration. D. Halbert thanked administration and staff on their cooperation and effort; K. Bridges thanked Mr. Halbert for his work, especially due to the software conversion and tight timeline.

[11:04 a.m. D. Halbert exited the meeting.]

2011-02-028 Moved by A. Nielsen that it be acknowledged that \$1,895,087 of internally restricted funds was used in 2010 to pay the District's share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2011-02-029 Moved by N. Johnson that it be acknowledged that \$13,290,216 was transferred in 2010 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future irrigation works additions and for the District's share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2011-02-030 Moved by J. Culligan that it be acknowledged that \$7,800 was transferred in 2010 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2011-02-031 Moved by A. Nielsen that the auditors' letter report to the Board dated February 15, 2011 be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-02-032 Moved by R. Owen that the Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2010 be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet report on behalf of R. Moen. The past few months have seen a rise in business account requests. M. Porter has assisted in setting up the internet servers to provide web services that would enable customers to manage their own websites and email. The continuing focus is to enhance services for customers, with a special focus on attracting more higher-end accounts.

6.0 Scott Tateson – NE 20-16-12 W4M – Request to Lease rather than Purchase

Mr. Chrumka brought this matter back to the table, stating that Mr. Tateson does not want to turn back any acres outside the proposed pivot, rather install the pivot, move some of his own water rights to this location and lease the land that is needed under the pivot. After discussion, the following motion was approved.

2011-02-033 Moved by A. Nielsen that the 12.93 acres of land in NE 20-16-12 W4M be offered for sale to Scott Tateson with the following conditions:

- the 10.5 irrigation acres east of the pivot are to be moved under the pivot,
 - the approximate 10 infill acres remaining under the pivot must have irrigation acres transferred in,
 - the 16.7 flood acres west of the pivot may continue to be flood irrigated, and
 - price is \$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 R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:55 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

7.01 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

7.01.1 Gordon William Kay Pro. Corp. – SW 06-21-13 W4M

Current assessment is 86 acres; new pivot area is 86 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 86 acres wheels to pivot, with the first 3 towers and wedges in the south and northeast not irrigating. 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 \$2,580 (86 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre).

2011-02-034 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon William Kay Professional Corporation for the conversion of 86 acres wheels to pivot in SW 06-21-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,580. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.01.2 Gordon William Kay Pro. Corp. – W ½ & SE 12-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 78 acres in the W ½ and 92 acres in the SE. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 78 acres wheels to pivot in the W ½ and 87 acres wheels to pivot in the SE; a separate 5 acre piece will remain as wheels. Pivots must be low pressure, with drop tubes and no cold weather shut offs. Pivots must be piped from pump site to pivot center. There is already an irrigable unit in place on these quarters. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,340 (78 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) + \$2,610 (87 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) = \$4,950.

2011-02-035 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon William Kay Professional Corporation for the conversion of 165 acres wheels to pivot and wiper pivot in W ½ & SE 12-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,950. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.01.4 Travis Lyzenga – SE 33-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 141 acres; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 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. The Water User is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,900 (130 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) - \$3,300 (11 acres at \$300/acre) = \$600.

2011-02-036 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Travis Lyzenga for the conversion of 141 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SE 33-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$600. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.01.5 Russell & Dorie Pickett – SE 24-22-17 W4M

Current assessment is 72 acres; new pivot area is 94 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 72 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. 22 additional acres are needed; at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,320 (72 acres flood to pivot at \$30/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$6,600 (22 acres at \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 94 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2011-02-037 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for R. & D. Pickett for the conversion of 72 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 24-22-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,320. The Capital Assets charge is \$6,600. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.01.6 Reinhart Stojke – NW 27-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 138 acres; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 48 acres flood and 90 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. The Water User is choosing to keep the 2 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,820 (47 acres flood to pivot at 60/acre) + \$2,670 (89 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) - \$600 (2 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,890.

2011-02-038 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for R. Stojke for the conversion of 47 acres flood and 89 acres wheels to pivot in NW 27-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,890. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.01.7 Nancy Takeda – NE 03-15-15 W4M

Current assessment is 145 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 12 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre) - \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,380.

2011-02-039 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for N. Takeda for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in NE 03-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,380. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

The landowner is requesting to take the 33 efficiency acres gained on this quarter, and move them to the SE 06-15-15 W4M, which is currently a dry quarter. They have previously applied for water on this quarter but were turned down because the 16 Bow Slope pipeline could not handle the extra water demand. They will be given 3 years. The acres will not be added to the water roll unless the pivot is approved.

7.01.8 Harley & Louise Tateson – SE 05-15-15 W4M

This Farm Improvement is part of the new pivots Harley Tateson is putting up in the SW & SE 08-15-15 W4M. There are currently 20 acres outside the pivot circle in SE 05-15-15 W4M that will be moved to SW 08-15-15 W4M as part of this project. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$600 (20 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre). New assessment on SE 05-15-15 W4M is 80 acres, all of which are under pivot irrigation.

2011-02-040 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for H. & L. Tateson for the conversion of 20 acres wheels to pivot in SE 05-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$600. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.02 Ducks Unlimited

E. Wilson advised that Ducks Unlimited has asked the EID to operate 2 additional projects – Kitsim and Contra Costa. He has agreed, at a cost of \$15,000; and has arranged for R. Martin to operate the Kitsim project, and the Tilley WDS to operate the Contra Costa project for 2011. These projects will then be taken into consideration and likely result in revising the WDS boundaries to accommodate the projects long term. Mr. Wilson added that the District is already operating some of the D.U. projects in this way, with the Gem WDS and R. Martin managing the bulk of the wetlands.

[12:30 p.m. N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

7.01 Farm Improvements con'td.**7.01.3 Johnson Farms – E ½ 11-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 208 acres; new pivot area is 199 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 199 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 9 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$11,940 (199 acres flood to pivot at 60/acre) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$9,240.

2011-02-041 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Johnson Farms for the conversion of 199 acres flood to wiper pivot in E ½ 11-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,240. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2011-02-042 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in E ½ 11-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Johnson Farms. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[12:35 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. N. Johnson rejoined the meeting; lunch break.]

8.0 County / EID Drain Rehabilitation 3 Year Plan

Mr. Wilson presented the completed County / EID Drain Rehabilitation 3 Year Plan document that will be taken to the County February 24th; the 3 Year Plan was approved by the District at January 25th's meeting. It is projected that the first half of the drainage projects should be able to be completed in 2011/2012. Some projects may need to be brought back if above estimated rehab cost. A vast amount of survey work, second GPS equipment and 1 or 2 design techs will need to be factored into the overall plan.

[1:17 p.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 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 2011 irrigation season. Wheel irrigation will be in the NE 27-17-17 W4M; soils have been done and are irrigable.

2011-02-043 Moved by R. Owen 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 2011 irrigation season. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

The question of retaining a farmyard Rural Water Use Purposes agreement while annually transferring all irrigation acres to an alternate parcel was raised. Administration will look into this matter.

9.02 Irrigable Unit Registrations

9.02.1 Harley Tateson – NE 31 & NW 32-14-15 W4M, & SE 05-15-15 W4M

The pivot in NE 31-14-15 W4M & NW 32-14-15 W4M, and the pivot in SE 05-15-15 W4M are both serviced from a delivery point in SE 05-15-15 W4M off of 16 Bow Slope pipeline. An irrigable unit must be registered on the 3 parcels.

2011-02-044 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE 31 & NW 32-14-15 W4M and SE 05-15-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Harley and Louise Tateson. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

9.02.2 Harley Tateson – SW & SE 08-15-15 W4M

The pivot in SW 08-15-15 W4M and the pivot in SE 08-15-15 will both be serviced from the delivery in SE 08-15-15 off of 16 Bow Slope pipeline. An irrigable unit must be registered on the 2 parcels.

2011-02-045 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SW & SE 08-15-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Harley and Louise Tateson. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03 Parcel to be Offered for Sale at Lake Newell Resort

The District was advised that access was an issue. Once this matter gets resolved, the parcel will be advertized for sale.

[1:30 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

9.04 Stephen Anderson / Northbend Cattle Corp. – NW 34-15-15 W4M Irrigation Lease

Mr. Wilson advised that Stephen Anderson has requested to outright purchase the irrigation development lease in NW 34-15-15 W4M, due to unforeseen accounting and legal difficulties. He is offering to pay the full 5 year rent and put a caveat on the parcel that he cannot sell for 5 years. After discussion, the request to alter the lease/purchase agreement was denied.

9.05 Grazing

B. Hale was in attendance to address the following grazing matters.

9.05.1 Revised Cattle Numbers for 2011

It is expected that the 17,087 revised total for 2011 will decrease somewhat before spring.

Association	2010	2011	Difference	2010 Members	2011 Members	Difference
Bantry	592	638	+46	13	13	0
Bassano	907	1,208	+301	19	22	+3
Duchess	1,344	1,320	-24	28	22	-6
Eyremore	1,322	1,621	+299	24	24	0
Gem	2,158	2,529	+371	45	42	-3
Newell	2,144	2,306	+162	44	38	-6
Patricia	2,497	2,829	+332	51	51	0
Rolling Hills	1,461	1,486	+25	38	31	-7

Rosemary	1,600	1,849	+249	34	34	0
Tilley	1,172	1,301	+129	25	24	-1
Totals	15,197	17,087	+1,890	321	301	-20

9.05.2 Set AUM Grazing Rate for 2011

In accordance with motion 2010-12-229 that stipulates the grazing rate be set after total cattle listings are in, the following motion was approved. This rate is calculated based on 17,000 head for the 2011 grazing season balancing the 2010 grazing expenses.

2011-02-046 Moved by J. Culligan that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2011 season be set at \$10.00/AUM. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.05.3 Letters from South Slope Feeders and Newell Grazing Association re N ½ 12-17-16 W4M

A letter was received from South Slope Feeders Ltd. requesting to purchase the balance of Sec. 12-17-16 W4M where Bow Slope Canal once severed the property. South Slope is also interested in purchasing 175 irrigation acres to complete the section pivot circle, but will still be interested in purchasing the property even if irrigation acres were not included as they would try acquiring the water rights from other sources and transferring them to this parcel.

A letter was also received from the Newell Grazing Association opposing the sale of the land as it decreases their overall grazing pasture and severs the access to the grazing land to the east.

After discussion it was concluded that a decision regarding this parcel will be delayed until discussions with both parties have taken place.

9.05.4 Annual Private Grazing Lease #7101 Skrove / Lester

A letter was received from the Newell Grazing Association requesting that annual private grazing lease #7101 be amalgamated with Newell’s community pasture in part compensation for the irrigation development land removed from their pasture along Hwy #36. Mr. Wilson advised that this lease was made into an annual lease because of potential irrigation development. He added that B. Hale recommended respecting the 1/3 – 2/3 current split, retaining 1/3 of the lease (the potential irrigation area) being leased to Mr. Lester and amalgamating the remaining 2/3 into the Newell community pasture. After discussion the following motion was approved and it was directed that this pasture be fenced. Information on the potential irrigation development is to be brought forward at a later meeting.

2011-02-047 Moved by J. Culligan that Annual Private Grazing Lease #7101:

- be fenced to divide the potential irrigation area on the east from the grazing area to the west,
- that C. Lester be offered the east area (approximately 1/3 of present lease) as an annual private grazing lease, and
- that the west area (approximately 2/3 of present lease) be amalgamated into the Newell Grazing Association.

Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.05.5 Request to Transfer PGL - #7099 – Robert C. Simpson to South Wind Farms Ltd.

Robert C. Simpson is requesting to transfer private grazing lease #7099 to his company name of Southwind Farms Ltd. It is required that the District be informed of any shareholder changes for as long as the lease is in the company name.

2011-02-048 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7099 to be transferred from Robert C. Simpson to South Wind Farms Ltd., conditional on land title transfers. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[2:18 p.m. – 2:23 p.m. Short break.]

9.05.6 Trichomoniasis

Mr. Hale recommended that a policy requiring testing for all swingfield bulls for Trichomoniasis before entering the pasture would be prudent, given the situations experienced in other areas.

2011-02-049 Moved by F. George that trichomoniasis tests be mandatory for all bulls on swing field grazing leases. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[2:29 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

10.0 Engineering Report

10.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status noting that work is back on schedule and will likely be complete by the middle of April.

CAPITAL PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
CANAL	
John Ware – Reach E (6.7 km)	- only lower section remains (300 m)
Schooner Drain (7.3 km)	- complete
2 Drain Relocations	
One Tree	
W-Tilley (4.7 km)	- earthworks & armouring complete, structures remain
South Bantry Drain (4.4 km)	- remaining upper 2.5 km postponed until next year
PIPELINE	
07 Sec A Rolling Hills (7.7 km)	- majority of pipeline complete, tie-in & structures remain
J-06, J-08 West Bantry (6.5 km)	- 3.0 km of 6.5 km complete
C West Bantry (4.1 km)	
25 Rolling Hills (1.9 km)	- scheduled to start second week in March
17 Rolling Hills (2.0 km)	- likely to be postponed until next year

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
05-C East Branch (4.5 km)	- scheduled to start mid-March
11 Rolling Hills (4.2 km)	- 2.5 km of 4.2 km complete
North Bantry Canal (12 km) (Richardson Bros.)	- approximately 7.5 km are near complete, 4.5 km nothing has been started, armour on site is about ½ complete, no structures have been started

10.02 Drain Relocation – Jim Aleman – SW 23-17-13 W4M

A request was received from Jim Aleman to relocate his drain in SW 23-17-13 W4M. The drain currently runs through the southwest part of the quarter. The landowner is proposing to put up a pivot and would like the drain relocated to the outer edge. The relocation is estimated to cost \$27,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$30,000.

2011-02-050 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Jim Aleman in SW 23-17-13 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

11.0 Equipment – Capital Purchases

E. Wilson presented the following capital purchase requests.

11.01 Trailers

Staff preferred the Desert Sales Utility Trailer, Desert Sales 14' Dump Trailer, and T-Down enclosed Cargo Trailer.

Utility Trailer		
Dealer	Make	Price
Desert Sales Inc.	20'	\$8,495
Southland Trailers Corp.	20'	\$8,500
T-Down Trailer Sales Ltd.	21'	\$9,726

14' Trailer		
Dealer	Make	Price
Desert Sales Inc.		\$12,495
Southland Trailers Corp.		\$12,501
T-Down Trailer Sales Ltd.		\$15,491

Enclosed Cargo Trailer		
Dealer	Make	Price
T-Down Trailer Sales Ltd.	Kodiak	\$6,236
Desert Sales Inc.	Continental	\$6,995
Desert Sales Inc.	C-Jay	\$8,995

2011-02-051 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of:

- a Utility Trailer for \$8,495 from Desert Sales Inc., Bassano,
- a 14' Dump Trailer for \$12,495 from Desert Sales Inc., Bassano, and

- an Enclosed Cargo Trailer for \$6,236 from T-Down Trailer Sales Ltd., Brooks. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

11.02 Quad

The 3 makes of quads were discussed as to power, weight, and durability.

- 2011-02-052 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a Quad for \$9,199 from All Season, Brooks. Seconded by J. Cullgian. CARRIED

Dealer	Make	Price
A & E	Polaris	\$5,499
New Way Irrigation	Yamaha	\$8,849
All Season	Honda	\$9,199

12.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting

C. Chomistek reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended noting that the last point of the "Declaration re Human Use of Water and Livestock Sustenance During Shortages" had been revised; a copy was handed out to the Board. It is planned that the Hon. Greg Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology and MLA for Lethbridge West, will present this declaration at the Alberta Legislature at an upcoming assembly.

The next AIPA Directors Meeting will be Monday, March 21st in Taber. Aggie Days is scheduled for April 6th – 8th at Stampede Park in Calgary. The EID will man the booth on Friday the 8th; N. Johnson, B. Chrumka and C. Chomistek will attend, M. Redelback and K. Green may be requested to attend as well. 20,000 PR reusable bags have been ordered again, the Fish Derby is planned as well, and it was confirmed that AIPA donated \$5,000 to the Classroom Agriculture Program.

13.0 Letter from Harry Philipsen

A letter was received from Harry Philipsen regarding earthwork privately contracted on SW 27-20-14 W4M. Mr. Philipsen requested full or partial compensation, stating reasons that the reclaimed EID canal was not satisfactory. As the District Superintendent and administration met with Mr. Philipsen prior to the work taking place, and District policy states that "*canal banks from abandoned canals will be pushed into the middle of the canal with the earth materials that are available within the immediate vicinity; the ground will be shaped with a slight crown over the center wherever possible to provide some room for settlement; and any further reclamation of the abandoned canal remains the responsibility of the landowner.*", the request was denied.

14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground & Crawling Valley Campground – Marinas

E. Wilson reviewed that the old piles have been cut out and the new piles installed in the Rolling Hills Reservoir Marina, as the result of the February 11th Board fax vote requesting preliminary work begin. The reservoir water level had been lowered and existing frozen conditions provided for timely work to be done in reconfiguring the marina. Approval is now being requested for additional boat slips to be installed along with the reinstallation of the old boat slips.

- 2011-02-053 Moved by N. Johnson that 60 boat slips total be installed in the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground marina. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

Mr. Wilson asked for direction on the number of boat slips to be added to the Crawling Valley marina.

2011-02-054 Moved by F. George that 16 additional boat slips be installed in the Crawling Valley Campground marina. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

15.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2011 Rates

It was recommended that the campground rates be increased slightly for the 2011 camping season; a short discussion followed.

**2011-02-055 Moved by A. Nielsen that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2011 camping season set at:
\$25/night on all daily sites,
\$1,300/season for the Marina & Upper Tier seasonal sites,
\$1,500/season for the Waterfront seasonal sites,
and that the Seasonal Application Fee be \$500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

With the marina being reconfigured, it is no longer necessary to charge by the length of boat.

**2011-02-056 Moved by N. Johnson that the boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2011 boating season be set at:
\$10/day,
\$50/week, and
\$400/season,
and that the Seasonal Application Fee be set at \$420 to include GST. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

16.0 City of Calgary – Reclaimed Water

E. Wilson advised that the City of Calgary is intending to make application to use its reclaimed water (treated effluent) for a new natural gas plant. In effect, this water would then not be returned to the Bow River, but would evaporate in the plant's cooling pond system. Mr. Wilson feels that the District should have some comment as being a downstream user of the Bow and thereby potentially affected by this application. He added that, in essence, using reclaimed water is positive, but there should be a limit as to how much is not returned to the river as this affects flow downstream. Administration will ask for more information on this issue from the City of Calgary, then will consider commenting to Alberta Environment.

17.0 ATCO Powerline – Preferred Route

E. Wilson updated the Board that one ATCO powerline route through the EID has been identified; no alternative routes remain. This route has very little impact on the District's infrastructure.

18.0 Request for Funding – Community Garden

A letter was received from Growing Together Community Garden requesting funding for their project. A short discussion was held.

2011-02-057 Moved by N. Johnson that the EID contribute \$1,000 towards Community Gardens. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED

19.0 License Amendment Application Update

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of the appeal.

20.0 Report on Water Forum Workshop

E. Wilson and F. George attended a Water Forum Workshop hosted by the Alberta Water Research Institute in Calgary on February 17th. Mr. George noted that the underlying theme to the workshop was water marketing and whether there should be a charge for water. Mr. Wilson added that it was also discussed as a water exchange (not as elaborate as a stock exchange), and similar to the carbon credit idea. They, along with the majority of the group, did not feel these systems were worth pursuing as there would not be enough demand and water issues are being dealt with appropriately in the current system with Alberta Environment.

21.0 Canada West Foundation's Water Pricing Expert Panel

E. Wilson and B. Chrumka were requested to participate in Canada West Foundation's Water Pricing Expert Panel. Directors gave input on the idea of pricing the actual cost of water in that conveyance, treatment, power, etc. already attach a price to water; and that pricing water high enough to change people's mind or attitudes is definitely second to offering incentives for water conservation. Discussion ensued; the EID's response will be forwarded by the 25th.

22.0 Upcoming Events

22.01	NWIO Tour	- February 28 th – March 4 th , Phoenix, Arizona
22.02	Spring Information Meeting	- Gem – Thursday, March 10 th
22.03	State of the Union Breakfast	- Bob, Neil
22.04	MLA Brkfst – Video Launch	- March 16 th , Edmonton [<i>Bob, Allen, Floyd, Ross</i>]
22.05	Banff Management Course	- March 16 th – 19 th [<i>Earl, Ivan, Neil, Carl</i>]
22.06	AIPA Directors Meeting	- Monday, March 21 st , Taber
22.07	Annual General Meeting	- <u>Monday</u> , March 28 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
22.08	Regular Board Meeting	- <u>Tuesday</u> , March 29 th , 9:00 a.m.
22.09	Nominations Cease	- Thursday, March 31 st , 5:00 p.m.
22.10	Regular Board Meeting	- Thursday, April 28 th , 9:00 a.m.

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

March 29, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of March, 2011. 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 GM – Admin [<i>apologies</i>]
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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 9:07 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 13.0 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting
- 25.0 License Amendment Application Update

2011-03-058 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 February 22, 2011**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-03-059 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 AIPA Directors Meeting**4.01 Public Relations Direction & Budget**

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, C. Chomistek and E. Wilson attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Taber on March 21st. At the meeting a motion was passed asking each district to go back to their boards to get a decision on whether they would support a very aggressive public relations plan that would involve hiring a consultant and/or additional staff for PR. It was suggested \$.25 - \$.50/irrigable acre, therefore doubling or tripling their AIPA budget. Through discussion it was agreed to request AIPA hire a consultant to do a PR study, to be paid from AIPA reserves, with a decision on a PR proposal to be reached by the districts after that time.

[9:56 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break.]

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 February 28, 2011 Financial Statements

E. Wilson presented the Financial Statements to February 28, 2011, on behalf of K. Bridges noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$11.7 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$2.9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$8.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to.

2011-03-060 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2011, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

E. Wilson presented the EIDNet report on behalf of R. Hayes. The webserver is now in place and clients are being migrated over from the old server so they can take advantage of the enhanced services. A couple of major businesses have signed up as new clients. The weather has caused numerous delays to the radio changeover schedule. Gem is almost complete; Rolling Hills is next with Rainier and Scandia areas to follow. A number of questions were responded to.

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

7.0 Engineering Report

7.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status noting that projects will likely be complete by the third week of April. Due to the extreme amounts of snowfall and continuous cold temperatures this winter it was necessary to shorten up 1 drain project, drop 1 rehab project and not add any small projects to the tail end of construction this spring.

CAPITAL PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
CANAL	
John Ware – Reach E (6.7 km)	- complete, clean up of excavation and old drain required
Schooner Drain (7.3 km)	- complete, some clean up required
2 Drain Relocations	
One Tree	
W-Tilley (4.7 km)	- complete, clean up required
South Bantry Drain (4.4 km)	- remaining upper 2.5 km postponed until next year, some clean up required
PIPELINE	
07 Sec A Rolling Hills (7.7 km)	- pipeline complete, structure installed, infiltration gallery and clean up remain
J-06, J-08 West Bantry (6.5 km)	- pipeline complete, structure and clean up remain

C West Bantry (4.1 km)	- construction has started
25 Rolling Hills (1.9 km)	- complete, clean up required
17 Rolling Hills (2.0 km)	- postponed until next year

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
05-C East Branch (4.5 km)	- construction has started
11 Rolling Hills (4.2 km)	- complete, clean up required
North Bantry Canal (12 km) (Richardson Bros.)	- approximately 7.5 km are near complete, 4.5 km nothing has been started, armour on site is about ½ complete, no structures have been started

Mr. Friesen also reviewed the projected and current costs of capital and IRP projects to date.

7.02 05-H West Bantry Canal

R. Gagley presented the 05-H West Bantry synopsis, which is part of the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan. This rehabilitation project is located 7 km west of the village of Tilley and serves 173 irrigable acres. The rehabilitation involves installing a 1,000 m pipeline in place of the existing ditch and meeting all of the existing deliveries at their current locations. It is recommended that this project be funded under the capital works program at a projected cost of \$525,000. Discussion ensued regarding pipe sized for flood vs pivot, and cost comparisons for open canal rehab. Mr. Friesen advised that on smaller rehabilitation jobs, both canal and pipeline options will be presented with projected expenses for Board consideration.

2011-03-061 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 05-H West Bantry by installing 1,000 m of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$525,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[11:03 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

[11:08 a.m. County representatives entered the meeting.]

11:08 a.m. County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative

B. Chrumka welcomed from the County M. Douglass – Reeve; I. Schroeder – Deputy Reeve; A. Eastman, L. Juss and B. de Jong – Councilors; and G. Tiffin – Public Works Operations Manager. The EID's contribution to the County's Rural Water System Initiative was revisited in light of the changes in funding by the County. A number of questions were asked and a lengthy discussion was held.

[11:50 a.m. County representatives exited the meeting.]

A decision on this issue was deferred to the afternoon for additional consideration.

[11:58 a.m. – 12:43 p.m. Lunch break.]

As an outcome to the morning's discussion the following motion was approved.

2011-03-062 Moved by A. Nielsen that the EID contribute funds to the County of Newell to reimburse 1st and 2nd Water Users for the Rural Water System Initiative with the following conditions:

- **limited to one \$2,000 reimbursement per Water User,**

- **Water User meeting the County's registration deadline of April 29, 2011, and**
 - **Water User hooking up to the system within 3 years of the line being installed.**
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[12:49 p.m. N. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

8.0 Operations

8.01 Water Delivery Date

It was recommended that the Water Delivery Date not be set until the April 27th Board Meeting, when a better understanding will be had in regards to system readiness and farmer demand. It is likely that water could be delivered by May 10th; but if conditions allow and warrant it the date could likely be moved up.

8.02 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvement on behalf of J. Meador.

8.02.1 D. & D. Torkelson – SE 33-20-14 W4M & NE 28-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 192 acres; new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 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. The Water User is choosing to keep the 13 extra acres outside the pivot area in the NW and NE corners at a deduction of \$300/acre; and choosing to sell the 11 extra acres in the SW and SE corners at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,020 (134 acres wheels to pivot at 30/acre) - \$3,900 (13 acres at \$300/acre) = \$120. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

2011-03-063 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. & D. Torkelson for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot in SE 33-20-14 W4M & NE 28-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$120. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-03-064 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of D. & D. Torkelson's 11 acres of water rights on NE 28-20-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 11 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,700. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.0 Information & Cost for EID to Become a Member of Alberta One Call Corporation

Mr. Wilson presented a summary from J. Meador outlining the costs and involvement required to become a member of the Alberta One-Call Corporation. It is estimated to cost around \$500 in fees per month and at least one full time staff position vs the ¼ time equivalent position now. The current process of being contacted directly by the electrical and oil and gas companies appears to be working well. Directors were in agreement for the District to continue to operate locates as per the current system.

10.0 Equipment

10.01 Sale of 2 Excavators, Gravel Truck & Equipment Trailer

One gravel truck, 1 low bed trailer and booster, and 2 hi-hoes have been advertized for tender, deadline April 11th. A fax vote to Directors may be needed prior to the April 27th Board Meeting for sale approval.

11.0 Lands**11.01 Alternate Parcel Application – John Miller, Bow City Hutterian, Lathom Hutterian**

This application was approved at the February 22nd meeting but is being brought back as the alternate parcels have changed. It is now being applied for 19 acres to Sec. 27-17-17 W4M – Bow City Hutterian Brethren for an end gun, 17 acres to Sec. 29-17-17 W4M – Bow City Hutterian Brethren for an end gun, and 44 acres to Sec. 13-20-17 W4M – Lathom Hutterian Brethren for a corner arm.

2011-03-065 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the annual transfer of 80 acres from John Miller in the S ½ 23-17-17 W4M by:

- **Bow City Hutterian Brethren – 19 acres in Sec. 27-17-17 W4M,**
- **Bow City Hutterian Brethren – 17 acres in Sec. 29-17-17 W4M, and**
- **Lathom Hutterian Brethren – 44 acres in Sec. 13-20-17 W4M.**

Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

In regards to retaining a farmyard Rural Water Use Purposes agreement while annually transferring all irrigation acres to an alternate parcel, normally a fee would have to be paid for water use on the remaining farmyard, but as the property is unoccupied and no water is being used a fee will not be charged.

11.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Bow City Colony Farming Co. Ltd. – Sec. 29-17-17 W4M

The 2 pivots in Sec. 29-17-17 W4M are both serviced from a remote delivery point in SW 28-17-17 W4M off of Antelope Creek Canal. An irrigable unit must be registered on the 4 quarters.

2011-03-066 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE, NW, SE & SW 29-17-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Bow City Colony Farming Co. Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.03 Grazing**11.03.1 Annual Private Grazing Leases #7169 & #7279**

These leases, located south of the office, will be advertized for tender for the summer.

[1:23 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

11.03.2 Information from Gem Grazing Association Meeting

At Gem Grazing Association's annual meeting, two motions were passed with some opposition:

- That the EID establish a third turn-out date of June 15th for community leases.
- That the EID establish a fall grazing season of 30 – 45 days after weaning in late October.

A short discussion was held. These proposals will be taken to the GAC meeting in April for discussion amongst all associations.

11.03.3 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease #7071 – Stikker to Maldaner

Harme and Gerjan Stikker are requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7071 be transferred to Marlin and Heather Maldaner. B. Hale confirmed that they are eligible water users.

2011-03-067 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7071 to be transferred from Harme & Gerjan Stikker to Marlin & Heather Maldaner. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[1:35 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

11.04 Request to Purchase Old Right-of-Way – NE & SE 18-19-15 W4M

Previously, the old right-of-way in the NE 18-19-15 W4M was requested for purchase by a landowner not adjacent to the parcel. After Board consideration, it was approved that the parcel be offered to the adjacent quarter section landowner for \$1.00 if consolidated; or at \$10,000/acre if the right-of-way title was kept as a separate parcel. Since that decision the landowner sold the quarter section and the right-of-way has remained under title of the EID.

Currently, a request has been received from Marie Snyders to purchase the right-of-way in the SE on behalf of her parents who own a narrow parcel between the right-of-way and the east boundary of the quarter. A short discussion was held regarding policy and adjacent landowners. It was decided that this land will not be offered for sale.

11.05 South Slope Feeder's Request to Purchase Pt. Sec. 12-17-16 W4M

This request was presented for discussion in the February Board meeting. After additional consideration, it was agreed to not make a decision on this request to purchase until 2012. In the meantime, letters will be forwarded and discussion with both parties will take place.

12.0 Letter from Lake Newell Marina Association & Tour

As cumulative snowfall has deterred a tour of the marina shoreline, a decision on requested shoreline repair and erosion prevention will be made in April when this area can be assessed.

13.0 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

F. George reported on a Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting which he attended recently. Comments on the newly redeveloped campground are very positive, the lottery for seasonal sites appears to have run smoothly, 6 extra seasonal sites have been added; and they are intending to keep their camping rates on par with the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground.

14.0 ATCO Electric Land Sale

E. Wilson advised that ATCO Electric has agreed to the EID's requests regarding the purchase of W ½ 09-18-15 W4M for their south converter station, and forwarded an option to purchase agreement.

2011-03-068 Moved by J. Culligan that the EID accept ATCO Electric's offer to purchase W ½ 09-18-15 W4M as per the amended purchase agreement:

- \$6,000 per acre,
- \$300,000 deposit (\$150,000 non-refundable if ATCO does not proceed),
- EID be given first offer to purchase any portion of land if ATCO wants to sell, and
- all environmental information be kept confidential unless the EID agrees to release it.

Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

15.0 Sale of Excess EID Residences

Mr. Wilson advised that the subdivision of the Lake Newell acreage has been approved; it will be advertized for sale in late May. Market evaluations will be done on the Rainier and Kitsim residences, a decision made on which one to sell, and advertizing to follow shortly thereafter.

16.0 Electronic Water Records

E. Wilson presented a summary of the District's current water record keeping system and proposed remote electronic system. Presently, irrigation water consumption and method, crop type, and energy use is recorded on paper forms by the Water District Supervisors and entered into the computer system at the administration office. It is being investigated by M. Porter for a new method to have the WDS enter the amounts directly into the system through the internet with

either laptops or iPad. Current information would be set up through the GIS system, with water use shown by parcel and notification when nearing maximum usage. Benefits would be the District and the Water User being able to view water use per parcel, up to date and in a map format. Communication between Superintendents and WDS would also be more efficient as, for example, daily flow rates for laterals and water orders would be in the data system. Mr. Wilson was given approval for program development and testing this summer.

[2:43 p.m. – 2:48 p.m. Short break.]

17.0 Potential Law Suit

E. Wilson advised the Board as to the possibility of a future law suit.

18.0 Bassano Dam Land Claim Update

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

19.0 Letter from John Pokorney

This letter was received as information.

20.0 Meeting with Water Matters

The EID has been invited to attend the Water Matters meeting in Calgary on Tuesday, April 19th. E. Wilson and B. Chrumka will attend.

21.0 Alberta Environment Wetland Policy

The EID may be invited to send one representative to sit on a committee to rework the proposed Alberta Environment Wetland Policy. I. Friesen or E. Wilson may attend if the EID is asked to participate.

22.0 PHD Annual Report

This report was received as information.

23.0 Jim Webber Retirement

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, F. George, C. Chomistek and E. Wilson plan to attend Jim Webber's retirement celebration Friday, April 15th, 5:00 p.m. in Strathmore.

24.0 Tilley Fire Hall Grand Opening

B. Chrumka will attend the Tilley Fire Hall grand opening Saturday, May 14th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

25.0 License Amendment Application Update

Mr. Wilson will be reviewing statements and forwarding his response comments, as requested by the Registrar of Appeals. Support documents from the former and current heads of Irrigation Secretariat will be sent as well.

26.0 Board Meeting Dates

Future Board Meeting days will be the 4th Wednesday of the month.

27.0 Upcoming Events

- 27.01 Nominations Cease - Thursday, March 31st, 5:00 p.m.
- 27.02 Election (if needed) - Friday, April 15th
- 27.03 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 27th, 9:00 a.m.

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

April 27, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of April, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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 9:04 a.m.

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

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

2011-04-069 Moved by F. George that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2011-04-070 Moved by A. Nielsen that nominations cease. Seconded by R. Owen. 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.

2011-04-071 Moved by N. Johnson that A. Nielsen be nominated for Vice Chairman. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-04-072 Moved by C. Chomistek that nominations cease. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

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

2.0 Appointments**2.01 AIPA Executive**

C. Chomistek will continue, with B. Chrumka as alternate.

2.02 Prairie Conservation Action Committee

R. Owen will continue.

2.03 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce

N. Johnson will continue.

2.04 Scholarship Selection Committee

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan, E. Wilson and K. Bridges were appointed.

2.05 Crawling Valley Recreational Society

F. George will continue.

2011-04-073 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9.01.6 Private Grazing Subletting Update
- 9.01.7 Patricia Grazing Corrals
- 9.01.8 Trichomoniasis Testing
- 9.01.9 Fencing a Portion of Matzhiwin Creek
- 12.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 13.0 Report on Water Matters Meeting
- 18.0 Email from Alberta Lamb Producers
- 19.0 Irrigation Electricity Rates

2011-04-074 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 29, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-04-075 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the March 29, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 March 31, 2011 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to March 31, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$14.2 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$3.7 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.5 million.

2011-04-076 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable – March 31, 2011

Mr. Bridges presented the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2011. Various accounts were discussed.

2011-04-077 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

4.03 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2011

Mr. Bridges presented the 2nd Quarter Investment report summarizing that the market value of the District's investments at March 31, 2011 was \$8.9 million less than at September 30, 2010. This reduction is largely due to the annual fluctuation when a portion of investments are liquidated to meet the District's capital and operating requirements.

2011-04-078 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Customer accounts currently total 1,143. Upgrades continue in the Rolling Hills, Rainier and Scandia areas. A rush of new install requests along with some bad weather has caused some slow downs.

6.0 Engineering Report

6.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status summarizing that all projects that need to be completed will be completed. He anticipates charging the system within the next couple of weeks; and expects some repair work as is usual. All projects will require a lot of clean up, seeding, fencing, etc. however this can be completed after the system is charged. A cost-to-date project summary was attached.

CAPITAL PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
CANAL	
John Ware – Reach E (6.7 km)	- complete
Schooner Drain (7.3 km)	- complete
2 Drain Relocations	- Tateson drain started, Wiens drain to be done in spring
One Tree	- postponed until next year
W-Tilley (4.7 km)	- complete
South Bantry Drain (4.4 km)	- remaining upper 2.5 km postponed until next year, some clean up required
PIPELINE	
07 Sec A Rolling Hills (7.7 km)	- pipeline complete, structure installed, infiltration gallery remains
J-06, J-08 West Bantry (6.5 km)	- complete
C West Bantry (4.1 km)	- complete
25 Rolling Hills (1.9 km)	- complete
17 Rolling Hills (2.0 km)	- postponed until next year

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
05-C East Branch (4.5 km)	- near complete
11 Rolling Hills (4.2 km)	- complete
North Bantry Canal (12 km) (Richardson Bros.)	- earthworks complete, several structures remain, armour placement is ongoing, large under-drain should be complete by April 29, 2011

Mr. Friesen also presented pictures of the Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development project pump station, a gabion screen and additional information on 05-H West Bantry.

[10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break.]

7.0 Operations

7.01 Snowpack Report & Reservoir Status

E. Wilson advised that snowpack overall is reporting in the top quartile or higher in all areas; this graph is based on a 15 – 20 year average, and current levels are up to 50% above last year. All District reservoirs have gained levels due to runoff; normally some water is lost over the winter. The runoff caused quite a bit of damage as well, lots of culverts were washed out, and some damage likely hasn't been found yet. Repair work will need to be done before charging the system.

7.02 Set Date for Delivery of Water to Farmers

Mr. Wilson advised that many canals are still full of snow and frozen, and cannot see farmer demand for some time. A short discussion followed regarding demand in different areas.

2011-04-079 Moved by A. Nielsen that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 14th, 2011. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED Opposed – F. George

8.0 Equipment

Mr. Wilson presented the following bids received for the disposal of old equipment.

Name	2003 Kenworth Gravel Truck	2001 Peerless Low Boy Trailer	2007 240 JD Excavator	2007 350 JD Excavator
Newcom Earthmovers		\$12,500	\$51,500	
Michener Allen – FOB Calgary	\$30,300	\$32,300	\$70,400	\$85,600
CPA – FOB Calgary	\$29,750	\$34,000	\$63,750	\$80,750
Count Lathom	\$24,000			
Leonard Dirk			\$80,000	
Ritchie Bros. – FOB Calgary	\$40,170	\$33,800	\$77,750	\$116,970
Ritchie Bros. also bid \$270,300 for all 4 pieces which is \$1,610 higher than their individual bids.				

8.01 Sale of 350 Excavator, Gravel Truck & Equipment Trailer to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers

2011-04-080 Moved by N. Johnson that the following equipment be sold to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers:

- 2007 350 JD Excavator for \$116,970;
- 2003 Kenworth Gravel Truck for \$40,170; and
- 2001 Peerless Low Boy Trailer for \$33,800.

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.02 Sale of 240 Excavator

2011-04-081 Moved by N. Johnson that the 2007 240 JD Excavator be sold to Leonard Dirk for \$80,000.

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.03 Quotes on ½ Ton & ¾ Ton Trucks

Quotes for the sale of 7 - ½ ton trucks and 4 - ¾ ton trucks were received from Regal Auctions for \$17,300 and from Annett Auctions for \$27,222 or 10% commission. The 2 - 2004 JD F735 ride on mowers will also be sent to auction with the trucks. The old quad will be kept for the summer for the extra surveying work.

2011-04-082 Moved by A. Nielsen that 7 - ½ ton and 4 - ¾ ton trucks, and 2 - 2004 JD ride on mowers be sold through Annett Auction Services Ltd. at 10% commission. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[10:34 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Grazing****9.01.1 Report on GAC Meeting**

A GAC meeting was held April 21st to review the increase in numbers and discuss two motions put forward by the Gem Grazing Association. Mr. Hale summarized that with the 20% optional increase approved in December overall numbers are right at 17,000 head. Minor adjustments to listings are expected prior to May 1st.

Association	2011	2010	Difference	2011 Members	2010 Members	Difference
Bantry	638	592	+ 46	13	13	0
Bassano	1,208	907	+ 301	22	20	+2
Duchess	1,289	1,344	- 55	21	28	- 7
Eyremore	1,609	1,322	+ 287	24	28	- 4
Gem	2,525	2,158	+ 367	41	43	- 2
Newell	2,306	2,144	+ 162	38	41	- 3
Patricia	2,829	2,497	+ 332	51	51	0
Rolling Hills	1,448	1,461	- 13	30	37	- 7
Rosemary	1,849	1,600	+ 249	34	34	0
Tilley	1,301	1,172	+ 129	24	26	- 2
Totals	17,002	15,197	+ 1,805	298	321	- 23

The first motion discussed from the Gem GA was to establish a June 15th turn-out date. B. Hale reviewed that at the Gem meeting it was reasoned that due to later calving dates calves are not

old enough by May 15th for turn-out. A June 15th turn-out date would mean a shorter grazing period, thus the rate could be 1.25 times the early rate. Bull turn-out could be around July 10th and go for 60 days. Mr. Hale added that the GAC was in agreement and confirmed that, if approved, the May and August turn-outs would stay in effect, that participation would be up to the individual associations, and the new turn-out date would not be in effect until 2012.

GAC11-03 *Moved by D. Doerksen that a June 15th turn-out date be established at a 1.25 rate, beginning in 2012; with the option of participating being left to the individual grazing associations. Seconded by D. Sawatsky. CARRIED*

2011-04-083 Moved by F. George that a second late turn-out date be established for Community Grazing Leases on June 15th at a 1.25 rate; with the option of participating being left to the individual grazing associations. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

Mr. Hale advised that the second motion discussed, requesting that a fall grazing program be established was not accepted by the GAC, citing concerns with keeping the grass in good shape for the following year, weather conditions, cows walking the fences, water accessibility and safety.

9.01.2 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease #7070 – Stikker to Pfahl

Harme & Gerjan Stikker are requesting that Private Grazing Lease #7070 be transferred to Dale & Lacey Pfahl. B. Hale confirmed that they are eligible water users.

2011-04-084 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7070 to be transferred from Harme & Gerjan Stikker to Dale & Lacey Pfahl. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.01.3 Private Grazing Leases #7107 & #7199 – Norden, turned back to EID

Herb & Francis Norden have decided to turn back their leases to the EID; the agreements were renewed in 2009 as 15 year “Transferable within the Family Only”.

2011-04-085 Moved by N. Johnson that Private Grazing Leases #7107 and #7199 be advertized for tender as long term leases “Transferable to any Eligible Water User and the Right to Renew”, terminating at the end of 2023 with the option of a further 15 year lease. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.01.4 Private Grazing Lease #7278 – Piper

This lease is eligible to remain under the current lessee for this year, but will likely need to be turned back to the EID next year.

9.01.5 Results of Bids on Annual Private Grazing Leases #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 15th to October 15th. The tender was awarded to Ray Torkelson.

Name	Tender Amount	
Ray Torkelson	\$35.50 cow/calf pair	x 30 AUM x 5 months = \$5,325 + GST
Mike Hale	\$30.00 cow/calf pair	x 30 AUM x 5 months = \$4,500 + GST

9.01.6 Private Grazing Leases – Prohibited Subletting Update

Mr. Hale updated the Board as to the cited cases of subletting. Some leases will be transferred, some turned back to the District, and others will be monitored. Monitoring is difficult as Community Grazing Lease cows are required to have the brand of the member; Private Grazing Leases it is not a requirement, but they must be owned by the lessee.

9.01.7 Patricia Grazing Corrals

B. Hale updated the Board as to the cleanup of Patricia Grazing corrals which were located on Fermin Declercq's land.

9.01.8 Trichomoniasis Testing

In response to questions, B. Hale confirmed that Trichomoniasis testing for District swingfields will be mandatory every year. A lab in Saskatoon performs the tests, which is an analysis of the disease's DNA. About half of the associations are already testing bulls this way.

9.01.9 Fencing a Portion of Matzhiwin Creek

Mr. Hale asked for funding confirmation on fencing a portion of the Matzhiwin Creek in the Duchess Grazing Lease. It was confirmed that costs could be recovered out of the Internally Restricted Fund for Future Pasture Development. B. Hale and J. Culligan will inspect the area that needs fencing to come up with the best solution.

[11:10 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

9.02 ATCO Electric Agreement for Purchase

Mr. Wilson confirmed that the agreement for purchase has been executed by both parties.

9.03 Request to Apply for Carbon Credits on Irrigation Lease

K. Bridges presented a request from an Irrigation Leaseholder, Garry MacLagan, for permission to sell the carbon credits from the quarter section he leases (SE 29-14-13 W4M). A similar request was declined in 2008. The current request included a revised agreement which did not limit the District's management of its land.

2011-04-086 Moved by J. Culligan that Garry MacLagan, as lessee, be allowed to sell the carbon credits on the irrigated lease land in SE 29-14-13 W4M as per the Terra Verde agreement, for the years 2002 through 2011. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[11:12 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break and tour of Lake Newell Marina shoreline.]

10.0 Lake Newell Marina Site Visit

The Board and administration toured the marina on the north end of Lake Newell to inspect the site where repair work was requested by the Lake Newell Marina Association. Consideration was given to the requests and to the practicality of the required work.

2011-04-087 Moved by F. George that the EID stabilize and prevent further erosion next to the public beach area where erosion is nearing the ROW, but not on the peninsula that is south and east of the marina. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.0 County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative

In regards to the County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative, it was confirmed by the Board that a husband and wife equal 1 Water User; this is consistent with the Community Grazing Policy.

11.01 Grazing Lease Houses

Most of the grazing associations with lease rider residences have made applications to the County for rural water; the remainder will likely apply.

2011-04-088 Moved by J. Culligan that each Community Grazing Association's Lease Rider residence qualify for the District's \$2,000 reimbursement under the County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative if:

- the Grazing Association meets the County's registration deadline of April 29, 2011, and

- **the residence is hooked up to the system within 3 years of the line being installed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

11.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground & Crawling Valley Campground

The question was presented as to whether the District should apply for water hook-ups at the Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley campgrounds. The cost of piped water vs hauling water, the cost of installation if done now vs after the deadline, and the number of hook-ups required were all discussed.

- 2011-04-089 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District apply for 5 hookups for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and 2 additional hookups for the Crawling Valley Campground, under the County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

12.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting

C. Chomistek reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended on April 26th, noting that AIPA will:

- look at the costs of hiring a PR consultant
- have the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) present a report on the South Saskatchewan River Basin in mid-summer
- be a sponsor of the Water, Agriculture and the Environment Conference
- be a sponsor of the Alberta Agriculture Writing Tour
- develop an Alberta Recreation booklet

Comment was also given on the WID's proposal to secure storm water as a public utility, the impressions of the Water Matters Meeting, and the RAC plan. E. Wilson will forward the South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council's (RAC) "Advice to the Government of Alberta for the South Saskatchewan Region" and the Provincial Government's online Land Use Workbook to Directors.

13.0 Report on Water Matters Meeting

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attended the Water Matters Meeting in Calgary on April 19th. It was conveyed that it was good to have District representation at the meeting to balance the opinions on the use of water. Overall, the discussions went well, although the environmental lobbyists would like minimum river flows to be higher.

14.0 Letter from Gordon Kay / Snyders

A letter was received from Gordon Kay on behalf of Marie Snyders regarding the right-of-way in SE 18-19-15 W4M. E. Wilson will write a letter explaining the Board's decision of March 29th.

15.0 Requests for Funding**15.01 Rotary Club Dragon Boat Festival**

A letter was received from the Rotary Club of Brooks, requesting that the EID become a sponsor of the Dragon Boat Festival. This request was denied.

15.02 Bow River Basin Council – Project

E. Wilson presented a letter from the Bow River Basin Council requesting \$10,000/year over 3 years from the WID, EID and BRID combined for their Regional Watershed Research Consortium Node. This research is based on cumulative effects assessment; and is eligible for matching grants.

2011-04-090 Moved by F. George that the District donate \$10,000 total over 3 years to the Bow River Basin Council for the Regional Watershed Research Consortium Node. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

15.03 Bow River Project – Phase 2

Mr. Wilson also presented a second letter from the Bow River Basin Council requesting funding for their Bow River Project – River Simulation Proposal (modeling of potential changes to operations of the Bow River). It was agreed that the District having a voice in this project would be beneficial.

2011-04-091 Moved by F. George that the District donate \$5,000 to the Bow River Basin Council for the Bow River Project River – Simulation Proposal. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

16.0 Crawling Valley Marina & Rolling Hills Reservoir Marina – Update

Docking material for additional boat slips at the Rolling Hills Reservoir has arrived and will be assembled and installed when the ice is off. In response to a question from a Director, K. Bridges will look into the possibility of campground software sharing for Crawling Valley Campground.

16.01 Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Mr. Wilson advised that he met with DFO enforcement officers regarding work done at the Crawling Valley Campground. He was asked to remove a small amount of dirt that was with the ice piled on top of the ice from the previous remediation; the District complied without delay.

17.0 Staffing Update

Recent staffing changes are as follows:

- Chuck Getz has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent for the North Division.
- Kevin Marshall has transferred from N1 Bassano to C. Getz's old area N4 Rosemary.
- Scott Beddows, Equipment Operator, has been given K. Marshall's old area N1 Bassano.
- Dwain Stefaniszyn was hired as Internet Technician; he started March 14th.
- Robert Hackett has been hired as Hoe Operator; he started March 25th.
- Nancy Lassiter has been hired for the new Intermediate Accounting position, starting April 25th.
- Blair Cyr has been hired as the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Manager and starts May 2nd.
- Maria Philipsen has submitted her resignation.
- Gary Bobinski is on short term disability; a temporary replacement will be hired.

18.0 Email from Alberta Lamb Producers

A general email was received from Margaret Cook of the Alberta Lamb Producers lobbying for access to community pastures for sheep operations. This email was received as information.

19.0 Irrigation Electricity Rates

J. Culligan enquired what approach could be taken to address electricity rates for irrigation farmers; adding that he had spoken with MLA Arno Doerksen. Mr. Wilson advised that the District has addressed the issue previously, attempting to negotiate directly with ENMAX as the Alberta government does not have bargaining leverage since deregulation. Through the process it was demonstrated that the District was not a big enough consumer to purchase blocks of power in order to reduce irrigation electricity rates.

20.0 Provincial Wetland Policy Committee

E. Wilson was appointed to the committee representing AIPA, Irrigation Districts. It is expected that meetings will require 1 – 2 days per week for 2 ½ months.

21.0 Letter from Irrigation Council

A letter was received from Irrigation Council regarding their annual tours and meetings with irrigation districts. As Council has decided to move to a rotational basis, there will not be a tour of the EID this year, but will be planned for 2012.

22.0 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2

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

23.0 Baksa Letter and Response Information

A letter from James Baksa regarding dumping in the One Tree Creek right-of-way and Mr. Wilson’s response letter was included for the Directors’ review.

[2:30 p.m. – 2:38 p.m. Short break.]

24.0 Sale of Excess EID Residences – Set Minimum Price

A discussion was held regarding the 3 excess EID residences in Rainier, Kitsim area, and along Lake Newell Road. It was advised to not list the Lake Newell Road acreage as it may be needed for the S5 Aqueduct/Bantry WDS temporary replacement. Realtor’s appraisals were presented and discussed for Rainier and Kitsim properties. It was decided to advertize the Rainier property for sale directly through the District.

2011-04-092 Moved by N. Johnson that the minimum price for the Rainier house and shop property be set at \$360,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

25.0 Upcoming Events

- 25.01 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 25th, 9:00 a.m.
- 25.02 Water, Agriculture & the Environment Conference - May 31st & June 1st, Lethbridge

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

May 25, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of May, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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 9:08 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.05 Fencing a Portion of Matzhiwin Creek
- 11.0 Marshall Drain
- 12.0 Rotary Club Dragon Boat Festival
- 17.0 Harvesting Native Grass Seed

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 6.04 P Tilley

2011-05-093 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 27, 2011**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-05-094 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the April 27, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Campground Registration Software**

In response to a question at last meeting, K. Bridges advised that if Crawling Valley Campground would like to use the same PARCS software that the District purchased for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, an additional license would have to be purchased. The software appears to have worked well so far, with Mr. Bridges recommending that if Crawling Valley Campground is interested he could arrange a software demonstration at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground once staff have had a couple months experience with it.

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 April 30, 2011 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to April 30, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$20 million.

- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$11 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$9 million.

2011-05-095 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2011, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Customer accounts currently total 1,161. For the most part, the radio changeovers have been completed in the Patricia, Duchess, Rosemary, Gem and Bantry areas. The remaining areas are continuing and are nearing completion. Additional VL sectors have been installed in the One Tree and Tilley areas in order to alleviate congestion issues and to allow the removal of more 900 systems. New sectors are also planned for Springside and Bassano in June.

6.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status

All pipeline and canal projects this year (besides the canceled/postponed projects) are substantially complete. Pipelines are being charged and as leaks are detected, crews are repairing them. There have been several leaks on the J-06, 07, 08 West Bantry 14" diameter pipe, more than usual, due to the gaskets rolling during installation. The other projects have had leaks, but nothing more than the norm. 7 Sec 'A' Rolling Hills has had the settling pond inlet structure wash out and appears to have contributed to the gabion wall falling over. The structure washout has been repaired, but the gabion wall will be left as is and fixed in the fall. There is obviously a lot of cleanup, and where it is dry enough cleanup is progressing well. As a rule, farmed fields, particularly if a parcel is cut across, are completed first, followed by grassland and acreages last. Once the cleanup is complete fencing and seeding will follow.

6.02 Request from Alberta Transportation re Sec. Hwy #535

The District met with Alberta Transportation regarding excessive flooding of Hwy #535 on the north boundary of Sec. 34-16-14 W4M, 2 km east of the Lake Road. As the large amount of water will not soon dissipate, a permanent solution was discussed. The best option was to excavate a drain through District land on the south end of the water body, which would lower the water level to 1 m below road grade. The EID would complete the project, with funding from Alberta Transportation.

2011-05-096 Moved by N. Johnson that due to extreme flooding affecting Sec. Hwy 535, the District construct a permanent drain in SE 22 & S ½ 23-16-14 W4M and negotiate with Alberta Transportation regarding project funding, right-of-way and future maintenance. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[9:58 a.m. – 10:08 a.m. Short break.]

6.03 13 Bow Slope

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 2 km north of Scandia and is slated for the 2011/2012 construction year. The current system irrigates 955 acres, 17% which are flood. The proposed rehabilitation would consist of a closed gravity pipeline coming off the Bow Slope Canal and continuing west for approximately 3 km. In relation to this project, Van Hall Cattle has requested new water rights for a pivot in NW 26-15-16 W4M; as a result a pipeline extension and upsizing are being considered. Through discussion it was approved to upsize the pipeline

rehabilitation project; the Van Hall requested pipeline extension and new acres will be dealt with separately.

2011-05-097 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 13 Bow Slope by installing 3 km of pipeline with upsized capacity at an estimated cost of \$1,384,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.04 Drain Relocation Farm Improvements – Ed Martin – SW 24-18-15 W4M & NW 24-18-15 W4M
A request was received from Ed Martin to relocate his drains in SW 24-18-15 W4M and NW 24-18-15 W4M. The drains currently run through the quarters, and the landowner would like them relocated outside the pivot circles. The relocation for the SW is estimated to cost \$55,000 and the relocation for the NW is estimated to cost \$40,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$30,000 on each quarter.

2011-05-098 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocations for Ed Martin in SW 24-18-15 W4M and NW 24-18-15 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis, up to \$30,000 on each quarter, by the District and the landowner. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[10:30 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

7.01 Damage to System from Spring Runoff

E. Wilson advised that the high runoff caused a lot of damage, more than first thought. Three relatively large structures were destroyed; they have been temporarily repaired for the season and will be replaced next construction season. More than 10 structures and numerous culverts were also washed out; most had been repaired by water delivery date. Repairs continue on pipelines where bottom ends froze up; as well, 3 pipelines were hit by County contractors installing the Regional Water Lines.

7.02 Snowpack Report

The snowpack is very good, with most snow pillows in the upper quartile.

7.03 Canal and Reservoir Status

Reservoir levels are also high; currently only 20 farmers are irrigating.

7.04 Farm Improvements

7.04.1 Frank Bear – NW & NE 26-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 200 acres wheels; new pivot area is 171 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 171 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. The Water User is choosing to keep the 12 extra acres in corners at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,130 (171 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) - \$3,600 (12 acres at \$300/acre) = \$1,530. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

2011-05-099 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Frank Bear for the conversion of 171 acres wheels to pivot in NW & NE 26-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,530. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.04.2 Dennis Bjelland – NW & SW 16-20-12 W4M

Current assessment is 124 acres flood; new pivot area is 115 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 115 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 would like to keep the 9 extra flood acres in the SE corner at a deduction of \$300/acre; the center and 2nd tower of the pivot will be shut off where there is 9 acres of poor soil. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,900 (115 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre) - \$2,700 (9 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,200. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

2011-05-100 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis Bjelland for the conversion of 115 acres flood to pivot in NW & SW 16-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.04.3 Schaap & Morasch – NE & SE 12-21-17 W4M

Current assessment is 102 acres wheels & 12 acres flood in the NE and 25 acres wheels in the SE; new pivot area is 137 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 125 acres wheels and 12 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 requesting to transfer the 2 extra acres outside the pivot area to SE 13-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,750 (125 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) + \$720 (12 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre) = \$4,470. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered. New assessment will be 137 acres under pivot and 45 acres flood in SE 12-21-17 W4M.

2011-05-101 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Schaap & Morasch for the conversion of 125 acres wheels and 12 acres flood to pivot in NE & SE 12-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,470. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-05-102 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in E ½ 12-21-17 W4M, lands being owned by Schaap and Morasch. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.04.4 992828 AB Ltd. (Clint Morasch) – SE 13-21-17 W4M

Current assessment is 106 acres; new wiper pivot area is 111 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 106 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. 5 additional acres are needed; 2 are being transferred from E ½ 12-21-17 W4M and 3 are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,180 (106 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900. New assessment on this quarter is 111 acres all under pivot.

2011-05-103 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 992828 AB Ltd. (C. Morasch) for the conversion of 106 acres wheels to pivot in SE 13-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,180. The capital assets charge is \$900. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.05 Scott Tateson – Delivery on SW Shoreline of Bantry #1 Reservoir

Scott Tateson's water delivery pumping sites along the SW shoreline of Bantry #1 Reservoir in N ½ 18 & S ½ 19-16-12 W4M were described and discussed; some Directors and staff having previously inspected.

[11:21 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Assessment Report to May 17, 2011**

Mr. Wilson presented the Assessment Report on behalf of R. Matoba to May 17, 2011. The irrigated acres for the land development subdivision parcels have not yet been added to the roll. The summary is as follows:

EID Water Roll			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2011	283,828	6,628	290,456
May 17, 2011	284,729	6,236	290,965
Net increase	901	< 392 >	509
Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			73
Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			582

2011-05-104 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Assessment Report to May 17, 2011. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.02 Request to Purchase Land – John & Susanne Brummelhuis

A letter was received from John & Susanne Brummelhuis requesting to purchase a portion of NE 16-17-16 W4M to enable their pivot to complete a full circle. In order to do so a very large dugout would have to be spanned, a small dugout replaced and subdivision of the EID acreage would have to take place. This request was denied.

8.03 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – John & Susanne Brummelhuis

John & Susanne Brummelhuis are requesting to transfer 4 irrigable acres from NW 03-17-16 W4M to NE 16-17-16 W4M to accommodate a new wiper pivot.

2011-05-105 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 4 irrigable acres from NW 03-17-16 W4M to NE 16-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by John & Susanne Brummelhuis. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.04 Request to Transfer PGL #7050 – Hemsing to C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd.

Pat & Marian Hemsing are requesting to transfer private grazing lease #7050 to C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. It is required that the District be informed of any shareholder changes for as long as the lease is in the company name.

2011-05-106 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7050 to be transferred from Pat & Marian Hemsing to C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[11:49 a.m. – 12:19 p.m. Lunch break.]

[12:19 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

8.05 Fencing a Portion of Matzhiwin Creek

After inspection, it was confirmed that a proper fence could be installed, but would be significantly expensive due to the coulees along the creek. As a water line and trough would need to be

installed if a fence goes up, it was approved to go ahead with that this year; with the fencing to be re-evaluated next year. The available water at the higher level may prove to keep the cattle from crossing down at the creek.

[12:30 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting; T. Jensen entered.]

8.06 Oil & Gas Report

T. Jensen presented the Oil & Gas Report from October 1, 2010 to May 20, 2011:

- new locations – 92
- twinned wells – 70
- total – 162 (Crew – 116, Cenovus – 46)
- pipelines – 387.04 acres or 64.5 miles
- future activity – a minimum of 20 more wells with Crew Energy, 35-40 wells anticipated with Cenovus

Directors asked that fence debris near the Princess gas plant and the Wolf Coulee trail be looked into for clean up and/or restoration. In response to an enquiry, Mrs. Jensen advised that previously the EID Mixture was used when reclaiming oil and gas well sites. The mixture being used now is as follows:

- EID Reclamation Mixture
 25% Northern Wheatgrass
 25% Green Needle Grass
 15% Junegrass
 10% Slender Wheatgrass
 10% Bluegrama
 10% Needle & Thread Grass
 5% Sheeps Fescue

[12:45 p.m. T. Jensen exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment

E. Wilson presented the following quotes on equipment.

9.01 Quotes on Graders

The Cat 14 M is a larger grader and the Cat 160 M is a little smaller than the John Deere 872.

Make	Model	Price
John Deere	JD 872 – 6 wheel drive 5 Year – 7,500 Hr Warranty	\$327,200
Caterpillar	Cat 14 M 5 Year – 7,500 Hr Warranty	\$427,745
Caterpillar	Cat 160 M – 6 wheel drive 5 Year – 7,500 Hr Warranty	\$338,264

2011-05-107 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a John Deere 872 Grader for \$327,200 from Brandt Tractor Ltd., Calgary. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.02 Quotes on Excavators

With the disaster in Japan, some parts and components of machines are limited, making the delivery of some new machines a bit longer than usual. Therefore quotes were requested now for delivery in October.

Make	Model	Price
John Deere	250 G LC	\$261,000
Hitachi	ZX 250 LC	\$237,600
Caterpillar	324 DL	\$235,419

The Cat 324 DL is a smaller hoe, approximately 6,000 lbs. The Cat 336 DL is slightly larger, approximately 10,000 lbs.

Make	Model	Price
John Deere	350 LC	\$298,000
Hitachi	350 LC	\$280,540
Caterpillar	336 DL	\$309,914

2011-05-108 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of a Hitachi ZX 250 LC Excavator for \$237,600 and a Hitachi 350 LC Excavator for \$280,540 from Wajax Industries, Calgary. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 Letter from Marilyn Fehr

A letter was received from Marilyn Fehr regarding the District's contribution to the County Rural Water System Initiative. The Board approved Mr. Wilson's draft response letter.

11.0 Marshall Drain

Mr. Chrumka spoke with City of Brooks Mayor Martin Shields regarding a pathway project proposal along Marshall Drain from Young Road railway crossing to Sec. Hwy 873 railway crossing. Mr. Wilson added that a similar project had been looked at years ago, in partnership between the EID and Ducks Unlimited, but it did not go forward. Director feedback was positive. B. Chrumka will respond to Martin Shields, indicating that the EID is interested in partnering on a development project for the Marshall Drain. J. Culligan will discuss at the Economic Development Committee meeting.

12.0 Rotary Club Dragon Boat Festival

C. Chomistek enquired if the District would be willing to pay for the entry fee for 1 boat in the Dragon Boat Festival. The Board was in agreement to this.

13.0 Irrigation Development in Gem

Mr. Wilson informed that along with 3 people at the Spring Information Meeting, 2 letters have also been received expressing interest in irrigation development in the Gem area. Discussion ensued regarding demand, availability and feasibility.

2011-05-109 Moved by J. Culligan that the District test soils in the 3 best quarter sections for potential irrigation development in Gem. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

14.0 Nomination for Irrigation Council

A letter was received from Roger Hohm, Irrigation Secretariat, notifying the District of a vacancy on Irrigation Council. A short discussion followed.

2011-05-110 Moved by J. Culligan that the District nominate David Andrews of Bow City for the available position on Irrigation Council. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

15.0 Request for Meeting – Kathy Ramer

An email was received from Kathy Ramer requesting a meeting with the Board regarding collaborative tourism projects. This meeting request was approved.

16.0 GM Report

E. Wilson presented the following items.

16.01 Request from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development has requested permission to install cameras at Rolling Hills Marina on the island and a few other locations around the reservoir to help them calculate the number of fishermen and hours, etc. This request was denied.

16.02 Mousset vs Nygaard

The Board was updated as to the status of this claim.

16.03 Provincial Wetland Policy

A rating system is being developed to determine the relative value of the different types of wetlands. This will be used to determine whether a specific wetland needs to be avoided, mitigated or compensated for, for any type of development.

17.0 Harvesting Native Grass Seed

A short discussion was held regarding the aspects involved with harvesting native grass seed.

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | Water, Agriculture & the Environment Conference
[A. Nielsen, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, E. Wilson, I. Friesen, K. Green attending] | - May 31 st & June 1 st , Lethbridge |
| 18.02 | EID Staff & Board Rodeo Breakfast | - Friday, June 10 th , 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. |
| 18.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, June 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

June 22, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of June, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2] <i>[apologies]</i>	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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.05 Antelope Creek Canal
- 7.06 Letter from Reed Crapo
- 7.07 Request to Purchase Land – John & Susanne Brummelhuis
- 9.01.3 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Land

2011-06-111 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 25, 2011**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-06-112 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the May 25, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 May 31, 2011 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to May 31, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$23.4 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$13.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10 million.

2011-06-113 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Customer accounts currently total 1,189. Radio and power outages occurred within the last month, along with numerous calls

associated with disruption of service due to new tree growth. The outages were resolved, and service calls continue with raising or relocating antennas to resolve tree interference issues. Equipment changeovers in One Tree, Rainier, Scandia and Tilley areas are continuing as weather and schedule permits. The new VL sectors at Springside and Bassano are still scheduled to be installed this month.

6.0 Operations Report

6.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Mr. Wilson noted that only 15 farmers are irrigating, all but 1 are in the Bassano/Gem area. The river has seen huge amounts of water this spring, reservoirs are around 95% full, and 23,000 cfs is currently being spilled over the dam.

[9:17 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

6.02 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvement.

6.02.1 Shalon Sugden (Brent Martin) – SW 10-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 92 acres wheels north of the canal; new wiper pivot area is 78 acres. As the penalty charged for keeping the corner acres exceeds the grant payable for conversion from wheels to pivot, there is no Farm Improvement grant. The Water User is requesting 1 or 2 years to move the efficiency acres along with the 14 acres in corners from this quarter to the S ½ of 16-21-14 W4M. 78 acres wheels to pivot = 12 efficiency acres at a cost of \$300/acre. The Board was in agreement to allow 2 years for the efficiency acres to be moved, subject to soils.

[9:25 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting; K. Green and J. Kabut entered.]

7.0 Engineering Report

7.01 P Tilley

This rehabilitation project is located 2.4 km south of Tilley. The system currently serves 359 irrigation acres and 232 terminable acres, of which 190 terminable acres are to be converted to irrigation acres. The proposed rehabilitation would consist of installing 4 km of gravity pressurized pipeline at an estimated cost of \$1,025,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-06-114 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of P Tilley Canal by installing 4 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$1,025,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

As part of the pipeline project water delivery agreements, registrations of irrigable units are needed for John Straub and Dick Vossepoel.

2011-06-115 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in Pt. NW, SW & Pt. SE 17-17-12 W4M, all lands south of the CPR line and being owned by John Straub. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2011-06-116 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in Pt. W ½ 08-17-12 W4M, all lands west of the drain and being owned by Dick Vossepoel. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.02 02-C North Branch

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 7 km south of Gem and is slated for the 2011/2012 construction year. The current system irrigates 588 acres, 12% which is flood. The

proposed rehabilitation would consist of installing 3.8 km of gravity pipeline tying onto the existing 02-C North Branch pipeline and continuing east and north. It is recommended that it be funded under the Capital Works program at an estimated cost of \$872,000.

2011-06-117 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 02-C North Branch Canal by installing 3.8 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$872,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.03 18, 19, 20 Bow Slope

This rehabilitation project is located 8 km southeast of Scandia and currently serves 413 irrigation acres. The proposed rehabilitation consists of installing 1 km of gravity pressurized pipeline and cleaning the remaining portion, at an estimated cost of \$290,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-06-118 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 18, 19, 20 Bow Slope Canal by cleaning a portion and installing 1 km of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$290,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[9:45 a.m. K. Green and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

7.04 2011 / 2012 Rehabilitation Plan Changes

I. Friesen reviewed the necessary changes to the 2011/2012 Capital Works Rehabilitation Plan. It is proposed to delay the South Bantry Drain – Reach B, bottom end of J West Bantry, and J-09 West Bantry for 1 year. As well, instead of rehabilitating the One Tree Canal below the reservoir this year it has become evident during the recent precipitation runoff that the One Tree Canal from the Patricia highway to the Springside turnout (N ½ 29-20-13 W4M) is in greater need of work and will be given priority.

2011-06-119 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve switching priorities in the 2011-2012 Capital Works Rehabilitation Plan as outlined in I. Friesen's report. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

7.05 Antelope Creek Canal

A. Nielsen enquired as to when the Antelope Creek Canal will be rehabilitated. E. Wilson advised that this canal is on the 3 Year Plan, but it may need to be re-evaluated as to whether the storage upstream is needed or not. If new storage is constructed, this canal will not be needed.

[9:56 a.m. – 10:03 a.m. Short break.]

7.06 Letter from Reed Crapo

A letter was received from Reed Crapo requesting that 21 North Branch Canal be slated for rehabilitation in the near future citing age of the ditch, algae problems and potential water savings. Mr. Wilson advised that this canal will be reviewed with the 3 Year Plan, but it is unlikely that it will reach priority.

7.07 Request to Purchase Land – John & Susanne Brummelhuis

This request and Mr. Wilson's response letter were reviewed.

8.0 Equipment – Gravel Truck

E. Wilson advised that Great West Kenworth's quote for a gravel truck and pup was accepted in January at \$171,000. When the dealer received the truck a month ago they claimed that there was a mistake in the quote, the cost of the gravel box was not included, and now wanted \$184,500. As this was not acceptable, Mr. Wilson went back to the 2nd and 3rd bidders to get revised quotes and availabilities. Nortrux was again the lower of the two and came in \$2,000 lower than in January. The Mack truck and pup from Nortrux were ordered.

[10:13 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Grazing

B. Hale was in attendance to comment on the following grazing items.

9.01.1 Results of Bids on Long Term Private Grazing Leases #7107 & #7199

These long term leases (13 years remaining) were turned back to the EID. They are now transferrable to any eligible water user and have the right to renew for a further 15 years. Lease #7107 consists of 83 acres and has a carrying capacity of 15 AUM. Lease #7199 consists of 440 acres and has a carrying capacity of 78 AUM.

Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7107	
Name	Tender Amount
Ray Torkelson	\$3,020.00 + \$151.00 GST = \$3,171.00
Carey & Lynette Kopp	\$3,000.00 + \$150.00 GST = \$3,150.00

Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7199	
Name	Tender Amount
Nelson Weaver	\$11,905.00 + \$595.25 GST = \$12,500.25
Danny Christman	\$11,500.00 + \$575.00 GST = \$12,075.00
Ray Torkelson	\$4,160.00 + \$208.00 GST = \$4,368.00
Carey & Lynette Kopp	\$4,000.00 + \$200.00 GST = \$4,200.00

2011-06-120 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve entering into a lease agreement with Ray Torkelson for Private Grazing Lease #7107, and entering into a lease agreement with Nelson Weaver for Private Grazing Lease #7199. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

9.01.2 Old Flood Land – Kitsim

This field near the Kitsim Reservoir was reseeded last year to grass mix and due to the high levels of precipitation the alfalfa seed had a strong take. The Board was in agreement for this field to be hayed and the bales advertized for sale.

9.01.3 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Land

Mr. Hale was asked to ensure that this area be grazed extensively early this summer to prepare the land for pipeline installation and cultivating.

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

9.02 Crew Energy

A report was submitted by T. Jensen informing the Board that all Crew Energy activity has been shut down on EID land due to several instances of breached agreement standards. Crew operations will continue to be shut down until all matters have been resolved satisfactorily.

9.03 Irrigation Development in Gem

Mr. Wilson reviewed possible development areas that were not identified earlier. Soil testing will occur on the 3 best quarter sections noted to date.

- 9.04 Conversion from Terminable (2nd) to Irrigation (1st) Acres – Darrell Owen – NE 33-20-12 W4M**
Darrell Owen has requested to convert his terminable acres under 2 pivots to irrigation acres, in NE 33-20-12 W4M and SE 04-21-12 W4M. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered once the pivots and pumpsite are in place.

2011-06-121 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres on the pivots in NE 33-20-12 W4M and SE 04-21-12 W4M, subject to the pumpsite serving both parcels being moved to the south boundary of NE 33-20-12 W4M. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

- 9.05 Transfer 40 Irrigation Acres to Pt. Sec. 03-16-15 W4M (Block 21)**
Peter Wolf has requested to transfer in 40 additional acres for a corner arm system on the pivot he will be installing on Pt. Sec. 03-16-15 W4M, purchased in the Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development area. The Board was in agreement with this request, and it was reiterated that any additional acres for corner systems had to be transferred in, not purchased from the District. As well, all lease agreements will include clauses stating that any land not irrigated cannot be broken, and that the volume of water will be regulated so that corner systems do not draw more water than the parcel's design allocation.

[11:05 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. Short break; K. Ramer entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Kathy Ramer

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Kathy Ramer to the meeting. Mrs. Ramer gave a presentation on the beginnings of a tourism development plan focusing on the Brooks Aqueduct, the highway corridors and the downtown Brooks area. Although this plan is in the initial stages, the development group wished to keep the District and other stakeholders informed of its vision for tourism. A few questions were responded to and Mr. Chrumka thanked K. Ramer for her presentation.

[11:30 a.m. K. Ramer exited the meeting.]

10.0 Scholarship Policy Review

Inclusion of masters programs in the Scholarship Program was revisited. This item will be brought back to the July Board Meeting for further discussion.

11.0 GM Report

E. Wilson presented the following items.

11.01 AltaLink – Brooks to Bowmanton Line

AltaLink has been given AUC approval for the north route. Right-of-way documents, payments and the \$650,000 signing bonus will follow.

11.02 AltaLink – John Ware to Cassils Line

This line only crosses a few EID parcels and has been adjusted to accommodate the District's infrastructure. The EID has agreed again to not be an intervener. A short discussion was held regarding the annual payment / tower rate.

11.03 Mousset vs Nygaard Lawsuit Update – Road Access

The Board was updated as to the status of this claim.

11.04 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2

The Board was updated as to the status of this claim.

11.05 Letter from Irrigation Council re Drainage Policy

A letter was received from Irrigation Council requesting copies from districts of surface water drainage policies. Only 1 district (BRID) has a formal policy in place. After a short discussion it was agreed to develop a policy for the EID. Further discussion will be needed for policy development and it may be listed as a Board Retreat topic.

12.0 Upcoming Events

- 12.01 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 27th, 9:00 a.m.
- 12.02 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 24th, 9:00 a.m.
- 12.03 EID Golf Tournament - Thursday, August 25th, 3:00 p.m., Duchess Golf Course

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

July 27, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of July, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.05 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development – Pumphouse Building Tender
- 11.0 AltaLink Transmission Line Signup Rates
- 13.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground
- 14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development
- 16.0 Invitation to Duke of Sutherland House 100th Birthday
- 18.0 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds

2011-07-122 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 June 22, 2011**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-07-123 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the June 22, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 June 30, 2011 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to June 30, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$26.2 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$15.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.8 million.

2011-07-124 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2011, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

4.02 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2011

Mr. Bridges presented the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2011. Various accounts were discussed.

2011-07-125 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.03 3rd Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2011

Mr. Bridges presented the 3rd Quarter Investment report summarizing that the market value of the District's investments at June 30, 2011 was \$15.5 million less than at September 30, 2010. This fluctuation is largely due to investments having been liquidated to meet the district's capital and operating requirements. The remainder of the change is due to interest accruals and market value changes.

2011-07-126 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

4.04 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.

2011-07-127 Moved by A. Nielsen that the interest rate applicable to capital construction charges financing agreements be set at 5% per annum and that:

- the interest rate approved in this resolution is fixed for the first 5 years of the term of any new capital construction charges financing agreement;
- the interest rate approved in this resolution is also applicable to each year of the term in excess of the first 5 years until such time as the Board approves a new interest rate for this purpose, in which case the new interest rate will be applicable on the next anniversary date of each capital construction charges financing agreement, and that every capital construction charges financing agreement with a term of greater than 5 years will contain a provision that allows the EID to so change the interest rate; and,
- in addition to any interest charges payable, a penalty of 8% be added to any amount that is past due on the first day of January and to any amount that is past due on the first day of July in each year.

Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. The equipment changeovers off of Springside and Bassano are continuing but have been delayed by weather and holidays. Summer storms and temperature fluctuations have caused some problems for customers, but backup systems have proved strategic in restoring service, as well as Fortis in restoring power. A reminder was given that phone messages received after hours are monitored and will be responded to according to the severity of the issue, with the system malfunction calls being handled immediately.

[9:35 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations Report

6.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

E. Wilson noted that as of today, just over 600 farmers are irrigating, but total consumption translates to only 20% of the District's license due to the unusually heavy precipitation in winter and spring. Currently 2,100 cfs is being diverted and 5,400 cfs is being spilled over the dam; with the river expecting to drop down quickly. Reservoirs are at 90% levels and higher levels are not preferred for winter storage requirements.

6.02 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvement.

6.02.1 Dean Martin – SE 24-18-15 W4M

Current assessment is 77 acres wheels; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 77 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. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,310 (77 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre).

2011-07-128 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dean Martin for the conversion of 77 acres wheels to pivot in SE 24-18-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,310. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

As the pivot area is 133 acres, 56 additional acres are needed which the landowner has requested to move from S ½ 23-18-15 W4M, NE 24-18-15 W4M, NW 24-18-15 W4M and SW 24-18-15 W4M.

2011-07-129 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the transfer of 26 acres from S ½ 23-18-15 W4M, 13 acres from NE 24-18-15 W4M, 10 acres from NW 24-18-15 W4M, and 7 acres from SW 24-18-15 W4M. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

If the landowner wishes, he can pay the capital asset charges on 5 acres of efficiencies from the N ½ 24-18-15 W4M and then only transfer 1 acre from SW 24-18-15 W4M.

[10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; J. Meador exited the meeting.]

[10:18 a.m. – Ken Bailey entered the meeting.]

10:15 a.m. Upland Birds Alberta

B. Chrumka welcomed Ken Bailey to the meeting, representing Upland Birds Alberta. Mr. Bailey was in attendance to explain the organization's mandate of increasing the awareness and habitat for pheasants and pheasant hunting. The group, which is created from grassroots, philanthropic individuals is trying to encourage the resurgence of Alberta's raise and release pheasant programs by affirming those efforts already in existence and lobbying the Alberta government, municipalities and private landowners for needed changes, as well as contracting an Economic Impact Study and Production Model. Mr. Bailey noted that Ducks Unlimited and the Alberta Fish and Game Association have pledged support with land and volunteers respectively, and acknowledged the EID for its habitat program and access to private land for hunting. A short discussion was held and A. Nielsen requested that Upland Birds Alberta forward a copy of the study and model to the EID once complete.

[10:48 a.m. K. Bailey exited the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 North Bantry – Phase 3

This rehabilitation project runs from Cowoki Reservoir inlet 16 km to 4 km south of Patricia. The proposed rehab includes constructing inside fill, rebuilding the banks and armouring the first 1/3 of the canal; and rebuilding banks and armouring the bottom 2/3 of the canal. Numerous drain inlets will be installed to better control high-side drainage that runs into the canal. The cost estimate for this project is \$7.0 million and it is recommended to be part of the District's 2011/2012 IRP program. A number of questions were responded to.

2011-07-130 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of North Bantry – Phase 3 by rebuilding the banks and armouring 16 km of the canal at an estimated cost of \$7,000,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:15 a.m. Del Giles entered the meeting.]

11:15 a.m. Del Giles – Drain Relocation – SW 17-19-15 W4M

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Del Giles to the meeting to discuss a drain relocation project in SW 17-19-15 W4M as part of the County / EID Drain Rehabilitation Program. Two options were proposed, with the landowner and the engineer favouring a relocation of the drain from bisecting the north half of the quarter to bordering the west and south boundary lines. Mr. Giles attended the meeting to request that the District fund or partially fund the moving of fill dirt for the old drain. Mr. Giles explained that as the dirt was originally removed by the EID in the 1970's, the EID should replace it. It is estimated that hauling the fill dirt to the old canal will cost \$28,000. Mr. Giles also mentioned that the issue of an abandoned buried concrete pipe on the property may be causing the movement of water and seepage to the south end of his property. A short discussion followed.

[11:28 a.m. D. Giles exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued, and it was reviewed that the Farm Improvement Policy for Drain Relocations states the cost-share is 75% EID / 25% Landowner, up to a maximum \$30,000 District contribution; with the hauling of fill dirt being the landowner's responsibility. Administration also added that because this drain relocation is being done as part of a project, the excavation is being funded 100%, with no cost to the landowner. As well, the dirt excavated from the new drain will be stockpiled on the landowner's property for his use to move to the old drain. The issue of the concrete pipe was further discussed.

2011-07-131 Moved by F. George that the District contribute \$7,500 towards the cost of moving dirt to fill in the old drain on Del Giles land in SW 17-19-15 W4M. Seconded by A. Nielsen.

This motion was not voted on. A decision on Mr. Giles' request was deferred to after the Flatla / Skanderup Drain Relocation item.

[12:00 noon G. Redelback entered the meeting. The Board presented Gary with a clock and their thanks for his 40 years of service to the EID.]

[12:10 p.m. – 1:24 p.m. Lunch break.]

7.0 Engineering Report con'td.

[1:25 p.m. C. Chomistek exited the meeting.]

7.02 13 Bow Slope Infrastructure Savings Grant – Mary Ann Chomistek – NE 25-15-16 W4M

Presently this quarter is flood irrigated; the landowner is proposing to put up a pivot in 1 year and willing to live with the reduced flow until then. As a result, the flow at the delivery point can be

reduced from 5.5 cfs to 2.5 cfs, enabling the District to downsize pipe and save \$45,000. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$15,000.

- 2011-07-132 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Mary Ann Chomistek, NE 25-15-16 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot thus reducing the flow at the delivery point from 5.5 cfs to 2.5 cfs, saving the District \$45,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[1:27 p.m. C. Chomistek re-entered the meeting.]

7.03 Drain Relocation – Flatla / Skanderup – SW 05-17-13 W4M

This Drain Relocation is being proposed at the landowner’s request. The existing drain runs south and then southwest through the SE corner of SW 05-17-13 W4M. It is the land boundary between Flatla and Skanderup. The drain relocation will allow these quarters to be squared and a land sale to happen, giving the landowners potential to install pivots. The relocation is estimated to cost \$43,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$30,000; the landowner’s share being \$13,000.

- 2011-07-133 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Flatla / Skanderup in SW 05-17-13 W4M; the excavation funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowners up to a \$30,000 District maximum; hauling the dirt to fill in the drain is the landowners’ responsibility. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[11:15 a.m.] Del Giles – Drain Relocation – SW 17-19-15 W4M cont’d.

Mr. Chrumka called for a vote on the motion.

- 2011-07-131 Moved by F. George that the District contribute \$7,500 towards the cost of moving dirt to fill in the old drain on Del Giles land in SW 17-19-15 W4M. Seconded by A. Nielsen. DEFEATED**

- 2011-07-134 Moved by J. Culligan that the drain in SW 17-19-15 W4M be relocated to the west and south quarter section boundaries and that the District make section breaks in the old concrete pipe buried on the west edge of the quarter. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

No money will be contributed toward the moving of dirt to fill the old drain; this aligns with the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation policy.

7.0 Engineering Report cont’d.

7.04 County / EID Drain Rehabilitation Program Update

Mr. Friesen recommended constructing the first 6 priorities in the 3 Year Drainage Plan with the County. Weather conditions and snow fill delayed an early start to the survey work, and utility and land negotiations have delayed the start of construction. Once the issues are resolved on the EID infrastructure the District intends to start construction immediately, and if required come back and construct the County portion at a later date. The priorities are as follows:

COUNTY / EID DRAIN REHABILITATION PROGRAM	
Project Name	Comments
Cassils (North)	- surveyed, designed, landowner meeting held, utilities located, land negotiations ongoing

Scandia	- none
Patricia	- surveyed
Rolling Hills (North)	- surveyed, design started
Bow Slope	- none
Bantry	- surveyed

7.05 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development – Pumphouse Building Tender

The previous tender in November was for the inlet structure, this tender is for the building itself. The building will be approximately 50’ x 40’ to accommodate the pumps and is required to be air conditioned on demand. Armour building Systems was awarded the contract.

ROLLING HILLS RESERVOIR PUMP HOUSE TENDER RESULTS – Building Tender	
Bidder	Amount
Armour Building Systems	\$124,096.00
D.A. Building Systems Ltd.	\$137,400.00

8.0 Sale of Excess EID Residences

K. Bridges advised that there were some enquiries on the Rainier WDS property but only 1 offer had been received and their financing fell through. A short discussion followed regarding the options available to the District.

2011-07-135 Moved by N. Johnson that both WDS acreages in Rainier and Antelope Creek be listed with an MLS Realtor, but only one acreage be sold. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.0 Lands

9.01 Request to Transfer PGL #7096 – W.C. Shanks to Jacob Giesbrecht

Bill Shanks has requested the transfer of Private Grazing Lease #7096 to Jacob Giesbrecht. Mr. Giesbrecht currently does not have any leases with the EID, resides in the District, and will have more than enough irrigation acres to be eligible for the lease once the farm purchase goes through.

2011-07-136 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7096 to be transferred from W.C. Shanks to Jacob Giesbrecht. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 Keith Wilson Discussion

J. Culligan commented on a meeting he attended in Brooks on July 21st with Keith Wilson, a St. Albert-based lawyer, speaking on the changes in Alberta land ownership rights and compensation. A short discussion followed.

11.0 AltaLink Transmission Lines

Mr. Wilson noted that the District had agreed to not be an intervener on both routes, and the signing documents and compensation have arrived today for the first route.

J. Culligan requested that information be gathered on the process of reviewing/revising annual rental rates for transmission lines. Mr. Culligan noted that when negotiating annual rental

compensation, leased grazing land is not differentiated from deeded grazing land and he would like this issue addressed by the rate review board.

12.0 Scholarship Policy Review

Inclusion of masters programs in the Scholarship Program was revisited. A lengthy discussion followed regarding scholarship categories, eligible years and the intent of the program.

2011-07-137 Moved by F. George that EID Scholarships do not include Masters Programs and second trade, diploma or degrees. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[3:12 p.m. – 3:17 p.m. Short break.]

13.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

The special projects at and total cost for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground were reviewed.

14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development

Mr. Wilson advised that he will be having a meeting with the landowners next week to address a few issues. A number of questions from the Board were responded to. Cattle will be off the lease soon and pipeline installation will begin next week. Landowner access will likely be mid-August. An extensive discussion was held regarding corner arm systems. In review of the overall project, Directors reasoned that it would be prudent to evaluate the operating of the overall system before approving corner arm systems at this time. Restrictor valves would need to be factored into the design as well, should corner arm systems be approved in the future.

2011-07-138 Moved by F. George that no corner arm systems be allowed for installation until a 2 year evaluation of the system can be done. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

15.0 Communities in Bloom

15.01 Request for Funding

A letter was received from Communities in Bloom regarding the development of a Commemorative Forrest. This forest is to be located east of the Brooks Cemetery and available to local citizens to sponsor a tree for \$150 to signify a special event, birth, death, anniversary, etc. They are looking for 10 legacy sponsors to offset the actual costs of the trees and to fund the first phase of the project for accessibility, entrance and honorees.

2011-07-139 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District contribute \$5,000 towards the Communities in Bloom Commemorative Forest Project to be located east of the Brooks Cemetery. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED

2011-07-140 Moved by J. Culligan that the District contribute \$1,000 towards the Communities in Bloom Commemorative Forest Project to be located east of the Brooks Cemetery. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

15.02 Presentation to Judges

Upon request, B. Chrumka will give a 10 minute speech to the Communities in Bloom judges on Wednesday, August 3rd.

16.0 Invitation to the Duke of Sutherland House 100th Anniversary

An invitation to the Board was received from Sandra Hajash regarding the Duke of Sutherland House 100th Birthday Celebration. The house has been deemed a Provincial Historic Resource

and the EID's connection to the property is significant in that the Duke of Sutherland was a major shareholder in the CPR, one of his projects was investing in land in western Canada, and he established the Brooks Colony to promote irrigation. This public open house invitation for Saturday, August 20th was left open to any Directors who wish to attend.

17.0 GM Report

E. Wilson presented the following items.

17.01 Offer to Purchase Old Steel CPR Bridge

A request was received from Mark Parsons wishing to buy an old steel bridge from the EID. It is not useful to the District as the side arches prohibit wide loads, and it is likely worth \$5,000 as scrap. Mr. Parsons will be making his own arrangements for moving the 80' bridge.

2011-07-141 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District sell the old CPR steel bridge to Mark Parsons for \$5,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

17.02 Community Peace Officer

The County of Newell and City of Brooks have decided to end their partnership of providing a community peace officer. The City of Brooks has therefore given the District notice that they will no longer provide the service to the EID as of September 2011. The County will be hiring their own peace officers and will provide the same service to the villages, towns and ourselves as was under the original arrangement.

17.03 Scott Tateson – NE 20-16-12 W4M

It was discovered that all the lands the EID owns in the NE 20-16-12 W4M are under one title. The District is required to subdivide these 13 acres out and consolidate it with Tateson's land, which will take approximately 6 months and cost a few thousand dollars. Doug Bell has been requested to draw up an agreement for sale where Scott pays for the land, transfers water rights, etc. with money being held in trust by Mr. Bell until the District can deliver the title.

17.04 Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2

The Board was updated as to the status of this claim. It was the consensus of the Board to have Dennis Roth and Richard Secord attend the August 24th Board Meeting for a briefing on this law suit.

17.05 Mousset vs Nygaard

The Board was updated as to the status of this claim, and Mr. Wilson was given direction by the Board.

17.06 CAP Program (AIPA Sponsorship)

AIPA has become a member and sponsor of the CAP Program in addition to the EID. As the EID intends to maintain its separate sponsorship of \$4,000 the sponsor pages in the CAP booklet will reflect the individual organizations.

17.07 Canada West

In February B. Chrumka and E. Wilson were asked to be part of a review panel by the Canada West Foundation. The Board reviewed the comments on Canada West's questionnaire which very much pushed the concept of charging a royalty for water to all users. Upon receipt of a preview of the report it was decided to request the removal of Mr. Chrumka and Mr. Wilson's names as it was felt Canada West ignored the District's comments almost entirely.

18.0 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds

This item was deferred to the August 24th Board Meeting.

19.0 Upcoming Events

- 19.01 Irrigation District Aquatic Weed Screening Tour - Wednesday, August 10th, 9:00 a.m., Ag Centre, Lethbridge, Attending: B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek & I. Friesen
- 19.02 Duke of Sutherland House 100th Anniversary - Saturday, August 20th, 1:00 p.m.
- 19.03 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 24th, 9:00 a.m.
- 19.04 EID Golf Tournament - Thursday, August 25th, Duchess Golf Course - 3:00 p.m. Tee-Off, 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 19.05 Ducks Unlimited Supper - Friday, September 9th, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

August 24, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of August, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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]		

9:33 a.m.

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 Related Party Transactions
- 7.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Pump House – Electrical Tender
- 7.05 Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects
- 9.0 Badlands Tour Update

2011-08-142 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, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-08-143 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Rent Review Process for Powerline Towers

In response to last month's request, E. Wilson reviewed the rent review process set out by the Alberta Utilities Commission for companies such as AltaLink and ATCO Power, where companies submit rates using heads of compensation criteria. They use oil and gas rates on larger areas in coming up with their rates. The actual agreements still fall under the Surface Rights Board and therefore are reviewed every 5 years. Whether the AUC would entertain input directly from landowners or not is unknown, but in theory a landowner can appeal to the SRB at the review time.

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 July 31, 2011 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to July 31, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$29 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$17.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$11.6 million.

Mr. Wilson requested that a separate line be dedicated in the Annual Report Book this year for revenue resulting from transmission power line signups and ROW purchases of approximately \$2.6 million. J. Culligan asked if administration would consider leaseholder payments for transmission lines, comparable to payments for initial oil and gas wells.

2011-08-144 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[9:33 a.m. N. Johnson joined the meeting.]

4.02 Related Party Transactions

Mr. Bridges advised that over the last few years additional emphasis and scrutiny have been put on related party transactions in terms of accounting for and reporting these transactions. A similar presentation and discussion took place at a recent management team meeting and, as a refresher; Mr. Bridges reviewed the related party transaction guidelines for members of the board. Discussion followed; it was the consensus of the board to continue to use a competitive and open process in all business dealings.

[9:45 a.m. Dennis Roth and Richard Secord of Ackroyd LLP entered the meeting.]

9:45 a.m. Dennis Roth & Richard Secord re Bow City Hutterian Brethren – Eyremore Gravel Pit #2

B. Chrumka welcomed Mr. Roth and Mr. Secord to the meeting. After discussing this case with the District's lawyers, the Board gave direction to administration in regards to the law suit.

[11:17 a.m. – 11:23 a.m. D. Roth and R. Secord exited the meeting; short break.]

[11:25 a.m. Marie Snyders entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering Report

7.04 Request from Marie Snyders re Old Right-of-Way in SE 18-19-15 W4M

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Marie Snyders to the meeting. Marie, on behalf of her parents, was requesting that the Board reconsider selling them all or a portion of the old canal right-of-way adjacent to the west edge of their property in SE 18-19-15 W4M as the County is now asking to purchase 5 m of frontage right-of-way for a drain rehabilitation project. A time of questions and answers followed.

[11:41 a.m. M. Snyders exited the meeting.]

A short discussion was held. This request was denied. The drain will be rerouted from adjacent to the road on the east to the west side of the property within the ROW, and the land will be left as habitat. This negates the County's need to purchase 5m of frontage land along the road allowance, leaves the parcel intact and preserves the old right-of-way as habitat.

5.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Lightening storms have caused problems in the area blowing fuses, which then need to be restored by Fortis; and also directly hitting the North Gem tower. All the equipment and cabling on the tower had to be replaced, but EIDNet staff had the tower running within 2 ½ days. Other than this, most service calls are tree growth related. Equipment changeovers are continuing in the Springside area, and equipment adjustments in the Tilley area.

[12:07 p.m. – 12:43 p.m. Lunch break.]

6.0 Operations Report

6.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

E. Wilson stated water levels at the various reservoirs, noting that some are being currently drawn down to winter levels. As of this date, 219,000 acre ft of water or the equivalent of 9"/acre has been diverted. This amount is considerably lower than normal, especially taking into account that this is the water diversion measurement, not the actual amount of water used. 296 farmers were irrigating and 22 orders were received, which is a little above average for late August.

6.02 Water Shut Down Date

E. Wilson advised that although there is not a big demand now, if the warm dry weather continues a greater demand could be seen for fall irrigating after harvest. He recommended that the Water Shut Down date be set by fax vote in mid-September so as to assess the current need and to give adequate notice to Water Users; the date would be between October 7th and 14th.

6.03 Farm Improvements

Mr. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements on behalf of J. Meador.

6.03.1 Hangingshaw Farms Ltd. (Jock & Linda Airth) – NE 12 & S ½ 13-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 70 acres wheels in NE 12 north of the drain, 155 wheels in SE 13, and 59 acres wheels in SW 13 east of One Tree Reservoir, totaling 284 acres. New wiper pivot area is 237 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 237 acres wheels to pivot (237 acres x \$30/acre = \$7,110). The Water User is choosing to keep the 47 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre, thus there is no grant owing.

2011-08-145 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hangingshaw Farms Ltd. (Jock & Linda Airth) for the conversion of 237 acres wheels to pivot in NE 12 & S ½ 13-19-14 W4M. There is no Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

As the pivot covers parts of 3 quarter sections with a single delivery off of 02-G North Bantry pipeline, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered.

2011-08-146 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE 12 & S ½ 13-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Hangingshaw Farms Ltd.. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.03.2 J. & L. Hajash, Hangingshaw Farms Ltd., Airth Farms Ltd. – Sec. 12-19-14 W4M

Current assessment for this area is a total of 350 acres wheels under 3 titles; new wiper pivot area is 297 acres, all as per the submitted map. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 297 acres wheels to pivot as follows:

- J. & L. Hajash – Pts. NW & NE-12-19-14 W4M and Pts. SW & SE 12-19-14 W4M
 - 157 acres wheels to pivot x \$30/acre = \$4,710
 - 22 acres kept outside pivot circle at a deduction of \$300/acre = \$6,600
 - 32 acres remain and are not penalized
 - No grant owing.
- Hangingshaw Farms & Airth Farms Ltd. (Jock & Linda Airth) – Pts. NE & SE 12-19-14 W4M
 - 135 acres wheels to pivot x \$30/acre = \$4,050
 - 4 acres kept outside pivot circle at a deduction of \$300/acre = \$1,200
 - Farm Improvement Grant owing of \$2,850.

2011-08-147 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hangingshaw Farms Ltd. and Airth Farms Ltd. (Jock & Linda Airth) for the conversion of 140 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. E ½ 12-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,850. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

As the pivot covers parts of all quarters in this section with a single delivery point, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered.

2011-08-148 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SE 12 & Pts. SW, NW & NE 12-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Hangingshaw Farms Ltd., Airth Farms Ltd. and Joseph and Linda Hajash. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.03.3 Dallas & Kary Maldaner – NE & Pt. SE 20-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 45 acres flood on the north side of the drain in the NE, 44 acres flood and 53 acres wheels on the south side of the drain, and 40 acres wheels in Pt. SE, totaling 182 acres. New wiper pivot area is 85 acres south of the drain and 41 acres in the SE (1 acre moved from the NE); with 23 acres flood north of the drain being converted to wheels. The Water User is choosing to keep 4 acres in the SE pivot corner at a deduction of \$300/acre; and sell the remaining 7 acres in corners at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is as follows:

- 38 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre = \$2,280; plus
- 88 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre = \$2,640; plus
- 23 acres flood to wheels at \$30/acre = \$690;
- Totaling \$5,610 less \$1,200 (4 acres at \$300/acre) = 4,410.

New assessment is 45 acres on the north side of the drain in the NE, 89 acres on the south side of the drain, and 41 acres in Pt. SE.

2011-08-149 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dallas & Kary Maldaner for the conversion of 38 acres flood to pivot, and 88 acres wheels to pivot, and 23 acres flood to wheels in NE & Pt. SE 20-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,410. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-08-150 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the purchase of Dallas & Kary Maldaner’s 7 acres of water rights on NE 20-14-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 7 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$4,900. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.0 Engineering Report cont’d.

7.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status noting that the pipeline construction for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development project has commenced and will likely continue through until water shut down and the road construction design is near complete for tendering to contractors. As well, the County / EID Drainage Rehabilitation has started and the hope is to continue with these drainage projects until water shut down.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
South Bantry Drain	√	√	√	- complete last year’s project that was postponed
John Ware (Reach A)		√		- 90% of right-of-way required owned by EID
One Tree				
AH North Bantry				- preliminary alignments being investigated

PIPELINE				
13 Bow Slope	√	√	√	
02-C North Bantry	√	√		
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	√	√		
P Tilley	√	√		
05-H West Bantry	√	√		
15 East Branch				- preliminary alignments being investigated
01 Main Bantry				- preliminary alignments being investigated
03-02 Bow Slope				- preliminary alignments being investigated
17 Rolling Hills	√	√		- unresolved landowner issues

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km)	√	√		

7.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Pump House – Electrical Tender

The contract will be awarded to Armax.

ROLLING HILLS RESERVOIR PUMP HOUSE TENDER RESULTS – Building Tender	
Bidder	Amount
Armax	\$708,000.00
Spider	\$722,000.00
Tarpon	\$724,164.83
D.A. Electric	\$727,500.00

7.03 Irrigable Unit Registration – Henry Van Hall / Van Hall Cattle Co. – NW 25-15-16 W4M

The irrigable unit will be joining the N ½ of NW 25-15-16 W4M with the S ½ of NW 25-15-16 W4M; the delivery will be in the NE corner of the quarter.

2011-08-151 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NW 25-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by Van Hall Cattle Co. Ltd. and Henry Van Hall. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[1:04 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Grazing Report

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

8.01.1 Results of Hay Tender re Old Flood Land – Kitsim

Three tenders were received for the large square hay bales on the Kitsim lease.

650 Large Square Hay Bales Tender – August 19, 2011 Approx. 1,100 lb/bale – For Sale by the Ton		
Name	Amount	Total
7 H Ranches (Bob Hale & Sons)	\$46.00/ton	Approx. \$16,445.00
Jim Culligan	\$36.50/ton	Approx. \$12,727.00
Springhill Livestock (Lynn McDonald)	\$18.00/bale Approx. \$32.73/ton	\$11,700.00

2011-08-152 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the sale of 650 large square hay bales to the high bidder, 7 H Ranches (Bob Hale & Sons), at a bid of \$46.00/ton. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

As it is plausible that this field will be hayed in other heavy precipitation years, and due to the extreme roughness of the land, C. Chomistek recommended that it be rolled to improve haying conditions.

8.01.2 Set Round-Up Date

A late Round-Up Date of October 28th was recommended by Mr. Hale. Associations have the option of returning earlier.

2011-08-153 Moved by F. George that the Board set the Round-Up Date for lease cattle to be out by October 28, 2011. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[1:10 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

8.02 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds

K. Bridges presented a summary received from the Kinsmen in regards to the grounds. The Board confirmed that the development plan to be submitted by the Silver Sage Ag Society should encompass all of the developments proposed by all user groups for the entire grounds within the 3 year planning period.

7.0 Engineering Report cont'd.

7.05 Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects

E. Wilson presented the following draft Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects noting that it was developed with the County's input and approval, and to be consistent with the District's Farm Improvement Policy. Discussion followed.

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Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects

Policy Guidelines:

For drainage projects that are part of the County / EID Drain Rehabilitation Plan:

- 1.0 When existing drains are not adjacent to the road:
 - excavation will go down the existing alignment, and the spoil will be leveled on the adjacent land.
- 2.0 When constructing drains adjacent to the road:
 - an effort will be made to construct the drain 1 m below the road and .6 m below the field as a minimum;
 - the maximum spoil berm on the field side shall be .6 m above the field and not be above the road elevation, preferably .3 m below the road shoulder; and
 - where the spoil berm will have a negative impact on the adjacent land:
 - Option 1 – additional right-of-way will be purchased, or
 - Option 2 – the dirt will be spread in the adjacent field where it can benefit the landowner, or
 - Option 3 – the material will be used to build up the road, or
 - Option 4 – the excess material will be hauled away.
- 3.0 When drains are being relocated from within a parcel to adjacent to the road, or elsewhere in the parcel to benefit the landowner:
 - this will only be done if the extra cost to relocate the drain is reasonable, and it must be approved by the EID Board;
 - the excavation cost is to be included in the project cost;
 - dozing in of the old drain with the banks that exist is to be included in the project cost;
 - hauling the material from the relocation drain to backfill the old existing drain will be the landowner's responsibility and cost; and
 - disposing of the excess material to meet the design standard as outlined in 2.0 shall be the landowner's responsibility and cost.
- 4.0 When fences need to be taken down to do the work:
 - they will be replaced with a 4-wire fence to the EID's specifications or if the existing fence is of higher quality, with the type of fence that was there.

For drainage projects that are NOT part of the County / EID Drain Rehabilitation Plan:

- 1.0 When the landowner requests a drain to be relocated on his timeline, not part of the drainage program:
 - the excavation cost is to be cost-shared 75% EID / 25% landowner;
 - dozing in of the existing banks of the drain will be the EID's cost; and
 - hauling the material away from the relocated drain to fill in the old drain will be the landowner's responsibility and cost.

2011-08-154 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.0 Badlands Tour Update

R. Owen and J. Culligan advised that Canadian Badlands Ltd. was conducting a study to see if a standardized tour could be marketed for the County and EID historical and significant sites. The organization was interested in points of interest such as the Bassano Dam, the Aqueduct, different irrigation works, the EID Historical Park in Scandia, and other sites within the County and City of Brooks. An update of this venture will be given at a later date.

10.0 Irrigation Council Appointee Information

A letter was received from the office of the Irrigation Secretariat announcing Pat Shimbashi as being appointed to Irrigation Council. Mr. Shimbashi replaces Vern Hoff, and the process to replace Svend Rasmussen is not yet complete.

11.0 Staffing Update

Kimberly Green, P. Eng., and Robert Hackett, Heavy Equipment Operator, have chosen to leave the company. These positions will be advertized shortly.

12.0 Request from David Andrews

David Andrews, editor of Tom Livingston's book "*From the Banks of the Red Deer*" has requested that the EID hold a number of books at the office. It was agreed that Mr. Andrews may advertize and arrange the sale of the books, with the EID front reception being a money drop-off and pick-up location only.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | EID Golf Tournament | - Thursday, August 25 th , Duchess Golf Course
- 3:00 p.m. Tee-Off, 6:00 p.m. Supper |
| 13.02 | Newell Regional Water System
Grand Opening | - Thursday, September 8 th , Centennial Regional Arena
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- <i>A. Nielsen, N. Johnson, F. George, C. Chomistek attending</i> |
| 13.03 | Ducks Unlimited Supper | - Friday, September 9 th , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn
- <i>B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, E. Wilson attending</i> |
| 13.04 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, September 19 th , Magrath
- <i>C. Chomistek, B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, F. George, R. Owen, E. Wilson attending</i> |
| 13.05 | BRBC Watershed Mgmt Plan | - Tuesday, September 20 th , Brooks
- <i>A. Nielsen, N. Johnson, F. George, R. Owen, J. Culligan, E. Wilson and M. Jarvis Redelback attending</i> |

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

September 28, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of September, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Competitive Bid Procedures
- 8.08 Marshall Drain
- 8.09 Bow River Expansion

2011-09-155 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 August 24, 2011**

The following items were noted for correction:

- 3.01 Delete “It is not sure that the AUC would entertain input directly from landowners or not...” and insert “Whether the AUC would entertain input directly from landowners or not is unknown...”
- 7.03 Duplicate phrase, remove “of the”.

2011-09-156 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the August 24, 2011 Board Meeting be approved with corrections. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 One Time Payment to Leaseholders for Power Lines**

The concept of a one-time payment to leaseholders for power line installation was considered by the Board, but reasoned to not be of the same magnitude as oil and gas activity. Much of the work is to be carried out by helicopter in the winter months, with the long term disturbance being very minimal to a leaseholder/community grazing association. The majority of the impact is on the landowner and as such will retain the compensation.

3.02 Competitive Bid Procedures

J. Culligan enquired whether the District should modify its current bid/tender process to include a “local purchase preference” provision. E. Wilson agreed that it would be good to keep some contracts or purchases local for maintenance purposes, but asked how then would the District get competitive non-local bids? He added that the difficulty in drafting these sorts of guidelines would be in defining ‘local’, and setting the margins for deliberation if not going with low bid, amongst other factors. It was suggested this be further discussed at January’s Board Retreat.

4.0 AIPA Directors Meeting Report

C. Chomistek, A. Nielsen, B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen, and E. Wilson attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Magrath on September 19th. Mr. Chomistek reported that Broyce Jacobs, Parliamentary Assistant for Agriculture and Rural Development, gave a presentation at the meeting. AIPA donated \$11,000 to South Grow, an organization promoting economic growth south of the Bow River; and the Executive Committee has been asked to choose a PR firm to promote irrigation and has heard 3 proposals so far. The annual conference is planned for November 28th – 30th in Lethbridge, with the AGM on the 30th. It is hoped to have government representation at the conference.

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 August 31, 2011 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to August 31, 2011, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$32.8 million
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$19.7 million
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$13.1 million

2011-09-157 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

6.01 Monthly Report

An outage occurred in Jenner on September 17th which was traced to the Xpanserv Network and was corrected by them. The upgrade on the fibre connection at the main office went smoothly, and the office is now running at a 200 meg level. Upgrading the wireless link to the Brooks tower so the full 200 meg can be fed out to the network is in progress. Customers with remaining equipment changeovers have been given notice to have their posts in place by the end of October 2011 in order to receive the free upgrade.

[9:55 a.m. – 10:03 a.m. Short break; J. Meador and M. Porter entered the meeting.]

6.02 Request to Extend Fibre Optic Cable from County Office to EID Tower

Mr. Bridges presented a request to have a fibre optic line installed from the EID office to the Brooks tower. Installation would occur at the same time as the County's fibre optic line is being installed from the EID office to the new County office, with significant savings. This connection would allow the District to convert the licensed wireless link to an unlicensed link as backup only, allow increased capacity without additional costs, and greatly reduce any potential signal interference problems.

2011-09-158 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the installation of a fibre optic line from the Brooks tower to the EID office at an estimated cost of \$45,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.0 Operations Report

7.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

E. Wilson advised that 281,000 acre feet of water was diverted at the Bassano Dam, transferring to just shy of 1 foot per irrigated acre. Reservoirs are down approximately 25,000 acre feet from the beginning of the season. Newell and a couple other reservoirs will be raised slightly for winter levels. Currently 256 quarter sections are being irrigated, which is high for this time of year.

7.02 Water Shut Down Date

Results of the fax vote on the Water Shut Down Date were in the majority for Wednesday, October 12th. Advertizing began this week.

2011-09-159 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.03 Electronic Water Recording Demonstration

Mr. Wilson gave a demonstration of iDaRS (Irrigation Data Recording System), the computer program developed by Mark Porter which enables on-site, live data entry to the District's STORM data base. Mr. Porter was in attendance to also give comment and answer questions. The program concept was introduced to the Board in March and given the go-ahead for development. Water District Supervisors are currently using the new system and keeping traditional records simultaneously, and are giving input on the program. Finishing work on the program will continue through winter and a decision will be made whether to purchase laptops or iPads for the WDS. It will be fully operational for the 2012 water season. A number of questions and potential program options were responded to; further discussion will be required at the Board Retreat regarding water penalties, level of Water User access, etc. AIPA representatives will be invited to the EID for a demonstration of the program at a date to be determined.

[9:39 a.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

7.04 Farm Improvements

J. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

7.04.1 A. & M. Berg – SE 29-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 48 irrigation acres and 30 terminable acres under flood and wheels; new pivot area is 77 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 39 acres wheels and 9 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 Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,170 (39 acres wheels to pivot at 30/acre) + \$540 (9 acres at \$60/acre) = \$1,710. 29 terminable acres will need to be converted to irrigation acres, at \$100/acre = \$2,900. The remaining 1 terminable acre will be canceled. The new assessment on this parcel is 77 acres all under pivot.

2011-09-160 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for A. & M. Berg for the conversion of 48 acres wheels and flood to pivot in SE 29-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,710. The Capital Assets Charge is \$2,900. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

7.04.2 D. & D. Eckert – NW 14-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 109 acres flood; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 109 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. 24 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,540. The Capital Assets charge is \$7,200. New assessment on this quarter is 133 acres all under pivot.

2011-09-161 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. & D. Eckert for the conversion of 109 acres flood to pivot in NW 14-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,540. The Capital Assets Charge is \$7,200. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.04.3 L. Hirsch – SE 23-14-14 W4M

Current assessment is 135 acres flood; 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 2 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,980 (133 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre) - \$600 (2 acres at \$300/acre) = \$7,380.

2011-09-162 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. Hirsch for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in SE 23-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,380 Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[10:45 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering Report**8.08 Marshall Drain**

In follow up to the discussion in May, J. Culligan commented that the County's Economic Development Committee thought a proposed Marshall Drain project would be a good idea. The Board was in agreement to continue talks regarding a preliminary project proposal.

[11:00 a.m. G. Armstrong entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. George Armstrong Presentation re Scholarship Program

B. Chrumka welcomed George Armstrong to the meeting. Mr. Armstrong was in attendance to give comment on the District Scholarship Program; he began with his personal background and supplied handouts of student statistical data. Mr. Armstrong requested that the Board reconsider eligibility requirements for the Scholarship Program, suggesting that a broader range of applicants be allowed, ie. 1st and 2nd Years and Masters. A lengthy discussion was held, with the Board expounding on District requirements and policy development, and taking Mr. Armstrong's comments under advisement.

Additionally, Mr. Armstrong commented on the status of some of the canal bridges in the Bassano area; requesting that the EID work with the County and the Provincial Government to possibly rectify outstanding problems. Mr. Wilson confirmed that bridges are under the responsibility of the County and Provincial Government, with projects shared on a 25% / 75% basis respectively. A short discussion was also held on the District's oil and gas water hauling and access policy.

[11:56 a.m. G. Armstrong exited the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering Report cont'd.**8.09 Bow River Expansion**

The Bow River expansion project was given a short discussion by the Board.

8.01 Criteria for the Review and Selection of Projects for Rehabilitation Policy

Mr. Wilson presented a revised "Criteria for the Review and Selection of Projects for Rehabilitation Policy". An additional category was included "Potential for Water Savings", and the ratings for most categories were slightly revised to reflect the needs of the current rehabilitation program. This policy supersedes the 2003 policy.

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**Criteria for the Review and Selection of Projects
for Rehabilitation**

Policy Guidelines:

The District has established criteria that are used to assist in evaluating the condition of the irrigation infrastructure and to assist the directors in selecting projects for rehabilitation. The criteria area as follows:

Category	Rating
Farm Severance	0 - 5
Canal Seepage	0 - 11
Canal Capacity	0 - 11
Control Structures	0 - 12
Bank Width & Height	0 - 11
Access	0 - 5
Erosion	0 - 5
Resulting Damage if Not Rehabilitated	0 - 10
Potential for Reclamation of Soils	0 - 5
Size of Lateral	0 - 10
Potential for Water Savings	0 - 15
Score	100

Canals are rated using the preceding criteria and a priority listing is created taking into account the entire system being evaluated.

2011-09-163 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Criteria for the Review and Selection of Projects for Rehabilitation policy as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.02 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

E. Wilson also presented the "Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy", which is an amalgamation of the:

- Backfill of Abandoned Canals Policy (July 15, 2008),
- Farm Delivery Design Policy (November 16, 1999),
- Household and/or rural Water Use Turnout Policy (2003),
- Guidelines for Rights-of-Way, Easements policy (March 2, 2010), and
- Fencing Policy (2003).

This new policy updates turnout sizes to current standards, and also covers some areas not touched on in previous documents.

[12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch break]

The 7 page policy was reviewed and given considerable discussion.

2011-09-164 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.03 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the following Project Status adding that approximately 11 km of the planned 28 km of pipe has been installed for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Development project. The road construction was awarded to Broerson Construction and they plan to start construction October 1. The concrete structure is near complete. As well, 2 km of the 19 km County drainage project in Cassils is complete.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
South Bantry Drain	√	√	√	- complete last year's project that was postponed
John Ware (Reach A)		√		- 90% of ROW required is owned by EID
One Tree		90%		- EID owns all ROW required, will sign construction agreements with adjacent landholders
AH North Bantry				- preliminary alignments being investigated
PIPELINE				
13 Bow Slope	√	√	√	
02-C North Bantry	√	√		
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	√	√		
P Tilley	√	√		
05-H West Bantry	√	√		
AH North Bantry		90%		
15 East Branch				- preliminary alignments being investigated
01 Main Bantry				- preliminary alignments being investigated
03-02 Bow Slope				- preliminary alignments being investigated
17 Rolling Hills	√	√		- unresolved landowner issues

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km)	√	√		- EID owns all required ROW, contour plans to start construction Oct 15'11

8.04 Tender Results**8.04.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Development – Road Construction**

The contract was awarded to Broerson Construction.

Rolling Hills Reservoir Development – Road Construction	
Contractor	Tender
Broerson Construction	\$603,866.50
Newcom Earthmovers	\$660,768.32
Brooks Asphalt	\$739,145.00
Richardson Brothers	\$1,209,300.00

8.04.2 North Bantry – Contract 5

The contract was awarded to Contour Earthmoving.

North Bantry Canal Rehabilitation – Contract 5	
Contractor	Tender
Contour Earthmoving	\$3,134,500.00
Richardson Brothers	\$3,861,500.00
Morgan Construction	\$5,915,700.00

8.04.3 North Bantry – Contract 6

The contract was awarded to Contour Earthmoving.

North Bantry Canal Rehabilitation – Contract 6	
Contractor	Tender
Contour Earthmoving	\$1,935,000.00
Brooks Asphalt	\$2,211,800.00
Kowal Construction	\$2,692,000.00
Richardson Brothers	\$2,836,000.00
BYZ Enterprises	\$2,894,000.00
Morgan Construction	\$3,358,000.00

8.05 AH North Bantry

This rehabilitation projects begins 6.5 km east of Patricia at Sec. Hwy #544, running north westerly, and supplying 1,850 acres. The canal is overgrown, cattle beaten, and has limited access, with many of the drop structures needing replacement. Significant drainage into this canal causes flooding to adjacent landowners. Two options were looked at; the recommended rehabilitation would consist of installing an operational and emergency spillway near the top end and installing a closed PVC gravity pressure pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,850,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-09-165 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of AH North Bantry by installing a spillway and pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,850,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.06 John Ware – Reach A

This reach of the John Ware canal begins at the Springhill canal overflow near Hwy #36 and runs 4.5 km east to the golf course road, just north of Duchess. The canal potentially supplies 6,000 acres downstream and also is a main drainage canal for the Village of Duchess and area. The canal is overgrown, banks are being undermined and access is an issue. The recommended rehabilitation would consist of trimming, armouring and fencing the canal at an estimated cost of \$995,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-09-166 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of John Ware – Reach A by trimming and armouring the canal at an estimated cost of \$995,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.07 One Tree Canal

This rehabilitation project begins at Sec. Hwy #544 southwest of Millicent and continues northeast approximately 7 km. The current system has flow capacity problems. The proposed rehabilitation could consist of trimming and armouring at an estimated cost of \$2,637,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-09-167 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of One Tree Canal by trimming and armouring the canal at an estimated cost of \$2,637,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[2:18 p.m. – 2:26 p.m. R. Martin introduced to the Board a delegation from Cambodia, along with representatives from the County of Newell Economic Development Committee. Mr. Martin was giving the group a tour of the District and the delegation requested to meet with and thank the Board for this opportunity.]

[2:30 p.m. – 2:36 p.m. Short break.]

9.0 General Manager's Report

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

9.01 University of Alberta – Request for Support Letter

F. George has been asked if the EID would be willing to write a letter of support for the University of Alberta's Rangeland Research Institute program grant application. This research program includes the Mattheis ranch lands recently given to the U of A.

2011-09-168 Moved by F. George that the Board submit a letter of support regarding the U of A's proposed Rangeland Research Institute. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.02 Letter from Alberta Agriculture re Input on RAC Recommendation

A letter was received from Roger Hohm, Branch Head of the Irrigation Secretariat, inviting all irrigation district managers and chairs to attend a meeting to discuss the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Report and Recommendations on October 26th in Lethbridge. E. Wilson and B. Chrumka will attend.

9.03 RAC Recommendation

Applicable sections of the plan were copied to Directors; the document [*Advice to the Government of Alberta for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan*] in its entirety is available to download. A short discussion followed, with Mr. Wilson summarizing that he is in agreement with these recommendations.

9.04 Irrigation Development**9.04.1 Irrigation Development in Gem**

The 3 quarters in Gem which were soil tested all passed, with the majority of the soils being L2. Three additional quarters could be considered as well. It was recommended that the Board tour this area before any further direction is given as there are some issues with the parcels.

9.04.2 #8139 Dry Lease – SE 09-21-14 W4M

The soils testing failed. After discussion it was decided that this Dryland Farm Lease will be put up for tender at the end of the year when it expires, as a long term Private Grazing Lease, for 12 years (expiring with the other private grazing leases), and as having an option to renew for a further 15 years.

2011-09-169 Moved by J. Culligan that Dryland Farm Lease #8139 be converted to a long term Private Grazing Lease, term coinciding with the other long term leases and with the option to renew for a further 15 years. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.05 October Board Meeting Date

The October Board Meeting needs to be moved due to the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Meeting. The Board Meeting will be moved to Monday, October 24th.

9.06 Scholarship Committee Meeting Date

Scholarship Application deadline is September 30th. The Selection Committee Meeting will be set once applications have been copied to committee members.

9.07 Letter from WID

A letter was received from the Chair of the Western Irrigation District requesting that the EID reconsider terminating its Partners in Habitat Development program in other districts. Through a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to continue the PHD program within the EID, but to not facilitate the program in other districts.

9.08 Board & Management Retreat

A retreat will be planned for early January in Banff to discuss a variety of topics.

10.0 Upcoming Events

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| 10.01 | County of Newell Water Project
Ground Breaking Ceremony & BBQ | - Friday, October 14 th , 11:00 a.m., Duchess Golf Course
<i>[R. Owen & J. Culligan attending]</i> |
| 10.02 | EID Board Tour | - Wednesday, October 19 th |
| 10.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, October 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 10.04 | S SK Reg Plan Report & Recomm.
- Consultation Meeting | - Wednesday, October 26 th , 11:00 a.m.
<i>[Bob and Earl attending]</i> |
| 10.05 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - TBA |
| 10.06 | November Board Meeting | - Wednesday, November 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 10.07 | AIPA Conference | - November 29 th & 30 th , Lethbridge Lodge |

F. George moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

October 24, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of October, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy
- 3.02 AIPA Directors Meeting
- 8.03 Parcel to be Offered for Sale at Lake Newell Resort
- 10.0 Mousset vs Nygaard
- 11.0 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

2011-10-170 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 September 28, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-10-171 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the September 28, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

Directors revisited this policy to give further discussion in regards to design capacity for pipelines. It was emphasized that adequate capacity be available for possible future demand on any given pipeline, for example adding corner systems to pivots. Engineering was confident that the slightly decreased capacity numbers are still more than adequate to allow for some expansion, as these numbers better reflect the irrigation methods of today; and reasoned that over sizing pipelines would result in escalated project costs. Directors requested additional information. AH North Bantry and 13 Bow Slope will be redesigned with additional capacity and this information presented to the Board at a future meeting.

3.02 AIPA Directors Meeting

Mr. Culligan asked for clarification on a couple of PR items highlighted at the AIPA Directors Meeting last month, namely what was the process for hiring a PR firm, and what was the \$11,000 funding for? C. Chomistek responded that the PR firms were interviewed by the Executive Director and then chosen through Executive Council. The \$11,000 funding was granted to

SouthGrow, an organization which fosters economic development and sustainability in south central Alberta.

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 September 30, 2011 Financial Statements

K. Bridges presented the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2011, noting that these financial reports were generated based on September 30, 2011 information in the accounting system as of October 14, 2011. Month end and year end accounting work is continuing and it is planned to present that along with the auditors' report at the January Board Meeting. Mr. Bridges noted the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$35.1 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$21.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$13.3 million.

Administration responded to a number of questions.

2011-10-172 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2011, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[10:17 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. Short break.]

4.02 Letters from the Auditor

The firm of Bevan, Halbert, Gerrard and Mossey, Chartered Accountants, has been appointed to complete the audit of the EID's 2011 financial statements. Two letters were presented to the Board, one outlining the terms and conditions of the firm's audit, and the other confirming the firm's independence from the District.

2011-10-173 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board receive as information, the audit engagement and auditor independence letters dated September 30, 2011 from the firm of Bevan, Halbert, Gerrard and Mossey, Chartered Accountants. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

Customer accounts are up to 1,217 as of October 1st. The network has been running very smoothly. A new equipment changeover notice has been sent out to the remaining customers. Due to the technician's injury, the department has only been able to complete new installs and repairs as needed and has not been able to designate time to changeovers.

[10:33 a.m. J. Meador entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations Report

6.01 Farm Improvements

Mr. Meador presented the following Farm Improvements.

6.01.1 D. & J. Endersby – SW 11-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 96 acres flood; new corner arm wiper pivot area is 93 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 93 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 keep the 3 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,540 (93 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre) - \$900 (3 acres at \$300/acre) = \$4,680.

2011-10-174 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for D. & J. Endersby for the conversion of 93 acres flood to pivot in SW 11-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,680. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

6.01.2 W. Fraser – NW 36-22-17 W4M

Current assessment is 142 acres flood; new wiper 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 Water User is wishing to keep the 13 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740 (129 acres flood to pivot at \$60/acre) - \$3,900 (13 acres at \$300/acre) = \$3,840.

2011-10-175 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for W. Fraser for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in NW 36-22-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,840. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.01.3 T. & J. Grove – SE 26 & Pt. NE 23-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 131 acres wheels; new pivot area is 139 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 131 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. Shut-offs are required to prevent watering the canal bank. 8 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from wheels to pivot and are at a Capital Assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,930. The Capital Assets charge is \$2,400. New assessment on this parcel is 139 acres, all under pivot.

2011-10-176 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for T. & J. Grove for the conversion of 131 acres wheels to pivot in SE 26 & Pt. NE 23-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,930. The Capital Assets charge is \$2,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.01.4 S. & J. Skanderup – SE 05-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 115 acres flood north of drain and 20 acres flood south of drain; new wiper pivot area is 118 acres north of the drain. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 118 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 keep the 20 acres south of the drain as they are fed from a separate delivery. 3 additional acres are needed for the pivot area; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and are at a Capital Assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,900. The Capital Assets charge is \$900. New assessment on this quarter is 138 acres.

2011-10-177 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S. & J. Skanderup for the conversion of 115 acres flood to pivot in SE 05-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,900. The Capital Assets charge is \$900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.01.5 K. & C. Torkelson – SE 17-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 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 the 13 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800. New assessment on this quarter is 130 acres.

2011-10-178 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for K. & C. Torkelson for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in SE 17-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2011-10-179 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of K. & C. Torkelson's 13 acres of water rights on SE 17-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 13 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$9,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.01.6 R. & D. Torkelson – NE 20-17-13 W4M

This Farm Improvement was previously applied for but the penalties for keeping the extra acres canceled the grant. The pivot has been up for 4 years. Current assessment is 139 acres; pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 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. The Water User is choosing to sell the 15 acres in corners back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,720. New assessment on this quarter is 124 acres all under pivot.

2011-10-180 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for R. & D. Torkelson for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to pivot in NE 20-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,720. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-10-181 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of R. & D. Torkelson's 15 acres of water rights on NE 20-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 15 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$10,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.01.7 R. & D. Torkelson – SE 20-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 133 acres wheels; new pivot area is 114 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 114 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. The Water User is wishing to keep 2 acres at a deduction of \$300/acre, and sell 17 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,420 (114 acres wheels to pivot at \$30/acre) - \$600 (2 acres at \$300/acre) = \$2,820. New assessment on this quarter is 116 acres.

2011-10-182 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for R. & D. Torkelson for the conversion of 114 acres wheels to pivot in SE 20-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,820. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2011-10-183 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of R. & D. Torkelson's 17 acres of water rights on SE 20-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 17 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$11,900. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[10:59 a.m. J. Meador exited the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering Report

7.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the following Project Status adding that approximately 21 km of the planned 28 km of pipe has been installed for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Development project. 2 km of the 8.5 km road construction is complete. The 2 km Drain Relocation for Ed and Dean Martin commenced construction October 17th. As well, due to practicality reasons, preliminary work will be done on some projects this fall prior to project approval.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
South Bantry Drain	√	√	√	- complete last year's project that was postponed
John Ware (Reach A)	√	√	√	- construction commenced October 19 th
One Tree	√	√	√	- EID owns all ROW required, will sign construction agreements with adjacent landholders
PIPELINE				
13 Bow Slope	√	√	√	
02-C North Bantry	√	√	√	
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	√	√		
P Tilley	√	√	90%	
05-H West Bantry	√	√	√	
AH North Bantry	√	90%		
15 East Branch				- preliminary alignments being investigated
01 Main Bantry				- preliminary alignments being investigated
03-02 Bow Slope				- preliminary alignments being investigated
17 Rolling Hills	√	√		- unresolved landowner issues

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km)	√	√	√	- equipment on site and dewatering/stripping project

8.0 Lands

8.03 Parcel to be Offered for Sale at Lake Newell Resort

Mr. Bridges advised that only 1 offer was received on the 1.33 acre parcel for sale at Lake Newell Resort. The Board gave direction that this parcel of land be available for sale for an additional 60 days, then pulled off the market if the advised minimum price per acre is not received.

8.01 Assessment Report to September 30, 2011

Mr. Wilson presented the Assessment Report on behalf of R. Matoba to September 30, 2011. The irrigated acres for the land development subdivision parcels have now been added to the roll. The summary is as follows:

EID Water Roll			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2011	283,828	6,628	290,456
September 30, 2011	288,362	6,011	294,373
Net increase	4,534	< 617 >	3,917
Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			145
Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			4,062

2011-10-184 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Assessment Report to September 30, 2011. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.02 Grazing

Mr. Wilson presented the following grazing items on behalf of B. Hale.

8.02.1 Summary of 2011 Grazing Season

2011 was a cool, wet spring; runoff was excellent with all dugouts, sloughs and lakes being full, although the Bassano area had the least amount of rainfall. 2011 cattle numbered 16,601 head with a total of 295 members. 38 members dropped out and 12 new members joined. 2,200 acres were reseeded in the East Burns Field, and 2 small fires occurred in the leases. A 1 mile waterline was installed in the Duchess lease, and it was noted that fencing for 2011 was down considerably from 2010.

8.02.2 Set Total Number of Cattle

For the 2012 grazing season, it was recommended to set the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases at 80,000 AUM, which translates to 16,000 head over 5 months. It is expected that numbers will be in the range of 72 or 75 head per full member.

2011-10-185 Moved by A. Nielsen that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 80,000 AUM for the 2012 grazing season. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Quotes on Trucks

E. Wilson presented quotes from 6 dealerships for ½ ton, ¾ ton and 1 ton trucks. The lowest quote was approved for purchase.

Dealer	½ Ton	¾ Ton	1 Ton	450 Gas	450 Diesel	550
Harwood Ford	\$31,419.00	\$39,919.00	\$36,699.00	-	-	\$56,049.00
Rodeo Ford	\$26,639.25	\$31,184.00	\$34,739.25	\$38,312.25	\$48,570.25 \$46,437.25	\$48,905.25
Brooks Motor Products	\$27,056.66	\$33,008.06	\$33,250.61	-	-	-

Murray Chevrolet	\$24,455.00	\$30,189.00	\$30,697.00	-	-	-
Martin Chrysler	\$22,699.00	\$26,490.00	\$27,852.00	-	\$40,853.00	\$43,125.00
Lethbridge Dodge	\$22,740.00 + \$257.00	\$27,036.00 + \$257.00	\$28,051.00 + \$257.00	-	\$41,148.00	\$43,147.00

2011-10-186 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase five ½ ton trucks, four ¾ ton trucks, one 1 ton truck and one 550 diesel truck from Martin Chrysler, for \$22,699.00, \$26,490.00, \$27,852.00 and \$43,125.00 each respectively. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.02 Bids on Grader

Mr. Wilson reviewed the bids received on the 2005 Caterpillar 14H Grader. The highest bid was approved.

Bidder	Amount
Canadian Public Auction	\$221,500.00
Ritchie Bros.	\$218,250.00
Michener Allen	\$171,800.00
George Perry	\$37,800.00

2011-10-187 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the acceptance of Canadian Public Auction's offer to purchase the 2005 Caterpillar Grader for \$221,500.00. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[11:51 a.m. – 12:26 p.m. Lunch break]

10.0 Mousset vs Nygaard

A letter to the Board was received from Peter and Yolanda Mousset. This case was reviewed and direction was given to Mr. Wilson on how to proceed.

11.0 Report on Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

F. George reported on a Crawling Valley Recreation Society meeting he recently attended. Overall the campground had a good year; it is running well and is well used. Financial statements will be submitted shortly.

12.0 General Manager's Report

12.01 Canal Bridges

This item was brought back for discussion from September's meeting and the Bassano bridges discussed. It was reviewed that the Alberta government transportation department and local municipality are responsible for bridges, and culverts over 4', on a 75% / 25% cost-share ratio. The EID is responsible for culverts under this size and where the District is requesting an increase in capacity.

12.02 Irrigation Development in Gem

As part of the Board Tour October 19th, Directors viewed the areas identified for potential irrigation development. The review of these areas continued in discussion.

[1:25 p.m. Don Watson and Rhonda Mackay entered the meeting.]

1:25 p.m. Operation Grassland Community Presentation

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Don Watson and Rhonda Mackay of Operation Grassland Community to the meeting. The representatives were in attendance to give information on their organization and to offer assistance to the EID if desired. Operation Grassland Community is a nonprofit, grassroots based habitat stewardship program of the Alberta Fish and Game Association. Through education, stewardship agreements and projects, they work directly with landowners to enhance and sustain habitat for native and at-risk species. A few questions were answered by Mr. Watson, followed by Mr. Chrumka thanking them for their presentation.

[1:59 p.m. D. Watson and R. Mackay exited the meeting.]

12.0 General Manager's Report cont'd.

12.02 Irrigation Development in Gem con'td.

Discussion continued, with it being requested that Engineering proceed with preliminary designs and cost estimates for the most feasible parcels and to bring this information back to the Board this winter.

[2:19 p.m. – 2:27 p.m. Short break.]

12.03 Marshall Drain

Mr. Wilson advised that he and B. Chrumka recently met with representatives of the City of Brooks and an agreement in principle was reached. The EID would design a project that would include proper storm water retention ponds and drainage surrounded by a native landscape, with the 2 groups then coordinating funding of the project.

12.04 Brooks Golf Course

As part of the Brooks Golf Course's redevelopment program this year, the District was approached with a request of in-kind work for 2 water areas. Mr. Wilson also noted that the EID Marshall drain at the golf course should be cleaned as well when rehabilitating the portion of the Marshall Drain to the west.

2011-10-188 Moved by N. Johnson that when the Marshall Drain is being rehabilitated, the District donates up to \$15,000 in-kind work to the Brooks Golf Course for their redevelopment work. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.05 County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative

In anticipation of the County's rural water program starting up, E. Wilson advised that a water license transfer would likely be required by the County by spring 2013. It is estimated that 500 – 700 acre feet of water will be sufficient as a municipal license for this program, but it is advisable that additional acre feet be included in the plebiscite to cover additional transfers to some villages, etc. which are or will be experiencing shortages in their licenses in the near future. These license transfers will be discussed further as more information becomes available to the District.

12.06 Bow Project

Mr. Wilson advised that he may be asked to help promote the Bow Project water management model. The Board was in agreement.

12.07 Staffing Update

E. Wilson noted that 2 hi hoe operators have been hired and have started work. An engineer has also been hired; he will begin work on November 14th.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Wednesday, October 26 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 13.02 | Cactus Pheasant Classic Opening Ceremonies | - Thursday, October 27 th , 6:15 p.m. |
| 13.03 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Friday, November 11 th , Griffin Park, 11:00 a.m. |
| 13.04 | November Board Meeting | - Wednesday, November 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.05 | AIPA Conference | - November 29 th & 30 th , Lethbridge Lodge |
| 13.06 | CRWUA Conference | - December 14 th – 16 th , Las Vegas |
| 13.07 | EID Staff Christmas Party | - Saturday, December 17 th , Heritage Inn |
| 13.08 | Christmas Reception for Elected Officials | - Tuesday, December 20 th , 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| 13.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, December 21 st , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.10 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Wednesday, December 21 st (tentative) |
| 13.11 | Board Retreat | - January 16 th – 18 th , 2012 |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

November 23, 2011 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of November, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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.

- Board In-Camera

[9:48 a.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.03 Proposed Office
- 4.04 AGM
- 13.01.4 Declining Membership
- 13.03 Screened Sand Available to Water Users

2011-11-189 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 24, 2011**

The following items were noted for correction:

- 12.04 Replace the last sentence with “Mr. Wilson also noted that the EID Marshall drain at the golf course should be cleaned as well when rehabilitating the portion of the Marshall Drain to the west.”
- 12.05 Replace “next spring” with “spring 2013”; “600 – 700 acre feet” with “500 – 700 acre feet”; and “an additional 200 acre feet” with “additional acre feet”.

2011-11-190 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the October 24, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 County of Newell Rural Water System Initiative**

J. Culligan stated that significant consideration is needed when proposing to transfer a portion of the District’s water license. E. Wilson agreed; adding that this can only proceed through considerable discussions with water users and a plebiscite. Additional discussion was held and further discussion will take place before any decisions regarding the District’s license are made.

4.0 AIPA**4.01 MLA Tour**

On November 9th C. Chomistek and E. Wilson attended an aerial tour of the irrigation districts, organized by Ray Danyluk, Minister of Transportation, and AIPA. The tour was well attended with over 15 MLA's and ministers, and 10 irrigation district representatives. Managers of the large districts gave narrative comment when over their areas; infrastructure and fields that were fall worked showed well. The group was also able to meet with Premier Redford after the tour. It proved to be a very informative day all around.

4.02 AIPA Executive Meeting with Minister Johnson

Ron McMullin and C. Chomistek met with government executives, real estate and legal representatives in regards to Bill 23, Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011. This Act references government expropriation to establish transportation and water corridors as long term planning for the province.

4.03 Proposed Office

It is being proposed that the AIPA lease a separate portion of the new LNID administration building which is being planned for construction next year. The offices would have a separate entrance but would have access to the LNID's boardroom. Board consensus was in agreement with this proposal. This item will be voted on at the AGM.

4.04 AGM

Directors were reminded that the AIPA Annual General Meeting will be held immediately after the conference on Wednesday, November 30th in the afternoon.

5.0 Financial Report**5.01 October 31, 2011 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements to October 31, 2011, noting the following:

- YTD total revenues are about \$3.4 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$1.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$1.56 million.

A few questions were responded to by administration.

2011-11-191 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.0 Parking for CPR Engineer's House

An email was received from Kathy Ramer requesting the use of adjacent EID land for parking for her CPR Engineer's House. As the District has been remediating these lands and preparing the property to be put up for sale, it was viewed that a caveat or agreement for parking may inhibit prospective buyers' interest and thus denied the request.

7.0 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 2011. Due to the fact that rent has been frozen for the past 3 years and that the local economy is recovering, the following motion was carried.

2011-11-192 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board offer leases for 2012 to Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive at a 2% increase, effective January 1, 2012. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.0 Sale of Excess EID Residences – Kitsim Acreage

Mr. Bridges advised that a conditional offer of \$300,000 plus GST has been accepted for the purchase of the Kitsim acreage. The Water District Supervisor and his family will move to the Rainier acreage and that property will be pulled off the market.

Noted as well, a conditional offer of \$18,200/acre has also been accepted for the purchase of the commercial parcel at Lake Newell Resort.

9.0 Bylaw 882 Setting the Date for the Election of Directors, Divisions 3 & 6

By-Law 882 (2011) was presented to the Board for the 2012 Election of Directors for Division 3 (Ross Owen) and Division 6 (Bob Chrumka) establishing the date for nominations of Directors ceasing on Thursday, March 29, 2012, with an election date if necessary on Friday, April 20, 2012.

2011-11-193 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw 882 (2011), 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 C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2011-11-194 Moved by F. George that Bylaw 882 (2011), be read the second time. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-11-195 Moved by N. Johnson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 882 (2011) this 23rd day of November, 2011. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2011-11-196 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw 882 (2011), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 EIDNet Report

All systems have been trouble free and the department continues to receive good feedback from customers. The upgrading program will continue, with the technician cleared to return to fieldwork.

11.0 Operations Report**11.01 Farm Improvements****11.01.1 Greg Klassen – NE 35-22-17 W4M**

Current assessment is 34 acres flood, 5 acres pivot; new wiper pivot area is 34 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 34 acres flood to pivot. The delivery site will be the same as the other pump site; an Irrigable Unit is already registered. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,040.

2011-11-197 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Greg Klassen for the conversion of 34 acres flood to pivot in Pt. NE 35-22-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,040. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

11.01.2 Dan Plumer – E ½ 18-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood in the NE and 32 acres flood in the SE; new pivot area is 139 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot. This piece of land is presently irrigated by flood in more than a dozen small fields. The pivot matches field boundaries fairly well, but the acres outside the pivot to the south will either be moved or deducted from the grant.

2011-11-198 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dan Plumer for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 18-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,340. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.0 Engineering Report

12.01 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

This policy was brought back for capacity discussion with examples of 02-C North Branch and 13 Bow Slope project re-designs. A lengthy discussion in general involved determining future capacity demands, increased project costs for upsizing, and energy savings for the farmer with increased pressure.

[11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break.]

It was determined to leave the policy as revised in September, and in the future to bring all projects to the Board with increased capacity options.

12.01.1 02-C North Branch – Redesign

This project will remain as originally designed.

12.01.2 13 Bow Slope – Redesign

This project will remain as originally designed.

12.02 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the following Project Status giving comment to various projects and noting that:

- All pipe is installed on the farmed land in the Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development. About 400 m of the new road, and the existing road upgrade remains. Pumps are installed on the structure and the earthen inlet is complete.
- The County drainage project in Cassils is now proceeding smoothly; power utilities need to be moved. Construction commenced on the main drainage trunk north of Rolling Hills.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
South Bantry Drain	√	√	√	- earthworks and armouring commenced
John Ware (Reach A)	√	√	√	- earthworks complete, armour installation, CSP crossing installs ongoing
One Tree	√	√	√	- City finished dumping, construction will start once dewatered
PIPELINE				
13 Bow Slope	√	√	√	
02-C North Bantry	√	√	√	- to start pipeline November 28 th
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	√	√		

P Tilley	√	√	√	
05-H West Bantry	√	√	√	
AH North Bantry	√	√	90%	- to start earthworks November 21 st
15 East Branch		√		- for approval this meeting
01 Main Bantry		√		- for approval this meeting
03-02 Bow Slope				- preliminary alignments being investigated
17 Rolling Hills	√	√		- unresolved landowner issues

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km)	√	√	√	- equipment on site and excavation has begun on contract 6

12.03 South Bantry Drain

E. Wilson described slope failure issues on the South Bantry Drain project where a deposit of soft silt clay approximately 3 – 5 m below the surface has proven unable to hold the weight of the soil above. When excavated, this unstable layer slides out at the bottom of the slope; in one instance 2 m in 2 days. The area is estimated to affect 400 m of the drain, with 60 m being extreme. Mr. Wilson has contracted engineering advice to help in the matter.

12.04 15 East Branch

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 20 km west of Brooks and is slated for the 2011/2012 construction year. The current system has potential for significant water savings. The recommended rehabilitation would consist of installing a closed gravity pipeline coming off the East Branch Canal and continuing east for approximately 2.7 km at an estimated cost of \$400,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-11-199 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 15 East Branch Canal by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$400,000; subject to the turnout for livestock watering be limited to 2". Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.05 01 Main Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located 4 km south of Brooks and is scheduled for the 2011/2012 construction year. The current system serves 117 irrigation acres and 10 terminable acres, has erosion issues, and potential for significant water savings. The terminable acres will either be converted to irrigation acres at \$100/acre, or canceled. The recommended rehabilitation would consist of installing a gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$180,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2011-11-200 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01 Main Bantry Canal by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$180,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.06 Drain Relocation – Tom Parker – NW 19-21-15 W4M

A request was received from Tom Parker to relocate his drain in NW 19-21-15 W4M; the drain currently runs through the northwest corner of the quarter. The proposal is to relocate the drain to run straight north tying into the County drain that has been constructed to accommodate this

relocation. The project is estimated to cost \$14,500; \$10,875 being paid by the District and \$3,625 being paid by the Landowner.

2011-11-201 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Tom Parker in NW 19-21-15 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.07 Darrell Owen Special Infrastructure Cost Share – NW 33-20-12 W4M

Darrell Owen presently has 43 terminable acres in NW 33-20-12 W4M and 9 terminable acres in SW 04-21-12 W4M, as well as a yard site in the northeast corner of NW 33. It is proposed to extend from the District's pipeline at the bottom of NE 33, under the Special Infrastructure Cost Share policy, on a 50:50 field turnout and 75:25 domestic turnout cost share basis. The 9 terminable acres in the SW 04 are to be consolidated into the NW 33 and converted to irrigation acres under pivot irrigation by December 1, 2016. The \$24,000 District's share will be offered to Mr. Owen to put his own system in, thereby owning and maintaining the extended pipeline, and freeing the District of a 300 m drain out line. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered on 4 parcels.

2011-11-202 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Cost Share for Darrell Owen in NW 33-20-12 W4M; subject to the following:

- to be funded \$24,000 by the EID and \$19,400 by the Landowner, with the Landowner constructing, owning and maintaining the pipeline;
- the 9 terminable acres in SW 04-21-12 W4M being consolidated with the 43 terminable acres in SW 33-20-12 W4M and converted to irrigation acres at \$100/acre capital assets charge, all under pivot irrigation by December 1, 2016; and
- if at the end of December 1, 2016 the pivot has not been installed, the landowner will return the \$24,000 to the EID.

Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

12.08 Pipeline to Serve Russell Douglass Lease #8268

Mr. Wilson advised that Russell Douglass has agreed to proceed with the deal offered in January 2010 as follows:

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

The project will be reviewed, agreement revised to fit the current timeline, and correspondence forwarded.

[1:50 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

13.0 Lands

13.01 Grazing

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

13.01.1 Fires in Community Pastures

Two fires occurred recently in the EID, one by the Princess Gas Plant in Twp 20 Rge 11 which started from a flare stack and burned approximately 50 – 60 acres of District land. With the strong winds at the time it was remarkable that no further grass was burned. The other fire

occurred east of the Rolling Hills Reservoir and burned 500 – 600 acres. Again, as this fire burned overnight it was also significant that this fire did not take more acres. It started on private land and spread into the Newell Grazing Association pasture. Mr. Hale will assess the damaged fences.

13.01.2 Email from Brent & Susan Gutfriend

An email was received from Brent and Susan Gutfriend requesting that due to the recent fire on their private grazing lease, they be allowed to run their cattle in the community lease for up to 3 years to allow the grass to recover fully. They are also asking that their private grazing lease fees be waived for 2012. As lessees bear the risk of damage to their leases, the community leases operate independently from private leases, and the burned area amounted to 10% of the entire lease, this request was denied.

[1:55 p.m. T. Jensen entered the meeting.]

13.01.3 Don MacIntyre Listing in Bantry Grazing Association

Mr. Hale advised that Don MacIntyre had listed to run 50 cows August 1st in the Bantry pasture but due to serious health issues he was unable to do so. The Bantry Grazing Association is in agreement with waiving all fees.

2011-11-203 Moved by R. Owen that the EID waive the community grazing fees for Don MacIntyre of the Bantry Grazing Association. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

13.01.4 Declining Membership

A discussion was held regarding the shrinking grazing association membership, with suggestions given to accommodate this trend. The idea of leasing out the Kitsim and Rock Lake pivots as irrigated leases instead of irrigated community pasture is to be discussed at the December GAC meeting and the December Regular Board Meeting.

[2:19 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

13.02 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary

T. Jensen presented the Oil and Gas Summary for October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011:

- new surface acquisitions – 145
- twinned wells – 90
- new pipelines – 763.83 acres (127.31 miles)
- seismic activity – 1 permit (5.10 miles)
- total payouts for well sites, pipelines & seismic activity to Grazing Associations and Private Leaseholders - \$105,249.40

After an imposed shut down for a month in early summer, Crew Energy has restructured and has been working well with the EID's guidelines. Cenovus is currently drilling in numerous locations throughout the District; and the power line installation is proceeding reasonably well. A number of questions were responded to.

[2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Short break, T. Jensen exited the meeting.]

13.03 Screened Sand Available to Water Users

C. Chomistek asked for clarification regarding the gravel that is available to Water Users from the Eyremore gravel pit. Mr. Wilson confirmed that it is the screened sand byproduct only which is available to Water Users free of charge, maximum 100 cubic yards.

14.0 Irrigation Applications for 2012

E. Wilson presented the 5 irrigation applications received, in order of rating. The Capital Assets Charge for acres added through efficiency gains and intensification (less than 50 acres per irrigable unit where there is existing irrigation) is \$300/acre. The Capital Assets Charge for new parcels or parcels receiving more than 50 additional acres is \$700/acre.

14.01 Hutterian Brethren of Springview – NW 30 & SW 31-23-16 W4M

The applicants are applying to transfer 100 of their own irrigation acres, 15 efficiency acres from a wheels to pivot conversion, and add 27 new irrigation acres to NW 30 & SW 31-23-16 W4M to be under a 142 acre pivot. Soils have been done and pass for both quarters. The applicants have already received their maximum number of new irrigation acres.

14.02 Robert Milne – NE 32-23-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 64 flood irrigation acres in NE 32 and 10 flood irrigation acres in NE 33-23-15 W4M and is proposing to install a 134 acre pivot in the NE quarter. He is applying for 19 efficiency acres for converting from flood to pivot, and 41 new irrigation acres. Approval is conditional on soils.

2011-11-204 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the following Applications for Water:

- **Hutterian Brethren of Springview – NW 30 & SW 31-23-16 W4M – no new irrigation acres will be granted; irrigation acres may be transferred in and efficiency acres added, with pivot sized to fit; and**
- **Robert Milne – NE 33-23-15 W4M – subject to soils.**

Seconded R. Owen. **CARRIED**

14.03 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Barry Fleming) – SW 07-17-15 W4M

This application was disqualified as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

14.04 James Buteau – NE 25-18-16 W4M

This application was disqualified as the applicant has already received his maximum number of new irrigation acres.

14.05 Brenan Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M

This application was disqualified as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

15.0 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan

E. Wilson presented the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan for the years 2012/2013 through 2014/2015. Mr. Wilson noted that the first year's level of spending is not sustainable in the long term. It was intended to not be too aggressive with this plan in order to give adequate time to accomplish drainage work. Projects were defined under 5 categories:

- medium to large laterals that have not been done
 - large drains / spillways
 - small pipeline extensions or small laterals
 - medium and small drainage systems
 - systems that have been rehabbed 20 – 30 years ago that potentially could be pipelined today
- An overview of the plan was given, with some discussion held. It will be brought back to the December 6th Special Board Meeting for further review and approval.

16.0 General Manager's Report**16.01 Retreat Topics**

The Board Retreat will be held at the Banff Park Lodge, January 16th – 18th.

16.02 Meeting with County Council

A meeting with County Council will be advisable come late winter or early spring to discuss drainage priorities, potential water license needs, etc.

16.03 Budget Meeting

A Special Directors Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the budget and the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan. Packages will be delivered next week.

16.04 Meeting with Ministers of Environment & Agriculture, & MLA Doerksen

A meeting has been requested with the new Minister of Environment, Diana McQueen, and new Minister of Agriculture, Evan Berger, and along with MLA Arno Doerksen to brief them on the issues of irrigated agriculture in southern Alberta. This meeting will likely occur after the New Year.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | AIPA Conference | - November 29 th & 30 th , Lethbridge Lodge |
| 17.02 | Special Mtg (Budget discussion) | - Tuesday, December 6 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.03 | CRWUA Conference | - December 14 th – 16 th , Las Vegas |
| 17.04 | EID Staff Christmas Party | - Saturday, December 17 th , Heritage Inn |
| 17.05 | Christmas Reception for Elected Officials | - Tuesday, December 20 th , 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| 17.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, December 21 st , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.07 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Wednesday, December 21 st , 5:00 p.m. |
| 17.08 | Board Retreat | - January 16 th – 18 th , 2012 |
| 17.09 | Regular Board Meeting & Mtg with Auditor | - Wednesday, January 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

December 6, 2011 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 6th day of December, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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.

- Board In-Camera with E. Wilson.

[9:30 a.m. K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

1.0 Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Administration is completing the applications to renew the District's insurance policies. K. Bridges reviewed pertinent questions with the Directors and Officers in order to gather information necessary to complete the application. E. Wilson recommended adding Ivan Friesen to the EID's list of officers authorized to sign on behalf of the District.

2011-12-205 Moved by A. Nielsen that Ivan Friesen, Assistant General Manager – Engineering, be added to the EID's list of signing officers. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

A resolution for financial institutions will be brought to the December 21st meeting.

2.0 2011/2012 Budget Discussion

E. Wilson presented the preliminary budget, welcoming comment and questions from Directors. Each department was reviewed and pertinent items highlighted.

[10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Short break.]

Extensive discussion continued on a variety of items.

[12:02 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break.]

Special projects were highlighted and discussed. The final budget will be brought to the Board for approval at the December 21st meeting; Directors were encouraged to contact administration if they had any further questions.

3.0 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan

This plan was presented at the November meeting; Mr. Wilson gave further review and asked for comments. Discussion was held on a number of items. It was requested that the second half of the Sauki Spillway project be moved ahead 1 year, and that the Marshall Drain project be split over 2 years.

2011-12-206 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan as revised for years 2012/2013 to 2014/2015. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[1:50 p.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen, W. Enns exited the meeting.]

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

December 21, 2011 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21st day of December, 2011. 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 GM – Admin
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist GM – Eng
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.

- Board In-Camera

[9:48 a.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9.0 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 11.0 Irrigation Applications for Small Parcels

2011-12-207 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 November 23, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-12-208 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the November 23, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.02 December 6, 2011

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2011-12-209 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the December 6, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

A short discussion clarified a grazing lease matter.

4.0 2011/2012 Budget Approval

A revised budget was presented to Directors as per December 6th's meeting. Discussion continued on a few items. It was requested that the GAC meeting expenses be listed under Land Administration. It was also agreed to increase the rate from \$40 to \$100 per GAC meeting.

2011-12-210 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board of Directors approve the 2011/2012 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

5.01 Project Status

Various projects were commented on, noting that construction is going very well. There is lots of County drainage work to be done, including plenty that still needs to be surveyed.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
South Bantry Drain	- approximately 500 m remains uncompleted and is still waiting on recommendations for the remedial work
John Ware (Reach A)	- earthworks and armouring complete, CSP crossings yet to be installed
One Tree	- approximately 1.0 km of 7.5 km trimmed
PIPELINE	
Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development	- approximately 3.5 km of pipeline remain; pump house should be closed in by Christmas; electrical, mechanical remain
13 Bow Slope	- commenced construction
02-C North Bantry	- complete
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	- ready for construction
P Tilley	- ready for construction
05-H West Bantry	- ready for construction
AH North Bantry	- existing canal earthworks & armouring complete, new spill earthworks should be near complete by Christmas break and will be rip-rapped after Christmas; pipeline will start beginning of March
15 East Branch	- ready for construction
01 Main Bantry	- ready for construction
03-02 Bow Slope	- preliminary alignments being investigated
17 Rolling Hills	- unresolved landowner issues

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km) Contour Earthmoving	- Contract 6 (6.5 km) earthworks is largely complete, and they have started to armour - Contract 5 (9.5 km) will be mainly untouched until the New Year

COUNTY DRAINAGE	
Project Name	Comments
Patricia	- complete
Cassils	- 16 of 19 km complete, some CSP crossing yet to be installed
Rolling Hills	- 4.5 of 49 km complete (EID main trunk); design of remainder complete
Bantry	- survey and design complete
Scandia	- survey complete

5.02 Tender Results – Lower Bow Slope & Scott Canal Tailouts

The tender results for the Lower Bow Slope & Scott Canal Tailouts project were presented. The contract will be awarded to Robin Hansen Construction.

LOWER BOW SLOPE & SCOTT CANAL TAILOUTS - TENDER RESULTS	
Bidder	Amount
Robin Hansen Construction	\$232,000
Charmar Enterprises Inc.	\$339,000

5.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2012/13 to 2014/15

The District's IRP 3-Year Plan for the construction years 2012/13 to 2014/15 was presented. Completed projects and continuing projects are listed in the report, with new projects as follows:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2012/13	Secondary B Springhill	\$4,000,000
	#1064 Check / Chute	\$1,500,000
Proposed Year 2 2013/14	AH North Bantry	\$7,000,000
Proposed Year 3 2014/15	J West Bantry	\$7,000,000

2011-12-211 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2012/13 to 2014/15. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 November 30, 2011 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to November 30, 2011 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$6.5 million.

- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$3.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$3.2 million.

2011-12-212 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2011, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2011

The market value of the District's investments at September 30, 2011 is \$14.8 million less than at September 30, 2010. Some investments have been liquidated to meet the District's capital and operating requirements. As well, more funds are being held in the chequing accounts as daily interest rates are competitive with 1 year GIC's. It was requested by the Board that the Investment Policy be brought back in January for review. One item for consideration will be whether to retain the \$7 million maximum investment per issuer or change this limit to a percentage of the total portfolio.

2011-12-213 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.03 Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy

The signing officer titles have been revised to include Ivan Friesen, Assistant General Manager – Engineering.

EID POLICY MANUAL

ADMIN	Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy	Revised Dec 21 11 <i>[supersedes 2003]</i>
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Policy Guidelines:

- 1.0 Each of the following positions is designated as a Signing Officer for the Eastern Irrigation District:
 - Chairman, Board of Directors,
 - Vice Chairman, Board of Directors,
 - General Manager,
 - Assistant General Manager or Assistant General Managers, if there is more than one Assistant General Manager position.
- 2.0 Each of the following positions is designated as a Corporate Officer of the Eastern Irrigation District:
 - General Manager,
 - Assistant General Manager or Assistant General Managers, if there is more than one Assistant General Manager position.

2011-12-214 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.04 General Manager Delegation of Duties Policy

Directors requested that more information be gathered and that this policy be brought back at a later date for further discussion.

2011-12-215 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the General Manager Delegation of Duties Policy as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. (TABLED)

2011-12-216 Moved by F. George that Motion 2011-12-215 be tabled to the next meeting. CARRIED

6.05 Changing Signing Officers – Various Investment Accounts

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

2011-12-217 Moved by J. Culligan that one or more accounts in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

- a) ATB Securities Inc.,
- b) Alberta Treasury Branches and ATB Financial,
- c) Bank of Nova Scotia,
- d) BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.,
- e) Chinook Credit Union Ltd.,
- f) Scotia Capital Inc. and ScotiaMcLeod,
- g) Servus Credit Union Ltd., and
- h) Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and Sun Life Financial Trust Inc.

And that any 2 of the District's signing officers be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to enter orders, give instructions, sign documents, buy, sell, withdraw assets and trade in bonds, stripped coupons, debentures, guaranteed investments, corporate securities and any other investments and/or securities and/or contracts relating thereto having a minimum investment grade rating as set out in the District's Investment Policy, by exchange or otherwise, for the account and risk of the District and the District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of this authorization;

And that any withdrawals from the said accounts shall be made payable only to the Eastern Irrigation District;

And that all of the above-listed actions carried out on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District shall be valid and binding on the Eastern Irrigation District;

And that this authorization shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of revocation thereof shall have been filed by the Eastern Irrigation District with the appropriate branch of ATB Securities Inc.; Alberta Treasury Branches; ATB Financial; Bank of Nova Scotia; BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.; BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.; Chinook Credit Union Ltd., Scotia Capital Inc.; ScotiaMcLeod; Servus Credit Union Ltd.; Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada or Sun Life Financial Trust Inc. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

6.06 Change of Signing Officers – ATB Financial

ATB is requiring a new account application and new banking resolution to update the District's current account.

2011-12-218 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Incorporated Society and Municipal Body Agreement, Banking Resolution and Business / Agriculture Account application dated December 21, 2011 with Alberta Treasury Branches be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.07 2012 Rates Bylaw

The proposed 2012 Rates Bylaw was presented, which is based on a '0' water rate. It was requested by Directors that the Rolling Hills Reservoir Pressure System be added to clause 9, and that all pressure system rates be raised from \$3.50 per acre to \$4.50 per acre.

Eastern Irrigation District
BYLAW 883 (2011)

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 “**2012 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 **\$4.50** per acre
 - (b) 03 East Branch Pressure System **\$4.50** per acre
 - (c) Springhill Pressure System **\$4.50** per acre
 - (d) Rolling Hills Reservoir Pressure System **\$4.50** 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 **879 (2010)** is hereby repealed.
13. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

2011-12-219 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #883 (2011) be introduced and read the first time this 21st day of December 2011. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2011-12-220 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #883 (2011) the second time this 21st day of December 2011. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2011-12-221 Moved by N. Johnson that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #883 (2011) this 21st day of December 2011. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2011-12-222 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #883 (2011), 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 C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.08 2012 Fees Bylaw

The proposed 2012 Fee Bylaw was presented. It was requested by Directors that the Country Residential clause under point 6 be more clearly stated as "mechanical" pressurized system, and revised to \$100/ac ft = \$500, with \$300 minimum after July 15th.

Eastern Irrigation District
BYLAW 884 (2011)

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 “**2012 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 15th day of July, shall be \$195.00.
 - (c) Each single parcel of land or individual country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement and that is served by a pressurized water conveyance system shall be charged **\$450.00** per year. The fee for this type of Household Purposes agreement, if issued on or after the 15th day of July, shall be \$275.00.
 - (d) Each country residential parcel that is subject to a household purposes agreement and that is located in a subdivision, comprised of 3 or more individual country residential lots, where all parcels are served through a common storage reservoir, shall be charged **\$226.00** per parcel per year. The fee for this type of Household Purposes agreement, if issued on or after the 15th day of July, shall be \$163.00.
4.
 - (a) Each Household Purposes agreement fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw is due and payable in full by the later of the 30th day of April in each year, the due date shown on the applicable invoice, 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 30th day of April. In the event a Household Purposes agreement or an invoice for a Household Purposes agreement is issued after the first day of April in any year, a discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to such invoice

provided the current year's Household Purposes agreement fee is paid in full within 30 calendar days of the date of such invoice.

- (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.
- (d) In the event any Household Purposes agreement fee is not paid in full by the due date specified in clause 4(a) above, the District's General Manager may cancel the agreement or otherwise suspend service under the agreement. In the event that an agreement is cancelled or service is suspended, the agreement holder, prior to service being reinstated, shall pay a penalty of \$250.00, plus any outstanding amount on the agreement holder's account, plus any costs incurred by the District in collecting the outstanding amount, plus any costs incurred by the District in canceling the agreement and in discontinuing, suspending and reinstating service.

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

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

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

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee Per Acre Foot</u>	<u>Minimum Charge Per Agreement</u>
Farmyard Water	\$0	\$0
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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 th day of July, shall be	\$185.00
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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 th day of July, shall be	\$200.00
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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 th day of July, shall be	\$200.00
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Country Residential – served by mechanical pressurized system	Base charge of \$200.00 plus \$100/ac ft.	\$500.00
	The minimum charge for this type of Rural Water Use agreement, if issued on or after the 15 th day of July, shall be	\$300.00
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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 th day of July, shall be	\$250.00
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- (a) Each Rural Water Use agreement fee charged pursuant to this Bylaw is due and payable in full by the later of the 30th day of April in each year, the due date shown on the applicable invoice, 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 30th of April. In the event a Rural Water Use agreement or an invoice for a Rural Water Use agreement is issued after the first day of April in any year, a discount in the amount of \$100.00 shall be applied to such invoice provided the current year's Rural Water Use agreement fee is paid in full within 30 calendar days of the date of such invoice.

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- (c) In the event there is a past due amount on any Rural Water Use 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.
- (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 **880 (2010)** is hereby repealed.
15. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

2011-12-223 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #884 (2011) be introduced and read the first time this 21st day of December 2011. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2011-12-224 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #884 (2011) the second time this 21st day of December 2011. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2011-12-225 Moved by C. Chomistek that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #884 (2011) this 21st day of December 2011. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2011-12-226 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw #884 (2011), 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 C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[11:40 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch break; B. Hale entered the meeting, N. Johnson had not rejoined the meeting.]

7.0 Lands

7.01 Grazing

Mr. Hale was in attendance to present the following Grazing Report.

7.01.1 Report on GAC Meeting

A GAC Meeting was held Thursday, December 15th. A survey of association fees was taken for comparison, with fees ranging from \$85 to just over \$100 per cow per year. Lengthy discussion was held on eligibility requirements (as referenced to in 7.01.3). The June 15th late entry rate of 1.25 will be brought back for further discussion in 2012. It was agreed to rent out the 2 Kitsim pivots as irrigated farm lease(s), with the lessee(s) being allowed to break the land in the fall of 2012. A short discussion was held on the merits of keeping 10 grazing associations; with only 1 or 2 associations seeing the advantages of partial amalgamation.

7.01.2 Applications for 2012

It was noted that the 16,766 total cows for 2012 may decrease somewhat by spring.

Association	2011	2012	Difference	2011 Members	2012 Members	Difference
Bantry	622	607	- 15	13	12	- 1
Bassano	1,108	932	- 176	20	17	- 3
Duchess	1,217	1,112	- 105	21	20	- 1
Eyremore	1,528	1,747	+ 219	24	25	+ 1

Gem	2,511	2,668	+ 157	41	42	+ 1
Newell	2,306	2,585	+ 279	38	38	0
Patricia	2,839	2,768	- 71	51	49	- 2
Rolling Hills	1,408	1,423	+ 15	29	26	- 3
Rosemary	1,780	1,745	- 35	34	29	- 5
Tilley	1,282	1,179	- 103	24	20	- 4
Totals	16,601	16,766	+ 165	295	278	- 17

[1:30 p.m. N. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

7.01.3 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures

The eligibility requirements of the grazing policy were discussed at length at the GAC Meeting in light of applications received for the Tilley community pasture, and was carried through to the Board of Directors meeting. Matters having been identified to be reviewed at the 2012 spring GAC Meeting, then brought back to the Board for official clarification/revision of the policy, are:

- cattle ownership (signing authority)
- brand ownership
- individual brands vs family brands
- eligibility as renters
- renting from landowners who have a Private Grazing Lease

7.01.4 Set Grazing Number per Member

With applications close to 16,500 head, it was advised to set the maximums at 75, 50 and 25 for early entries, 94, 63 and 31 for June 15th entries, and 140, 93 and 47 for August 1st entries. Grazing associations were in favour of these numbers.

2011-12-227 **Moved by J. Culligan that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2012 grazing season be set at 75 for full members, 50 for 2nd year members, and 25 for 1st year members. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

7.01.5 Set AUM Grazing Rate

A rate of \$10.50/AUM was recommended to balance the 2011 grazing expenses over a total allotment in 2012 of approximately 16,500 head.

2011-12-228 **Moved by J. Culligan that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2012 season be set at \$10.50/AUM. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

[2:18 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

8.0 GM Report

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

8.01 Les Douglass – Request to Trade Land – SE 18-24-16 W4M

A letter was received from Les Douglass proposing a new land trade for his quarter in the Gem Community Pasture in SE 18-24-16 W4M for District land in SW 32-23-15 W4M. Water rights, oil and gas wells and other variables were included in the proposal and discussed. B. Chrumka requested that maps be drawn up on Mr. Douglass's current proposal, as well as on previous offers. This information is to be brought back to a later meeting.

8.02 Alberta Government Review of Bills 50, 36 & 17

The Provincial government is hosting a Property Rights Task Force Public Meeting at the Heritage Inn on Monday, January 16th. A Special Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 5th to discuss the District's position regarding the Province's critical needs utility corridors. A few directors will be attending this review.

[2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Short break.]

8.03 Bantry Bay Estates

The developer of Bantry Bay Estates has advised that the project has been revived and reiterated their request to purchase adjacent land for a sewage lagoon. Mr. Wilson informed them that the Board's position had not changed, that the District would not be selling land for this purpose, and that the preference is for the sewage to be pipelined to Brooks.

9.0 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen advised that a survey has been developed for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, and that the EID has been requested to complete a section of this survey. Mr. Owen will draft a response and bring it back to the Board.

10.0 Irrigable Unit Discharge – C.O. Johnson & Sons - NW 13, SE 23 & S ½ 24-15-15 W4M

A current Irrigable Unit is registered on 4 quarters in NW 13, SE 23 & S ½ 24-15-15 W4M. In 2009, irrigation development was approved on 2 additional quarters requiring the same delivery, N ½ 24-15-15 W4M, with an Irrigable Unit being registered on all 6 quarters. Therefore, the previous Irrigable Unit is required to be discharged.

2011-12-229 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of the irrigable unit on NW 13-15-15 W4M, SE 23-15-15 W4M, SE 24-15-15 W4M and SW 24-15-15 W4M, lands being owned by C.O. Johnson and Sons Ranches Ltd. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.0 Irrigation Applications for Small Parcels

C. Chomistek enquired how irrigation applications for small parcels are evaluated. It was suggested that applications for small parcels of land will likely become more prevalent with corner arms being added to pivots, and efficiency of land on all parcels becoming more valuable. Mr. Wilson referred to the "Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines" policy where a rating system is used; adding that consideration is given to each application's individual aspects as well.

[3:20 p.m. R. Martin entered the meeting.]

12.0 2011 PHD Year End Summary

R. Martin presented the Partners in Habitat Year End Summary for 2011, noting that 24 projects were worked on within the irrigation districts of southern Alberta. Within the EID in 2011 the PHD:

- worked on 1 construction project
- worked on 10 tree/shrub planting projects (7 including fencing)
- planted a total of 11,592 trees/shrubs
- constructed 10 fencing projects (3 for 2012 planting sites) for a total of 10,120 m

For 2012:

- substantial water user interest in the program has been noted
- 18,000 trees/shrubs for 2012 (50% increase) have been ordered
- fencing projects will be similar to 2011
- additional planting projects may be forthcoming in partnership with the County

- funding opportunities will be pursued and additional landowner contact made
- a minimum of 4 seasonal staff will be hired to plant and maintain project sites

Collaborating districts have been informed that the EID PHD staff will no longer be available to directly assist in their habitat programs; information was passed on to assist them. The BRID and WID are planning on continuing with their 2012 projects, and the SMRID is planning to work cooperatively with other organizations in the area.

13.0 2011 Public Access Summary

R. Martin presented the Public Access Summary for 2011, noting that:

- although management of Community Peace Officers has changed, service in enforcing the EID's public access guidelines will continue
- CPO's and Fish and Wildlife Officers patrolled reservoir shorelines and EID grazing lands, with emphasis on Crawling Valley Reservoir as this was the first summer that no random camping was permitted on this lake
 - CPO's gave out 6 written warnings; FWO's issued 4 written warnings
- Dinosaur Provincial Park Conservation Officers patrolled EID lands adjacent to the park
 - a number of people were spoken to, including a group of dirt bikers before unloading
 - 1 group of hunters were charged with trespassing for driving across EID grasslands
 - in general there was a substantial reduction in dirt bike activity and most hunters were very good about keeping vehicles on established roads
- District staff, CPO's and FWO's also patrolled EID grazing lands during hunting season
 - more hunters were observed this year than in 2010, likely due to the better weather
 - 154 vehicles were monitored by EID staff with 3 units found in violation (compliance rate of 98%)
 - FWO's found very few hunters in violation although they have charges pending for one group of hunters breaking game laws and driving off road on EID land
- a houseboat squatter is on the shoreline of Lake Newell, a complaint was registered and the individual has been notified by RCMP that he is trespassing and he must move out
- concerns have been raised about partying next to 12 Mile Coulee Reservoir, on a road allowance and EID private lease land
 - the situation has been discussed with the County and a plan is being developed to deal with this in the spring if it reoccurs

[3:30 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

14.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. Install and changeover work has been delayed by recent snow accumulation and will continue once safe roof access is possible. A loss of power at the Gem tower due to weather resulted in a short service disruption for those being served off the Gem, North Gem and Bassano towers but was rectified by staff within approximately 2 hours. The backhaul link from Rainier to Scandia has been having intermittent issues and may need to be replaced.

15.0 Operations

15.01 Farm Improvements

15.01.1 Richard Torkelson – NW 28-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 153 acres wheels; new pivot area is 135 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050. If the landowner chooses to keep the additional 18 acres, there will be

a \$5,400 penalty, which would nullify the grant. If he chooses to sell the 18 acres back to the District, an additional \$12,600 would be payable to the landowner.

2011-12-230 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard Torkelson for the conversion of 135 acres wheels to pivot in NW 28-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

15.01.2 Richard Torkelson – SW 28-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 142 acres wheels; new pivot area is 135 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050. If the landowner chooses to keep the additional 7 acres, there will be a \$2,100 penalty. If he chooses to sell the 7 acres back to the District, an additional \$4,900 would be payable to the landowner.

2011-12-231 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard Torkelson for the conversion of 135 acres wheels to pivot in SW 28-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Wednesday, December 21 st , 5:00 p.m. |
| 16.02 | Special Board Meeting | - Thursday, January 5 th , 2012, 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.03 | Property Rights Task Force Public Meeting | - Monday, January 16 th , 1:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 16.04 | Mtg with Min. of Ag & Env, & MLA Doerksen | - Monday, January 16 th , 3:45 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 16.05 | Board Retreat | - January 17 th – 19 th , Banff Park Lodge |
| 16.06 | Regular Board Meeting (incl. Auditor & County) | - Wednesday, January 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.07 | Regular Board Meeting cont'd | - Friday, January 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.08 | NWIO Conference | - February 14 th – 16 th , Boise, Idaho |

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager