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January 5, 2012 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 5th day of January, 2012. 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 Property Rights Task Force Open House – January 16th

An open house is scheduled for Monday, January 16th, 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn for the public to meet with government officials regarding property rights within the province. Landowners will be given the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions and give input. A lengthy discussion was held to determine the foremost points of concern for the District, to be voiced at the meeting and presented in writing to the task force prior to January 23rd. Fair compensation, sterilization of land, adverse affects, and the right to appeal to an independent and neutral body, such as the courts, were some of the issues raised. Mr. Wilson will draft a letter for the Board's review.

2.0 Meeting with Ministers of Agriculture and Environment, and MLA Arno Doerksen

A meeting with the Hon. Evan Berger, Min. of Agriculture and Rural Development; the Hon. Diana McQueen, Min. of Environment and Water, and MLA Arno Doerksen has been arranged for Monday, January 16th, 3:45 p.m. at the Heritage Inn. The intent of the meeting is to familiarize the new cabinet ministers with the EID and to brief them on the issues of irrigated agriculture in southern Alberta. An opportunity will also be taken to reference the efficiency incentives of the District, and explain the '0' water rate which was implemented in 2003.

3.0 Board Retreat – January 17th – 19th

The Board Retreat has been delayed one day to accommodate the January 16th meetings. Mr. Wilson reviewed a few essential items for discussion to help Directors prepare. Board packages will be available next week.

[10:33 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- Board In-Camera

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager

January 25 & 27, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th and 27th days of January, 2012. Those in attendance on January 25th 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 4.0 University of Lethbridge Irrigated Agriculture Survey

2012-01-001 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 December 21, 2011

Page 116, 8.01, remove second last sentence.

2012-01-002 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Board Meeting be approved as presented with corrections. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2.02 January 5, 2012

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-01-003 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the January 5, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 University of Lethbridge Irrigated Agriculture Survey

C. Chomistek advised that he had received a call from the University of Lethbridge conducting an irrigation farmer survey in southern Alberta. After receiving a paper copy of the survey questions he has requested a conference call with the survey writer and the ethics commissioner of the university in regards to some misleading questions. This has also been discussed at an AIPA Executive meeting. He will report back to the Board after the call.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 December 31, 2011 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to December 31, 2011 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$10.1 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$4.9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$5.2 million.

2012-01-004 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2011, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.02 1st Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2011

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2011 is \$1.05 million less than at September 30, 2011. This fluctuation is normal. Two investments totaling \$1.86 million matured and were cashed. Four investments totaling \$4.15 million were purchased.

2012-01-005 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2011 as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

5.03 Investment Policy

At the request of the Board, K. Bridges presented and reviewed the current Investment Policy. It was the consensus of the Directors to maintain the utmost minimum risk, but suggested looking at the \$7 million maximum investment per issuer versus a percentage cap, differentiating maximum amounts between short and long term investments, or setting caps according to the 5 major banking institutions. It was requested that administration prepare a proposed policy to bring back to the Board for review.

5.04 2012 Remuneration Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2012 Remuneration Bylaw. The Director per diems were increased according to the District's cost of living increase for 2012. Mileage was maintained at \$.57/km, with meal reimbursements remaining the same as well.

2012-01-006 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #885 (2012), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of January, 2012. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2012-01-007 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #885 (2012) the second time this 25th day of January, 2012. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2012-01-008 Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #885 (2012) this 25th day of January, 2012. Seconded N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2012-01-009 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #885 (2012), being a bylaw to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[10:08 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 Annual General Meeting

6.01 Setting Annual Meeting Date

The District's Annual General Meeting is to be set for Tuesday, March 27th at the Heritage.

6.02 March 28, 2011 AGM Minutes – Review

These minutes were reviewed by the Board and with 2 minor revisions are ready for inclusion in the Annual Report Book and to be taken to the Water Users at the upcoming AGM.

[10:30 a.m. Daryl Halbert and Linda Simpson of Bevan, Halbert, Gerrard and Mossey entered the meeting.]

10:30 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2010 / 2011 Year End Statements

B. Chrumka welcomed the District's auditors, Daryl Halbert, C.A., and Linda Simpson, 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. 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. F. George requested that the "Related Party Transactions" note in the Annual Report Book be made more clear by using brackets to indicate amounts paid by Directors and adding a brief explanation. P. Hemsing and T. Livingston information is to be added as well as they were completing their terms in the spring of 2010. D. Halbert thanked administration and staff for their cooperation and effort. Thanks were returned to Mr. Halbert for his work over the past several years, with well wishes on his retirement this year.

[11:30 a.m. D. Halbert and L. Simpson exited the meeting.]

- 2012-01-010 Moved by C. Chomistek that it be acknowledged that \$1,883,585 of internally restricted funds were used in 2011 to pay the District's share of the Province of Alberta cost share projects. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**
- 2012-01-011 Moved by J. Culligan that it be acknowledged that \$18,511,040 were transferred in 2011 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**
- 2012-01-012 Moved by N. Johnson that it be acknowledged that \$9,900 were transferred in 2011 from current year operations to internally restricted funds to be used for future pasture development. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**
- 2012-01-013 Moved by N. Johnson that the auditors' letter report to the Board dated January 25, 2012 be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**
- 2012-01-014 Moved by R. Owen that the Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2011 be approved as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

11:40 a.m. The Board recessed until Friday, January 27th, 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on January 27th were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager	[1:45 p.m.]
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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2.02 Letter from Robert & Judy McKnight re John Ware Creek Rehabilitation
- 2.03 Pipeline Crossing Salem Lutheran Church Property
- 4.0 Annual Report Book Financials – Note 16, Related Party Transactions
- 11.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting

2012-01-015 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

2.01 Project Status

Various projects were commented on, noting the following:

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
South Bantry Drain	- approximately 500 m remains uncompleted; Administration has received and is reviewing EBA's recommendations
John Ware (Reach A)	- earthworks and armouring complete, CSP crossings yet to be installed
One Tree	- earthworks will be complete in approximately 10 days, some armouring is complete
PIPELINE	
Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development	- approximately 3.5 km of pipeline remain; the electrical contract commenced construction; mechanical to start this week
13 Bow Slope	- complete
02-C North Bantry	- complete
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	- ready for construction
P Tilley	- commenced construction last week (Crew 1)
05-H West Bantry	- scheduled to start February 7 th (Crew 2)
AH North Bantry	- existing canal earthworks & armouring complete, new spill earthworks complete; rip-rap placement ongoing
15 East Branch	- ready for construction
01 Main Bantry	- ready for construction
03-02 Bow Slope	- preliminary alignments being investigated
17 Rolling Hills	- to be signed next week

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km) Contour Earthmoving	- earthworks for both contract 5 & 6 on schedule to be complete by mid-February, armouring and structures should be complete by the end of February

COUNTY DRAINAGE	
Project Name	Comments
Patricia	- complete
Cassils	- earthworks largely complete, clean up, seeding, etc. remain
Rolling Hills	- 4.5 of 49 km complete (EID main trunk); design of remainder complete, landowner meeting on February 1 st
Bantry	- survey and design complete
Scandia	- survey complete

2.02 Letter from Robert & Judy McKnight re John Ware Creek Rehabilitation

A letter was received from Robert and Judy McKnight regarding the anticipated John Ware Creek rehabilitation through their land. The McKnights are requesting to leave the creek in its natural state. Planning of this project will proceed awaiting further input and evaluation by staff.

2.03 Pipeline Crossing Salem Lutheran Church Property

A. Nielsen enquired about a pipeline that is crossing land owned by the Salem Lutheran Church in Scandia. I. Friesen will investigate whether there is a pipeline right-of-way on this lot.

3.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A backhaul radio linking Rainier to Scandia failed on January 11th. A spare was used, but also needed to be replaced, with the permanent radio being installed on the 13th. Installations and repairs are ongoing.

[9:17 a.m. M. Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

4.0 Annual Report Book Financials – Note 16, Related Party Transactions

K. Bridges presented the revised “Notes to the Financial Statements” page referring to Related Party Transactions. The revisions were approved, and it was requested that a phrase be added that ‘all accounts are current’.

5.0 Lands

5.01 Assessment Report to December 31, 2011

M. Redelback presented the Assessment Report on behalf of R. Matoba from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 as follows:

EID Water Roll			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2011	283,828	6,628	290,456
December 31, 2011	288,588	5,981	294,569
Net increase	4,760	< 647 >	4,113
Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			157
Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			4,270

2012-01-016 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Assessment Report to December 31, 2011. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

5.02 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Lease #8310 – Gordon & Christine Cook

M. Redelback presented the 5 Year Rate Review for Irrigated Lease #8310 on behalf of R. Matoba, outlining that a rate needs to be set for the years 2012 through 2016. Rental history and comparisons were given. This lease expires February 28, 2021.

2012-01-017 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8310 on SE 10-14-13 W4M and NE 03-14-13 W4M at \$65/acre on 135 wetted acres plus \$5/acre on 40 dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2012 through 2016. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[9:50 a.m. – 9:57 a.m. Short break.]

[10:00 a.m. Vern Parker entered the meeting.]

10:00 a.m. Vern Parker – Irrigation Application re Pt. NW 19-15-13 W4M

B. Chrumka welcomed Vern Parker to the meeting, who handed out written copies of his appeal. Mr. Parker was in attendance to appeal a denied request to purchase 7 irrigation acres to irrigate a wiper pivot corner. The proposed irrigation system was to install a 2 tower wiper pivot that would connect to the main pivot for power and mainline, which would have shut-off valves installed. Permanence and feasibility of the corner pivot and subdivision issues with the associated part parcel in the NE were discussed. As other variables came to light, it was advised that Mr. Parker discuss his subdivision options with staff prior to reintroducing an irrigation application.

[10:25 a.m. V. Parker exited the meeting.]

[10:30 a.m. M. Jarvis Redelback exited the meeting, T. Jensen entered.]

5.0 Lands con'td.

5.03 Oil & Gas Report

T. Jensen was in attendance to give the following Oil & Gas Report.

5.03.1 Oil & Gas Report – Overview of Current Activity

Warm weather conditions have essentially been like spring break up making it difficult for operators to get much work done. Extra communication and monitoring are required. When temperatures and conditions do cooperate, activity is going well.

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

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

2012-01-018 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the following Oil & Gas rates for 2012:

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

[10:44 a.m. T. Jensen exited the meeting.]

7.0 Equipment**7.01 Quotes on Quad Tractor & Scraper, Angle Dozer Blade, and Disc**

Mr. Friesen presented quotes on behalf of E. Wilson for a Quad Tractor with Scraper, an Angle Dozer Blade, and an 8' Industrial Disc. It was noted that Hi-Way Service was the only dealer which could supply the District's specifications for the Quad Tractor. A short discussion followed on all the pieces of equipment.

2012-01-019 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of:

- a Steiger 550 DERPR.TR Quad Tractor with Scraper for \$489,996 from Hi-Way Service, Taber;
 - a 2012 Degelman 4600 Angle Dozer Blade for \$14,000 from Evergreen Implements, Brooks; and
 - a Kello-Bilt 225 8' Disc for \$19,211 from Kello Enterprises, Red Deer.
- Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.0 Potential Land Trade with Les Douglass – SE 18-24-16 W4M

Les Douglass's letter requesting to trade SE 18-24-16 W4M for SE 32-23-15 W4M, the letter from the EID in 2006 proposing a prior land trade offer, and corresponding maps were presented to the Board. F. George requested to summarize the history of the land dealings prior to declaring a pecuniary interest and exiting the meeting.

[10:57 a.m. F. George exited the meeting.]

A lengthy discussion was held. It was concluded that the Board was in consensus with not being interested in trading land with irrigation potential for dry land, nor being eager to make a deal if not reasonable to both parties. Fair market land values, acquisition value, oil and gas compensation, and a correlating private grazing lease were all discussed. It was requested that Administration calculate a cash value purchase price for SE 18-24-16 W4M; as well as looking into selling the east portion or all of Private Grazing Lease #7038.

[11:18 a.m. – 11:23 a.m. Short break; F. George re-entered and David Andrews entered the meeting.]

11:30 a.m. David Andrews – Irrigation Council

Mr. Chrumka welcomed David Andrews to the meeting. In 2011, Mr. Andrews, a farmer in the Bow City area, was appointed to Irrigation Council, an agency of Agriculture and Rural Development responsible for reporting to the Minister. Mr. Andrews was invited to the meeting to be briefed on the overall workings of the Eastern Irrigation District, its infrastructure and conveyance, water conservation mandate and drought plan, and justification of charging a '\$0' water rate. I. Friesen reviewed a power point presentation which was recently given to the

Agriculture and Environment Ministers by Mr. Wilson. Directors also gave input. Mr. Andrews was also asking for input on the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program funding formula. Directors advised that this formula has been working well in their opinion since it had been revised several years ago.

[12:12 p.m. R. Owen exited for the duration of the meeting.]

[12:12 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch break with D. Andrews; E. Wilson joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.]

6.0 Operations

6.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

6.01.1 393646 Alberta Ltd. (John Wolosuk) – NE 07-16-15 W4M

Current assessment is 147 acres flood; new corner arm pivot area is 152 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 147 acres flood to pivot. 5 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is 147 acres x \$60/acre = \$8,820. The capital assets charge is \$1,500. New assessment on this quarter is 152 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-01-020 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 393646 AB Ltd. (John Wolosuk) for the conversion of 147 acres flood to pivot in NE 07-16-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,820. The capital assets charge is \$1,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

6.01.2 393646 Alberta Ltd. (John Wolosuk) – SE 07-16-15 W4M

Current assessment is 152 acres flood; new corner arm pivot area is 152 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 152 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is 152 acres x \$60/acre = \$9,120.

2012-01-021 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 393646 AB Ltd. (John Wolosuk) for the conversion of 152 acres flood to pivot in SE 07-16-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,120. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.01.3 961078 Alberta Ltd. (Devon Buteau) – SW & Pt. NW 24-17-14 W4M

Current assessment is 171 acres flood; new corner arm pivot area is 163 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 163 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,780 (163 acres x \$60/acre) - \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre) = \$7,380. An Irrigable Unit will need to be registered.

2012-01-022 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 961078 AB Ltd. (Devon Buteau) for the conversion of 163 acres flood to pivot in SW & Pt. NW 24-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,380. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

6.01.4 Lawrence Adams – SW 16-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 153 acres wheels; new pivot area is 131 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 131 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 22 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,930 (131 acres x \$30/acre) - \$6,600 (22 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing.

2012-01-023 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Lawrence Adams for the conversion of 131 acres wheels to pivot in SW 16-20-14 W4M. There is no Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.01.5 Keith Benson – SW 10-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 87 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 73 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 73 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 14 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,190 (73 acres x \$30/acre) - \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing.

2012-01-024 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Keith Benson for the conversion of 73 acres wheels to pivot in SW 10-17-13 W4M. There is no Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.01.6 Pedro Giesbrecht – NE 17-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 135 acres flood; new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 1 additional acre outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is 134 acres x \$60/acre = \$8,040.

2012-01-025 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro Giesbrecht for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in NE 17-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,040. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2012-01-026 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of Pedro Giesbrecht's 1 acre of water rights on NE 17-14-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 1 acre of water rights at \$700/acre = \$700. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.01.7 Pedro Giesbrecht – SE 17-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 144 acres flood; new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 10 additional acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is 134 acres x \$60/acre = \$8,040.

2012-01-027 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro Giesbrecht for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in SE 17-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,040. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2012-01-028 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of Pedro Giesbrecht's 10 acres of water rights on SE 17-14-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 10 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.01.8 Joe Hajash – Pt. NE 02-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 37 acres flood; new wheel area is 37 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 37 acres flood to wheels. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is 37 acres x \$30/acre = \$1,110.

2012-01-029 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joe Hajash for the conversion of 37 acres flood to wheels in Pt. NE 02-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,110. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

6.01.9 Luke & Brenda Kropf – NE 36-17-14 W4M

Current assessment is 130 acres wheels; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is 130 acres x \$30/acre = \$3,900.

2012-01-030 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Luke & Brenda Kropf for the conversion of 130 acres wheels to pivot in NE 36-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,900. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

6.01.10 Regan Ranching Ltd. – NE 06-15-13 W4M

Current assessment is 135 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 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 x \$60/acre) - \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre) = \$7,380.

2012-01-031 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Regan Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in NE 06-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,380. Seconded by C. Chomistek. **CARRIED**

9.0 Two Claims that have been referred to Insurance

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of a well head repair claim and flood claim.

10.0 Request for Reduction in Conveyance Charges for Golf Courses

An email was received from the Duchess, Brooks, Bassano and Rolling Hills Golf Clubs requesting that the District's discount for 2011 be extended for the 2012 season as well, citing continued financial difficulties due to the downturn in the economy.

2012-01-032 Moved by N. Johnson that Bassano, Brooks, Duchess and Rolling Hills Golf Clubs each be granted a discount of up to \$2,500 for water conveyance in 2012. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

11.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting

C. Chomistek reported on the AIPA Executive Meeting he recently attended noting the following:

- St. Mary River Irrigation District will be hosting an Irrigation Efficiencies Workshop with Len Hingley from the Crop Diversification Centre South.
- Advertizing partnering with municipal districts and chemical or fertilizer companies was suggested as well as installing more signage at reservoirs, for irrigation PR.
- Richard Phillips attended a round table discussion in Ottawa on "charging for water".
- The Canadian Water Summit is in Calgary June 28th; AIPA is considering representation.
- Aggie Days is scheduled for April 18th – 20th at Stampede Park in Calgary. The EID will man the AIPA booth on Thursday, April 19th. Grades 4 – 6 will be attending that day; give-away items will be provided by the EID.
- A meeting will be held March 1st with SouthGrow regarding water for other uses.
- The spring Directors Meeting will be held Monday, March 19th in Taber.
- The fall Directors Meeting will be held Monday, September 17th in Strathmore.
- The AIPA Conference will be held late November in Calgary.
- The AGM will be held Monday, December 3rd in Lethbridge.

12.0 Upcoming Events

12.01 Irrigated Crop Production Update - January 31st & February 1st, Lethbridge Lodge
[A. Nielsen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek attending]

- 12.02 NWIO Biennial Conference - February 14th – 17th, Boise, Idaho
[B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, E. Wilson, I. Friesen, R. Summach]
- 12.03 2012 State of the Union Breakfast - Friday, February 24th, 7:00 a.m.
[N. Johnson and J. Culligan attending]
- 12.04 Irrigation Council Mtg re RAC Plan - Monday, February 27th, 10:30 a.m., Lethbridge
[B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attending]
- 12.05 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 29th, 9:00 a.m.
- 12.06 AIPA Directors Meeting - Monday, March 19th, Taber

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 29, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of February, 2012. 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.06 Right-of-Way Pricing
- 12.07 Murray/Steinbach Applications to Tilley Grazing for 2012
- 12.08 Bar 4T Ranch (Firmin Declercq) Invoice re Patricia Grazing Corrals

2012-02-033 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 25 & 27, 2012

The following revision was requested:

- Page 8, motion 2012-01-019, add “with scraper” after “a Steiger 550 DERPR.TR Quad Tractor”

2012-02-034 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the January 25 & 27, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Report on Chamber of Commerce State of the Union Breakfast

N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan and E. Wilson reported on the Chamber of Commerce State of the Union Breakfast February 24th they attended at the Heritage Inn.

5.0 Chairman Report on Meeting with Irrigation Council

B. Chrumka reported on the meeting with Irrigation Council he and E. Wilson attended February 27th regarding the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) recommendations for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. It was advised that individual letters of concern from the districts be forwarded to the Land Use Secretariat. A letter will be drafted and presented for Board review at the March or April meeting.

6.0 Invitation to Appoint Person to Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative Committee

The District has been invited to join the Newell Regional Economic Development Committee. This newly reorganized committee will consist of the County of Newell, City of Brooks, Town of Bassano, Villages of Duchess, Rosemary and Tilley, and the Eastern Irrigation District, and will promote economic growth through marketing, partnerships and development assistance. J. Culligan will represent the EID on this committee, with his time being funded by the District. Clarification is to be given that the District's water and agricultural land not be a part of the "all matters of an economic development nature" referred to in the agreement. District appointment on an annual basis is also to be requested.

2012-02-035 Moved by N. Johnson that the EID become a member of the Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative Committee, and that J. Culligan be appointed as the District's representative. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.0 AIPA Ad Campaign

E. Wilson advised that the AIPA is launching a large advertizing campaign, with plans to partner with other companies. "Thanks to Irrigation" ad campaign letters will be sent directly from the EID to IPEX, Lakeside and Ducks Unlimited. Suggestions to be given to AIPA for their letters are umbrella companies for seed, beef, pivot manufacturers, Alberta Road Builders Assoc. etc.

[10:04 a.m. – 10:09 Short break.]

8.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

8.01 January 31, 2012 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to January 31, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$12.7 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$6.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$6.4 million.

A few questions were responded to by administration.

2012-02-036 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2011

Various accounts were discussed.

2012-02-037 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2011 as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.03 Revised Investment Policy

In response to the Board's request for increasing the maximum amount that can be invested in a single corporate issuer, 5 alternatives were presented for consideration in revising the current Investment Policy. It was the consensus of the Board to:

- allow the \$10 million limit to apply to other issuers;
- not to measure against the Scotia Capital Universe Bond Index; and
- to avoid, where prudent, the forced sale of a security at a time when the market for the issuer and security in question is only temporarily depressed.

These revisions to the investment policy do not reduce the District's current requirement of an "A" minimum credit rating for securities, but gives some flexibility in investment practices.

2012-02-038 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the revised Investment Policy as per alternatives #4 and amended #5 of K. Bridges report. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

[10:40 a.m. A. Brummelhuis entered the meeting.]

10:40 a.m. Anthony Brummelhuis

B. Chrumka welcomed Anthony Brummelhuis to the meeting. Mr. Brummelhuis was in attendance to request corner arm systems be allowed on the new irrigation development parcels off the Rolling Hills Reservoir. He outlined the history of his discussions and actions to install corner arms on the 2 parcels he purchased at auction. A thorough discussion followed; the request was denied.

[11:17 a.m. A. Brummelhuis exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued; a letter of reply will be forwarded from the Board.

[11:40 a.m. J. Herbers and J. Kolk entered the meeting.]

11:40 a.m. Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute

B. Chrumka welcomed Jim Herbers, Information Centre Director, and John Kolk, Director, of the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute to the meeting. ABMI had originally presented to the Board in March of 2008, resulting with the District and the Institute not coming to an agreement for public disclosure of data. The representatives were in attendance again to review the program and to update the Board on an internal hazing policy that ensures location data is backed up to 3 townships where species at risk are identified. Mr. Herbers reasoned that it is essential to the data's scientific credibility to complete the grid system of monitoring sites, and therefore requested for a second time access permission to enter EID lands to record data. Directors and administration reiterated concerns of public access to the data; discussion followed.

[12:25 p.m. J. Herbers and J. Kolk exited the meeting.]

[12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. Lunch break.]

The Board reviewed their concerns and ABMI's new hazing policy, approving the following resolution. ABMI will be contacted as to the decision of the District to see if an access agreement can be worked out.

2012-02-039 Moved by F. George that the District allow the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute to access EID lands for research purposes, with the stipulation that location data be backed up to 3 townships where the land within a data collection site is 100% owned by the EID. Seconded by N. Johnson. DEFEATED

2012-02-040 Moved by J. Culligan that the District allow the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute to access EID lands for research purposes, with the stipulation that location data be backed up to 3 townships where the land within a data collection site is 50% - 100% owned by the EID. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.0 Financial Report cont'd.

8.04 Land Sales Revenue Summary

In response to a request from the Board, K. Bridges presented an itemization of land sales revenue from 2000 through 2011. A few questions were responded to by administration.

9.0 EIDNet Report

K. Bridges presented the EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Hayes. A new email server and new SANS backup server were recently installed. The backhaul links at Cassils tower have now been upgraded to licensed frequencies as part of the AltaLink project.

[1:25 p.m. J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

10.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

10.01 Project Update

Various projects were commented on, noting the following:

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
South Bantry Drain	- remedial work ongoing
John Ware (Reach A)	- earthworks & armouring complete, cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
One Tree	- earthworks & armouring complete, structures, cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
PIPELINE	
Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development	- approximately 3.5 km of pipeline remain, electrical contract ongoing
AH North Bantry	- existing canal earthworks & armouring complete, new spill earthworks complete; rip-rap placement ongoing, 3 km of pipeline remain and is being installed
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	- construction started
13 Bow Slope	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
02-C North Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
P Tilley	- complete; structure, cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
05-H West Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
15 East Branch	- complete; structure, cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
01 Main Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
17 Rolling Hills	- ready for construction
Russell Douglass	- ready for construction
03-02 Bow Slope	- for approval this meeting

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km) Contour Earthmoving	- earthworks for both contract 5 & 6 complete. armouring & structures near complete, majority of cleanup to be complete in 3 weeks

COUNTY DRAINAGE	
Project Name	Comments
Patricia	- complete
Cassils	- earthworks largely complete, cleanup, seeding, etc. remain
Rolling Hills	- 4.5 of 49 km complete (EID main trunk); design of remainder complete, design near complete
Bantry	- survey & design complete
Scandia	- survey complete

B. Chrumka requested that expense overrun on the South Bantry Drain be reported once complete.

10.02 03-02 Bow Slope

J. Kabut presented the 03-02 Bow Slope synopsis, slated for the spring 2012 construction season. This rehabilitation project is located 1 km northwest of Rainier, currently irrigates 227 acres, 100% which is flood. The proposed rehabilitation consists of installing a closed gravity pipeline tying into the existing 03-02 Bow Slope pipeline and continuing south and west for approximately 1.5 km. It is recommended that the project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$287,000.

2012-02-041 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 03-02 Bow Slope by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$287,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

The NW 26-16-16 W4M quarter consists of 2 separate titles, north and south portions; thus will require an irrigable unit to be registered as the landowner will be installing a pivot off the new pipeline.

2012-02-042 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit for the 2 parcels in NW 26-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Chris & Marguerete Schmidt. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

10.03 Farm Crossing Installed as Part of John Ware

At the request of Directors, information was presented on the practice of providing farm crossings on canals and drains. I. Friesen reviewed that typically farm crossing requests are considered only where on the EID's timeline, and where it is the same landowner on either side. E. Wilson added that several other factors are also taken into consideration, for example if the District has fenced out cattle access to water, and that each situation is judged separately. The Board requested that policy recommendations regarding funding or cost-sharing of farm crossings be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

[1:55 p.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

10.04 John Straub Farm Improvement – S ½ 17-17-12 W4M

Currently the Water User has a ditch running east of his pivot riser in the SW to a lift pump in the SE to irrigate the non-pivot portion of land. This Farm Improvement calls for eliminating spill past the pump by pipelining to the pump site. The Farm Improvement 50/50 Cost Share Grant payable to the Water User is capped at the District's share of \$7,500.

2012-02-043 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John Straub in S ½ 17-17-12 W4M to pipeline to the east quarter pump site to eliminate spill. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is a 50/50 cost share up to the District's maximum of \$7,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

10.05 IPEX Plant Tour – March 6th

IPEX has offered a tour of their manufacturing plant in Edmonton to District Board, admin and staff on the morning of Tuesday, March 6th. Confirmations will be gathered and arrangements made.

10.06 Right-of-Way Pricing

E. Wilson reviewed that from discussion at the Joint EID / County meeting in January, an evaluation of current right-of-way fees is advisable. This information will then be shared with the County. Permanent easement or right-of-way for irrigated land was increased to \$3,500/acre, with other numbers being adjusted accordingly.

2012-02-044 Moved by J. Culligan that the Schedule of Approved Fees in the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy be revised as follows:

Easement Type	Dryland Grass	Dryland Cultivation	Irrigated Land	Industrial & Residential Acreages [less than 10 acres]
Construction Easement [Working Space]	\$240	\$360	\$700	¼ Market Value
Permanent Easement or Right-of-Way [Canal]	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,500	Market Value
Permanent Easement or Right-of-Way [Pipeline]	\$800	\$1,200	\$2,335	⅔ Market Value

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:21 p.m. – 2:26 p.m. Short break; B. Hale entered the meeting.]

11.0 Operations

11.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

11.01.1 Dan Eckert – NW 14-21-14 W4M

A grant has already been approved for a pivot on this quarter; now the landowner is applying for a cost share Farm Improvement to level the old head ditch and canals, and remove trees to accommodate the pivot. The Farm Improvement 50/50 Cost Share Grant payable to the Water User is capped at the District's share of \$5,000 by policy.

2012-02-045 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dan Eckert in NW 14-21-14 W4M to level the old head ditch and canals and remove trees to accommodate his pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is a 50/50 cost share up to the District's maximum of \$5,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

11.01.2 T & G Sigurdson – N ½ 27 and SW 34-14-14 W4M

SW 34-14-14 W4M

Current assessment is 97 acres flood; new wiper pivot is 86 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 86 acres flood to pivot. 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 \$5,160 (86 acres x \$60/acre) - \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre) = \$1,860.

- 2012-02-046 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for T & G Sigurdson for the conversion of 86 acres flood to wiper pivot in SW 34-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,860. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

N ½ 27-14-14 W4M

Current assessment is 133 acres pivot, 68 acres flood (201 total); additional new wiper pivot area is 57 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot. 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 \$3,420 (57 acres x \$60/acre) - \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre) = \$120. Assessment will change to 71 acres pivot and 6 acres flood in the NW, and 119 acres pivot and 5 acres flood in the NE.

- 2012-02-047 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for T & G Sigurdson for the conversion of 57 acres flood to wiper pivot in N ½ 27-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$120. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

12.0 Lands

12.01 Alternate Parcel Application – John Miller, Bow City Hutterian, Lathom Hutterian

The District received a request to approve the use of 80 irrigation acres divided into 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.

- 2012-02-048 Moved by F. George 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**

12.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Devon Buteau – SW & Pt. NW 24-17-14 W4M

The landowner's application for a Farm Improvement Grant to convert from flood irrigation to low pressure pivot irrigation was approved at the January 27, 2012 Board meeting. An Irrigable Unit must be registered as the pivot and flood irrigation on both parcels will be delivered by one turnout located in the SW 24-17-14 W4M.

- 2012-02-049 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SW & Pt. NW 24-17-14 W4M, all lands being owned by 961078 Alberta Ltd. (Devon Buteau). Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

12.03 Request to Purchase N ½ 12-17-16 W4M

Mr. Wilson reviewed that a year ago South Slope requested the Board consider selling them 175 acres in N ½ 12-17-16 W4M with or without water rights to allow their wiper section pivot to go full circle. A letter was also received from the Newell Grazing Association objecting to the sale. A decision was delayed at that time until discussions with both parties could take place. Directors gave additional consideration to the request and concluded that a decision on this matter will be deferred to receipt of a letter from South Slope.

12.04 Set Date for Joint GAC / EID Board Meeting

A Joint GAC / EID Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures, and other matters. It is being recommended that Grazing Associations have 2 representatives each at the meeting.

12.05 Private Grazing Leases

One letter has been received turning back a private grazing lease to the District, and it is anticipated that others are forthcoming due to recent land sales. It was decided to re-evaluate and tender all long term private grazing leases together, and that this may need to occur mid-season.

[3:03 p.m. F. George exited the meeting.]

12.06 Potential Land Trade with Les Douglass – SE 18-24-16 W4M

As Mr. Wilson was unable to attend a portion of the last meeting, he requested clarification on the previous meeting's discussion. Through additional deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board to decline any requests for a land trade, but to offer both Mr. Douglass and Mr. George the opportunity to put a price per acre on their quarter sections. Any submissions to the Board would then be carefully weighed.

[3:07 p.m. F. George re-entered the meeting.]

12.07 Murray/Steinbach Applications to Tilley Grazing for 2012

There have been further enquiries from George Murray V regarding applications to the Tilley Grazing Association. Directors confirmed that any individual making an application and wishing to appeal may do so in person to the Board of Directors. New applications will not be received as the deadline was in December of 2011. Mr. Hale will inform those whose applications were declined of the appeal process.

12.08 Bar 4T Ranch (Firmin Declercq) Invoice re Patricia Grazing Corrals

Last year an invoice was received from Bar 4T Ranch regarding remaining cleanup of corrals belonging to the Patricia Grazing Association. It has been verified that there was some miscellaneous work left that had not yet been completed, estimated to be no more than \$1,500.

2012-02-050 Moved by N. Johnson that the District pay Firmin Declercq \$1,500 for the remaining clean-up work which was done to remove the Patricia Grazing corrals from his property. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[3:27 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

13.0 Brad Calvert Flood Claim – SW 25-17-17 W4M

A flood claim was received from Brad Calvert regarding a cracked and leaking fitting which resulted in flooding out a portion of his corn field in SW 25-17-17 W4M. This claim was declined by the District's insurance company, but given partial support by District management.

2012-02-051 Moved by R. Owen that the District pay Brad Calvert \$11,900 (\$700 x 17 acres) for the flood damages incurred to his corn field in SW 25-17-17 W4M in August of 2011. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

Flood claims will continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis. In the future, damaged areas are to be measured by GPS, thoroughly documented, with a crop adjuster brought in for assessment, all as soon as possible after detection or notification.

14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**14.01 Set 2012 Rates**

Administration advised that the campground and marina rates were increased in 2011; they recommended keeping the rates the same for the 2012 season.

2012-02-052 Moved by A. Nielsen that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2012 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 N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-02-053 Moved by A. Nielsen that the boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2012 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 N. Johnson. CARRIED

14.02 Reservation System

After a short discussion, the reservations system was declined for now but may be brought back for further consideration.

15.0 ATCO Power Line

E. Wilson advised that ATCO Power's proposed compensation rates have come in considerably lower than AltaLink's and were rejected; they will be resubmitting another offer to the District.

16.0 Board Retreat Follow Up**16.01 Revised Board of Directors and Manager Relationship Policy**

The Board of Directors and Manager Relationship Policy was reviewed at the Board Retreat, and slight revisions made.

2012-02-054 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the revised Board of Directors and Manager Policy as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

16.02 Other Purposes Water Agreements

Other Purposes Water Agreements were discussed at the Board Retreat, and reviewed regarding transferability, fees and reimbursements, existing users, new subdivisions, and the annual setting of rates. These variables and the proposed rates are to be brought back next month for final consideration.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | IPEX Plant Tour | - Monday/Tuesday, March 5 th & 6 th , Edmonton
[B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, F. George, R. Owen,
J. Culligan, C. Chomistek attending] |
| 17.02 | WID / BRID / EID Joint Meeting | - Wednesday, March 7 th , 10:00 a.m., EID Office |
| 17.03 | Joint Board – GAC Meeting | - Tuesday, March 20 th , 1:00 p.m. |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |

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| 17.05 | Annual General Meeting | - <u>Tuesday</u> , March <u>27th</u> , 1:30 p.m. |
| 17.06 | Nominations Cease | - Thursday, March 29 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 17.07 | Elections <i>[if needed]</i> | - Friday, April 20 th |
| 17.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, April 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

- In-Camera

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

March 26, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of March, 2012. 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9.04 River Apportionment
- 10.04 EID Lands next to Gem Community Center
- 10.05 EID Lands in the Hamlet of Rolling Hills
- 14.0 Expo Communities

2012-03-055 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 February 29, 2012**

A few editorial changes were made to the minutes.

2012-03-056 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the February 29, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Other Purposes Water Agreements**

Rates for alternate uses will be brought back to a future Meeting for final consideration.

3.02 Potential Land Trade with Les Douglass – SE 18-24-16 W4M

A letter was received from F. George in regards to his land in NE 18-24-16 W4M. Mr. George is not interested in selling his land.

4.0 EID Board Overturning Patricia

Directors discussed an occasion in 2002 where the Board overturned the Patricia Grazing Association's decision to reject an application. This occurrence was reflected on current policy discussions, with suggestions to avoid similar problems.

5.0 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show

Directors requested that a booth be booked at the Brooks Trade Show and the 3 “Thanks to Irrigation” signs displayed; or smaller versions thereof. The signs are also to be displayed at the AGM and at the Aggie Days booth. It was also suggested to have the PR video playing.

2012-03-057 Moved by N. Johnson that the District operate a booth at the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show, April 20th – 22nd, with the “Thanks to Irrigation” advertising theme. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[9:50 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 Financial Report

6.01 February 29, 2012 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to February 29, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$15.8 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$8.0 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$7.8 million.

A few questions were responded to by administration.

2012-03-058 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 29, 2012, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.0 EIDNet Report

Customer accounts currently total 1,215. Eleven ‘900 conversions’ remain; most are waiting on the installation of posts.

8.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

Various projects were commented on, noting the following:

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
South Bantry Drain	- remedial work ongoing, 1 ½ - 2 weeks remain
John Ware (Reach A)	- earthworks & armouring complete, cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
One Tree	- earthworks & armouring complete, structures, cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
PIPELINE	
Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development	- approximately 2.5 km of pipeline remain, electrical contract ongoing
AH North Bantry	- existing canal earthworks & armouring complete, new spill earthworks complete; rip-rap near complete
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain

13 Bow Slope	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
02-C North Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
P Tilley	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
05-H West Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
15 East Branch	- complete; structure, cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
01 Main Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
17 Rolling Hills	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
Russell Douglass	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
03-02 Bow Slope	- ready for construction

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km) Contour Earthmoving	- complete for both contract 5 & 6, fencing, seeding, etc. remain

COUNTY DRAINAGE	
Project Name	Comments
Patricia	- complete
Cassils	- earthworks largely complete, cleanup, seeding, etc. remain
Rolling Hills	- 4.5 of 49 km complete (EID main trunk); design of remainder complete
Bantry	- survey & design complete
Scandia	- survey complete, design started

8.02 Drain Relocation – Larry Wiens – E ½ 14-21-16 W4M

A request was received from Larry Wiens to relocate his drain in E ½ 14-21-16 W4M; the drain currently runs diagonally from the west boundary of the SE to the east boundary of the NE. The proposal is to relocate the drain to run straight north along the west quarter section boundaries. The project is estimated to cost \$35,000; \$26,250 being paid by the District and \$8,750 being paid by the Landowner.

2012-03-059 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Larry Wiens in E ½ 14-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$30,000 District contribution. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.03 Drain Relocation – Rick Schuett – E ½ 05-15-13 W4M

A request was received from Rick Schuett to relocate his drain in NE 05-15-13 W4M; the drain currently runs through the SE corner of his pivot. The proposal is to relocate the drain to run straight east at the top end of the SE quarter section. The project is estimated to cost \$40,000; \$30,000 being paid by the District and \$10,000 being paid by the Landowner.

2012-03-060 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Rick Schuett in E ½ 05-15-13 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District

and the Landowner, up to a \$30,000 District contribution. **Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

9.0 Operations

9.04 River Apportionment

Mr. Wilson handed out an Alberta South Saskatchewan River Basin Apportionment Performance graph that was presented at a recent Inter Basin Committee Meeting which he attended in Strathmore. By law, Alberta is required to pass on 50% of its natural river flow to Saskatchewan, likewise Saskatchewan to Manitoba. The graph indicated the actual amounts recorded since 1970, all of which were above the minimum requirement. 2001 had the lowest recording, and 2011 the highest. This graph will be displayed with reports given at the AGM.

9.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack in the higher mountains is above average, with very little snow elsewhere. No concerns are foreseen with supply, although the river will likely be quite low until mid-May due to there being no low snow to melt early.

9.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Diverting and filling reservoirs will occur in early April, so all available water can be used on the unsupported sections of the EID in May. Administration recommended that the Water Delivery Date be set for May 2nd as it is expected there could be quite a bit of early irrigation demand. This date will be announced at the AGM.

2012-03-061 Moved by F. George that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 2nd, 2012. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.03 Farm Improvements

9.03.1 Farm Improvement – Greg Andrew – SE 17-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 137 acres flood; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 7 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800 (130 acres x \$60/acre) - \$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre) = \$5,700.

2012-03-062 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Greg Andrew for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in SE 17-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,700. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 Lands

10.01 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Bow City Hutterite Colony

The Bow City Hutterite Colony has requested to transfer 376 irrigation acres from Pt. Sec's 16 & 17-17-17 W4M to Sec. 32-17-17 W4M. The previous Farm Improvement grant, infrastructure investment and license application were discussed and it was requested that more information be gained before making a decision.

10.02 Irrigation Application – Don Peterson – SE 01 & SE 12-17-14 W4M

Don Petersen has requested to irrigate 4 pivot corners in his seed alfalfa field; 2 corners in SE 12 and 2 corners in SE 01-17-14 W4M. The proposed method of irrigation is to pump water through pivots into flexible hoses to either a traveling gun or a 1 or 2 tower towable pivot; to water once a year for seed alfalfa. This request was denied.

10.03 Request to Transfer PGL #7026 – Beasley Ranching Ltd to C&L Beasley Cattle Ltd
 Beasley Ranching Ltd. is requesting to transfer private grazing lease #7026 to C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd.; this company meets eligibility requirements. The District must be informed of any shareholder changes for as long as the lease is in a company name. It was requested that this lease be cleaned up prior to consenting the transfer.

2012-03-063 Moved by F. George that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7026 to be transferred from Beasley Ranching Ltd. to C. & L. Beasley Cattle Ltd., subject to the lease being cleaned up of all scrap refuse. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.04 EID Lands next to Gem Community Center
 F. George advised that the Gem Community will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014 and is anticipating requesting the use of lands adjacent to the community center for the celebration. As it appears that numerous trees in this area pose a safety hazard due to the age of the trees, growth, and dead wood, it was requested that the EID clean this up. He indicated that the local 4H group may be available to clean up the smaller debris after the major work has been completed.

2012-03-064 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District assess and complete the trimming and cleanup of the large stand of trees running east of the Gem Community Center on the WDS acreage. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.05 EID Lands in the Hamlet of Rolling Hills
 C. Chomistek noted that the Hamlet of Rolling Hills is looking for land to accommodate semi truck and trailer parking outside the residential area. It was advised to leave this endeavour to the County for now.

11.0 Equipment

11.01 Sale of Trucks
 Quotes for the sale of eleven ½ ton and ¾ ton trucks, one 450 2 ton truck, one ¾ ton spray truck were received as follows:

11, ½ Ton & ¾ Ton Trucks	
Annett Auction Services	10% Commission or \$42,630 (including 2 ton truck & ¾ ton spray truck)
Canadian Public Auction	10% Commission
Michener Allen	\$27,588

2 Ton Truck & ¾ Ton Spray Truck	
Michener Allen	\$13,508
Canadian Public Auction	\$3,500 \$7,500

Directors awarded Annett Auction Services the tender, and it was advised by administration to include some old miscellaneous equipment in the sale.

2012-03-065 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District sell the following used equipment through Annett Auction Services Ltd. at 10% commission:

- 11, ½ ton and ¾ ton trucks,
- 1, 450 2 ton truck,

- 1, ¾ ton spray truck,
 - 1979 450 dozer,
 - 1982 450 dozer,
 - utility trailer,
 - 1988 13' drill,
 - 1987 12' disc,
 - diesel generator,
 - waste oil tank, and a
 - 1970's flat bottom boat.
- Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

11.02 Sale of Excavators

Bids have been received from the 3 main auction outfits for the ZX240-LC 2008 and the ZX350-LC 2008 Hitachi Excavators. Local bids are to be received by March 30th; a fax vote will be done with the Board upon opening of tenders.

[11:42 a.m. – 12:14 p.m. Lunch break.]

12.0 Letter from Anthony Brummelhuis' Lawyer – Richard A. Low & Co.

A letter from Richard A. Low, lawyer for Anthony Brummelhuis and in regards to irrigated leases #8348 and #8351, was faxed by Mr. Brummelhuis to the District March 12th. The Board reviewed E. Wilson's letter of response.

[12:20 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

13.0 Special Meeting to Hear Grazing Application Appeals

A discussion was held regarding the appeal meeting agenda, reviewing the application appeals, LIS brand office information, Joint Board / GAC discussion and policy implications. This meeting will be held Thursday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m.

[1:34 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

14.0 Expo Communities

"Celebrating Expo Communities" will be hosted this year by the Village of Rosemary in honour of the Village of Tilley. C. Chomistek and J. Culligan will attend this function on Friday, April 13th.

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 27 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 15.02 | Nominations Cease | - Thursday, March 29 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 15.03 | Special Board Meeting | - Thursday, April 5 th , 1:00 p.m. |
| 15.04 | Expo Communities | - Friday, April 13 th , Rosemary
<i>[J. Culligan & C. Chomistek attending]</i> |
| 15.05 | Aggie Days | - Thursday, April 19 th , Calgary Stampede Park |
| 15.06 | Election <i>[if needed]</i> | - Friday, April 20 th |

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

April 5, 2012 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 5th day of April, 2012. 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 1:10 p.m. [B. Hale entered the meeting.]

1.0 Tilley Grazing Applications Appeal Hearing

A brief review of the appellant's applications was given. Jeff Braaten, Winston Kusler, Ben Steinbach, Ruth/Makayla Steinbach, Vanessa Steinbach and Yolanda Steinbach are appealing the Tilley Grazing Association decision to decline their grazing applications. Applications were declined due to one or more of the following reasons:

- not being registered on the brand listed on the application
 - not residing within the EID
 - claiming rental land from a landowner that is a leaseholder of a private grazing lease.
- George Murray V and Aleta Steinbach requested to be in attendance to represent the appellants; none of the appellants were in attendance.

[1:30 p.m. George Murray V and Aleta Steinbach entered the meeting.]

Mr. Chrumka welcomed G. Murray and A. Steinbach to the meeting and gave introductions. Mr. Murray handed out related brand information. Mr. Murray and Mrs. Steinbach were given the floor to state the case of the appellants. Directors and administration asked questions of the representatives and gave explanation to the Tilley Grazing Association's decision. Discussion focused on ownership of cattle and brands.

[2:08 p.m. G. Murray and A. Steinbach exited the meeting.]

The Board further discussed this appeal and implications it has on the grazing lease policy. It was substantiated that as policy was misinterpreted to allow an applicant to claim rental lands associated with a private grazing lease previously, that applicant will have this grazing season to phase out. Tilley Grazing Association's decision to decline membership to the remaining applicants was upheld; of which 2 will be given a 1 year's absence from the Bassano Grazing Association as they were full members the previous season. This will allow them to reapply in 2013 if they so wish and are eligible.

2012-04-066 Moved by J. Culligan that for the 2012 grazing season, Anna Martens be allowed to run cattle for 1 more year with the Tilley Grazing Association claiming rental lands; and that Ben & Aleta Steinbach and Ruth Steinbach be given a 1 year's absence with previous allocation from the Bassano Grazing Association. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:40 p.m. – 3:43 p.m. Short break; B. Hale exited the meeting.]

2.0 Sale of Excess EID Residences – Lake Newell Road Acreage

Through this past winter, the Lake Newell Road Acreage was listed for sale at \$307,500 through a realtor. The listing has expired and it has been recommended to reduce the asking price. After a short discussion, the Board gave direction to administration on the sale of this acreage.

2012-04-067 Moved by J. Culligan that the Lake Newell Road Acreage with residence be listed at \$289,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 License Amendment Application Update

E. Wilson advised that the appeal hearing in Medicine Hat which was to occur on April 23rd and 24th has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict with the District's lawyer.

4.0 Irrigation Districts Act

A letter was received from Roger Hohm, Branch Head of Irrigation Secretariat, notifying districts that four regulations in the *Irrigation Districts Act* expire October 31, 2012. Although the Act is not scheduled for review, Irrigation Council is requesting a formal review of the entire Act, with written submissions from districts by May 31st. The letter has been distributed to various staff members.

5.0 Upcoming Events

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| 5.01 | Celebrating Expo Communities | - Friday, April 13 th , Rosemary School, 6:30 p.m.
<i>[J. Culligan & C. Chomistek attending]</i> |
| 5.02 | Leadership Workshop | - Wednesday, April 18 th , EID Office, 8:30 a.m. |
| 5.03 | Aggie Days – Gr. 4, 5, 6 | - Thursday, April 19 th , Calgary Stampede Park, 9:30 – 2:30 p.m.
<i>[N. Johnson, R. Owen, F. George & possibly C. Chomistek Attending]</i> |
| 5.04 | Brooks & District Trade Show | - April 20 th – 22 nd , Lakeside Leisure Centre
<i>[C. Chomistek, F. George, A. Nielsen & N. Johnson attending]</i> |
| 5.05 | Organizational &
Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, April 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

April 25, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of April, 2012. 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]		

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

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

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

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

2012-04-068 Moved by F. George that Bob Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by R. Owen.

Nominations were called three more times. 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.

2012-04-069 Moved by J. Culligan that Allen Nielsen be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by N. Johnson.

2012-04-070 Moved by N. Johnson that nominations cease. Seconded by F. George. 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, with B. Chrumka as alternate.

2.04 Scholarship Selection Committee

B. Chrumka, N. Johnson, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, and E. Wilson were appointed.

2.05 Crawling Valley Recreation Society
F. George will continue.

2.06 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds
B. Chrumka, N. Johnson and E. Wilson will continue.

2.07 Newell Regional Economic Development Committee
J. Culligan was appointed in February and will continue.

2012-04-071 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

It was requested that a cover letter be returned along with the signed Newell Regional Economic Development Committee agreement stipulating that the District's agricultural land does not fall under this agreement.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 11:00 a.m. EID Historical Museum Presentation *[postponed to May]*

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.03 Maintenance of Rehabbed Canal ROW's
- 11.01.3 Del Giles Farm Improvement – SW 17-19-15 W4M

2012-04-072 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 20, 2012 Joint Board / GAC Meeting

These minutes were reviewed and will be presented at the next GAC meeting for approval.

2.02 March 26, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-04-073 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the March 26, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.03 April 5, 2012 Special Directors Meeting

Page 29, last paragraph, remove "to the Bassano Grazing Association".

Page 29, motion 2012-04-066, add "with previous allocation" after "1 year's absence".

2012-04-074 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the April 5, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

Boundaries regarding grazing association applications are to be addressed in the revised grazing policy.

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Celebrating Expo Communities – April 13, Rosemary

J. Culligan and C. Chomistek attended the Celebrating Expo Communities in Rosemary for the Village and Community of Tilley. Impressions from both Directors were that it was a very good event. Next year Tilley will host the event for another community.

3.02 Aggie Days – April 18th – 20th, Calgary Stampede Park

N. Johnson, R. Owen, F. George, M. Jarvis Redelback and W. Enns worked the AIPA booth on Thursday 19th, with grades 4, 5 and 6 students. EID Carabineers were given away, with hundreds of kids taking in the information and activities at the booth.

[10:01 a.m. – 10:06 a.m. Short break.]

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 March 31, 2012 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to March 31, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues are about \$18.3 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$9.5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$8.8 million.

2012-04-075 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

4.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2012

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2012 is \$9.6 million less than at September 30, 2011. This fluctuation is normal. One \$2.1 million investment matured and was cashed. One \$449,000 IRP investment matured and was reinvested.

2012-04-076 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2012 as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.03 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2012

Various accounts were discussed.

2012-04-077 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2012 as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

The Rolling Hills tower was damaged by lightening on the 19th causing some customers to be without service until repairs could be done. Repairs on the backhaul are still under way. The Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground tower is in place, power is being connected and the backhauls are being installed. The tower is scheduled to be operational for the water season.

6.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

Charging of pipelines is beginning, with 1 small leak detected so far. Various projects were commented on, noting the following:

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
South Bantry Drain	- remedial work near complete
John Ware (Reach A)	- earthworks & armouring complete; cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
One Tree	- earthworks & armouring complete; structures, cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
PIPELINE	
Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development	- electrical contract ongoing, road being completed, flushing & testing of pipeline for leaks commenced
AH North Bantry	- earthworks, armouring, rip-rap spillway, pipeline complete; cleanup, fencing & seeding remain
18, 19, 20 Bow Slope	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
13 Bow Slope	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
02-C North Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
P Tilley	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
05-H West Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
15 East Branch	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
01 Main Bantry	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
17 Rolling Hills	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
Russell Douglass	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain
03-02 Bow Slope	- complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remain

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
North Bantry Canal (16 km) Contour Earthmoving	- complete for both contract 5 & 6, fencing, seeding, etc. remain

COUNTY DRAINAGE	
Project Name	Comments
Patricia	- complete
Cassils	- earthworks largely complete, cleanup, seeding, etc. remain
Rolling Hills	- 4.5 of 49 km complete (EID main trunk); design of remainder complete
Bantry	- survey & design complete
Scandia	- survey complete, design started
Rainier	- most of survey complete, no design started

6.02 Infrastructure Savings – Graham Feeders & Alex Leonard

Presently this quarter is flood irrigated; both landowners are proposing to eliminate their existing deliveries. Graham Feeders are planning on putting up a pivot in the future, coming off the pipeline to the south; and Mr. Leonard is selling his irrigation acres back to the EID. As a result, this will reduce the length and flow in the pipeline, saving the District \$30,000 in pipe alone on each parcel.

- 2012-04-078 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for:**
- **Graham Feeders Inc., Pt. SW 26-16-16 W4M (E of the CPR ROW), and**
 - **Alex Leonard, Pt. SW 26-16-16 W4M (W of the CPR ROW),**
- for eliminating existing deliveries, thus saving the District \$30,000 in pipe alone on each parcel. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to each landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

6.03 Maintenance of Rehabbed Canal ROW's

J. Culligan enquired whether the District had a follow up plan for reseeding rehabbed areas where the grass seed did not take the first time, citing an example with bare ground from windblown areas. Mr. Wilson confirmed that the District can return to reseed, and that notification from landowners is helpful.

7.0 Irrigation Assessment

E. Wilson presented the following Irrigation Assessment reports.

7.01 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – David Wiens to Springview Colony

Mr. Wiens has applied to transfer 27 acres from NW 29-20-14 W4M to the Hutterian Brethren of Springview in S ½ 31 & N ½ 30-23-16 W4M to complete a 142 acre pivot. An existing Irrigable Unit will need to be discharged and a new one registered to include the new pivot which reaches into N ½ 30-23-16 W4M.

- 2012-04-079 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 27 irrigation acres from NW 29-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Oba Yo Creations (David Wiens), to S ½ 31 & N ½ 30-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Hutterian Brethren of Springview. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED**

- 2012-04-080 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the discharge of the irrigable unit on Sec. 31-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Hutterian Brethren of Springview. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

- 2012-04-081 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an irrigable unit on Sec. 31-23-16 W4M and N ½ 30-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Hutterian Brethren of Springview. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

7.02 Alternate Parcel Application – Don Jacobson to EID

Don Jacobson is applying to do an annual transfer of 25 irrigation acres from NW 09-15-15 W4M to Irrigated Lease #8342, S ½ 35-14-15 W4M to allow for a corner arm system. A lengthy discussion followed.

- 2012-04-082 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the annual transfer of 25 acres from Don Jacobson in NW 09-15-15 W4M, to Irrigated Lease #8342 in S ½ 35-14-15 W4M, lands being owned by Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by J. Culligan.**

- 2012-04-083 Moved by F. George that Motion 2012-04-082 be Tabled to the May Directors meeting. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED**

2012-04-084 Moved by N. Johnson that Motion 2012-04-082 be amended to include an annual surcharge cost of \$75/acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen.

2012-04-085 Moved by F. George that Amendment Motion 2012-04-084 be further amended by deleting "\$75/acre" and substituting therefor "\$100/acre".

2012-04-086 Moved by R. Owen that Amendment Motion 2012-04-085 be Tabled to the end of this meeting's agenda. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03 Alternate Parcel Application – Anthony Brummelhuis to EID

Anthony Brummelhuis is applying to do an annual transfer of 30 acres from SW 35-14-14 W4M to Irrigated Lease #8348, Block 12, Pt. 15-16-15 W4M; and 30 acres from SW 35-14-14 W4M to Irrigated Lease #8351, Block 15, Pt. 10-16-15 W4M. A short discussion followed.

2012-04-087 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board deny Anthony Brummelhuis' request for an annual transfer of irrigation acres to Leases #8348 and #8351 at this time. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.04 Assessment Report to March 31, 2012

The Assessment Report from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012 was presented as follows:

EID Water Roll			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2012	288,588	5,981	294,569
March 31, 2012	288,831	5,722	294,553
Net increase	243	< 259 >	< 16 >
Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement, or canceled terminable acres)			26
Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through irrigation development applications or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			10

8.0 Request for Funding – Ball Diamond Complex

The Brooks Regional Ballpark Association is asking for major donations towards the construction of a new 4 diamond baseball facility in southeast Brooks. A short discussion was held.

2012-04-088 Moved by A. Nielsen that this item be Tabled to the May Directors meeting. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.0 Medicine Hat College Brooks Campus

B. Chrumka attended a Board of Governors meeting at the Medicine Hat College Brooks Campus April 17th to discuss the College's mandate for research and innovation. The College is hoping to integrate more into the community with such things as water testing, etc. and Mr. Chrumka conveyed that the District is open to working together on associated projects.

10.0 Medicine Hat News – Newspaper Article

A short discussion was held regarding a grazing rights article in the Medicine Hat News which touched on the EID. As the article was somewhat misleading, the Board suggested that some

PR work be done for that area. B. Chrumka requested a PR article/ad to be included in next year's Report on Southeast Alberta magazine published by the Medicine Hat News.

[12:01 p.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break.]

11.0 Operations

11.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson to write letters.

11.01.1 Derek Christianson – SW 27-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 117 acres wheels; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 117 acres wheels to pivot. 13 additional acres are needed and will be transferred from NW 22-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,510 (117 acres x \$30/acre). New assessment on SW 27-16-16 W4M is 130 acres, all under pivot irrigation. New assessment on NW 22-16-16 W4M is 132 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-04-089 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Derek Christensen for the conversion of 117 acres wheels to pivot in SW 27-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,510. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2012-04-090 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigable acres from NW 22-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Bruce & Janice Christensen, to SW 27-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Derek Chistensen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.01.2 Allan Eastman – SW 24-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 114 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 123 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 114 acres flood to pivot. 9 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,840 (114 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,700. New assessment on this quarter is 123 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

The Water User is also applying for a grant for removing trees and a large head ditch to allow for the pivot. The 50/50 Cost Share Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,000.

2012-04-091 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Allen Eastman:

- for the conversion of 114 acres flood to pivot, and
- for removing trees and large head ditch to allow for the pivot;

in SW 24-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,840 for the conversion and up to \$5,000 for the rehab work. The capital assets charge is \$2,700. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.01.3 Del Giles – SW 17-19-15 W4M

Current assessment is 94 acres wheels and 14 acres flood; new pivot area is 128 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 108 acres wheels and flood to pivot. 20 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,820 (94 acres x \$30/acre) + \$840 (14 acres x \$60/acre) = \$3,660. The capital assets charge is \$6,000. New assessment on this quarter is 128 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-04-092 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Del Giles for the conversion of 108 acres wheels and flood to pivot in SW 17-19-15 W4M. The Farm

Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,660. The capital assets charge is \$6,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.01.4 Reinhold Hirsch – Pt. SW 08-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 115 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 70 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 70 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 2 pivot corners and some additional acres, totaling 21, back to the EID at \$700/acre. There is no deduction for the remaining 24 acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200 (70 acres x \$60/acre).

2012-04-093 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Reinhold Hirsch for the conversion of 70 acres flood to pivot in Pt. SW 08-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-04-094 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of Reinhold Hirsch's 21 acres of water rights on Pt. SW 08-14-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 21 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$14,700. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.01.5 Jeanette Owen – NE 06-21-12 W4M

Current assessment is 108 acres flood; new pivot area is 120 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot. 12 additional acres are needed; 4 acres will be transferred from SE 06-21-12 W4M, and 8 acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,480 (108 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,400. New assessment on this quarter is 120 acres, all under pivot irrigation. New assessment on SE 06-21-12 W4M is 109 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-04-095 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jeanette Owen for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot in NE 06-21-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,480. The capital assets charge is \$2,400. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-04-096 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 4 irrigable acres from SE 06-21-12 W4M to NE 06-21-12 W4M, all lands being owned by Jeannette Owen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.01.6 Jeanette Owen – SE 06-21-12 W4M

Current assessment is 113 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 109 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 113 acres wheels to pivot. 4 acres are being transferred to NE 06-21-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,390 (113 acres x \$30/acre). New assessment on SE 06-21-12 W4M is 109 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-04-097 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jeanette Owen for the conversion of 113 acres wheels to pivot in SE 06-21-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,390. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.01.7 Wade Tobler – NW 02-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 73 acres flood. The Water User has leveled 71 acres in this quarter, installed over ½ mile of gated pipe, and plans to level an additional 30-35 acres. Soils are being tested so that an additional 30 acres can be added. The Farm Improvement 50/50 Cost Share Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,000 (leveling) + \$2,500 (gated pipe) = \$12,500. Assessment remains the same.

2012-04-098 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wade Tobler:

- for the leveling of 71 acres, and

- for the installation of over ½ mile of gated pipe; in NW 02-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,000 for the leveling work, and \$2,500 for the gated pipe. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.01.8 Wade Tobler – SE 21-20-12 W4M

Current assessment is 113 acres flood. The Water User has leveled 120 acres and re-established grass in this quarter, and installed over ½ mile of gated pipe. Soils are being tested so that an additional 30 acres can be added. The Farm Improvement 50/50 Cost Share Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,000 (leveling) + \$2,500 (gated pipe) = \$12,500. Assessment remains the same.

2012-04-099 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wade Tobler:

- for the leveling of 120 acres, and
- for the installation of over ½ mile of gated pipe; in SE 21-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,000 for the leveling work, and \$2,500 for the gated pipe. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.01.9 Eckhardt Wiebe – NW 15-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 136 acres flood; new pivot area is 130 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800 (130 acres x \$60/acre) - \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre) = \$6,000.

2012-04-100 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eckhardt Wiebe for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in NW 15-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[1:52 p.m. B. Hale and T. Jensen entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands

12.01 Grazing Report

B. Hale indicated that cows will be going out to the community leases soon, that dugout water levels are not too bad, but rain is needed for both water supply and pastures.

12.01.1 Results of Bids on Annual Private Grazing Leases #7169 & #7279

These private grazing leases are put up for tender as a package each year. The combined lease consists of 906 acres, having a carrying capacity of 30 cow/calf pairs per month from May 15th to October 15th. The only tender received was from Ray Torkelson, and awarded as such.

Name	Tender Amount	
Ray Torkelson	\$35.60 cow/calf pair	x 30 AUM x 5 months = \$5,340 + GST

12.01.2 Review of Private Grazing Leases Returning to EID

Mr. Hale advised that long term private grazing leases #7167 Albers, #7047 Grue and #7214 Stojke have been turned back to the District. Mr. Wilson added that dry farm lease #8139 has been soil tested again and did not pass for irrigation. These leases were reviewed in regards to irrigation possibilities, amalgamation for larger grazing leases, and length of lease. The #7278 Piper lease will be dealt with at May's meeting.

2012-04-101 Moved by R. Owen that Private Grazing Leases #7167 & #7047 (combined), and #7214 be tendered for a 1 year permit from June 1st to October 15th, and that Dry Farm Lease #8139

be converted to a long term Private Grazing Lease and tendered out to end at the same time as the other long term leases. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.01.3 Letter from Susan Gutfriend

A follow up letter was received from Brent & Susan Gutfriend in regards to their private grazing lease and invoice for 2012. The Board upheld the decision from the November 23, 2011 meeting. Mr. Wilson will write in response.

12.01.4 Other Grazing Matters

It was requested that Mr. Hale investigate the cat and scraper activities at the government lease / old gravel pit; and also write South Slope Feeders instructing them to install a fence bordering the Newell Grazing Association at the north end of Pt. NW 28 & Pt. NE 29-16-15 W4M.

[1:16 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

12.02 Oil & Gas Report

12.02.1 Meetings held with Oil & Gas Companies – April 10th – 12th

T. Jensen advised that meetings were held April 10th, 11th and 12th at the District office with Cenovus, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., EOG, Penn West, Crew Energy and Enerplus. These 6 companies have 94% of the wells on EID land. An overview of the District was given, including land base, infrastructure, and how crossings are handled. Important aspects of the Area Development and Operation Agreement were discussed, displaying pictures of what is and what is not preferred regarding well site development, pipelining, landspraying, supply of water for drilling, dust control, fire control, and fencing. Additional meetings have since been requested of Mrs. Jensen from Crew, Penn West and the Southern Alberta Land Users Association.

12.02.2 Current Activity Report

Cenovus and Crew Energy have both chosen to shut down any drilling rigs until June. They will be active throughout the year but do not intend to drill as many wells as last year. Enerplus will be drilling 11 wells on EID land and Penn West is looking at drilling 3 right now. Current field activity is limited to service rigs and some pipelining and facility development by Cenovus and Crew Energy.

It was requested that Mrs. Jensen contact another TransCanada Pipeline representative regarding removing a derelict fence in the Patricia Grazing Association lease.

[1:26 p.m. T. Jensen exited the meeting.]

13.0 Crawling Valley Campground

13.01 Additional Boat Slips

B. Chrumka advised that last year's boating season has proved it necessary to install additional boat slips at the Crawling Valley Campground marina. Mr. Wilson estimated the cost for materials to be \$80,000 plus an additional \$30,000 - \$40,000 for in-house labour, which will likely necessitate the hiring of 2 additional summer students.

2012-04-102 Moved by F. George that 16-18 additional boat slips be added to the Crawling Valley Campground marina this camping season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

14.0 Letters from Irrigation Council

Two letters were recently received from Irrigation Council as follows.

14.01 2012 Tour/Meeting

As Irrigation Council has moved to a rotational basis for meeting and touring irrigation districts, 2012 is the year that will include the EID. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 24th. July's Board Meeting will be moved to Wednesday 25th to accommodate this.

14.02 Irrigation Districts Act Review

As 4 regulations within the *Irrigation Districts Act* are due to expire in October this year, Irrigation Council is planning to do its own formal review and is requesting that all districts submit any suggested changes in writing by May 31st. Mr. Wilson requested that staff and Directors forward their comments to him at their earliest convenience. An All Districts Managers Meeting will be held once Irrigation Council has received and compiled the input.

15.0 2012 Agricultural Water Survey

R. Owen provided a copy of a letter he received from Statistics Canada notifying him that a 2012 Agricultural Water Survey will be forwarded to him in October. Mr. Owen was to track his irrigation water usage as the questionnaire will ask for the amount of water used during the 2012 growing season. Other Directors had not received the letter.

7.02 Alternate Parcel Application – Don Jacobson to EID cont'd.

Further discussion was held. It was reasoned that if the District's infrastructure can support the additional acres, and that the Lessee pay a fee for farming additional acres, this application could be considered.

2012-04-103 Moved by R. Owen to lift Amendment Motion 2012-04-085 from the table. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-04-085 Moved by F. George that Amendment Motion 2012-04-084 be further amended by deleting "\$75/acre" and substituting therefor "\$100/acre". Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED

2012-04-084 Moved by N. Johnson that Motion 2012-04-082 be amended to include an annual surcharge cost of \$75/acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2012-04-082 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the annual transfer of 25 acres from Don Jacobson in NW 09-15-15 W4M, to Irrigated Lease #8342 in S ½ 35-14-15 W4M, lands being owned by Eastern Irrigation District, with an annual surcharge of \$75/acre. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.03 | Irrigation Council Tour/Meeting | - Tuesday, July 24 th |
| 16.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, July 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

May 29, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of May, 2012. 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] [9:41 a.m.]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.03 Meeting with Medicine Hat College
- 5.0 AESB Prairie Shelterbelt Program
- 6.0 Requests from NRTA
- 6.01 Request for Funding
- 6.02 Request for Letter of Support
- 7.06 Alternate Parcel Application – Ray Braun to J. & S. Vanstone
- 20.0 Drain Adjacent to Rolling Hills School

2012-05-104 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 April 25, 2012**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-05-105 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the April 25, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Chairman's Report**4.01 Meeting with MLA, Reeve & Mayors**

Mr. Chrumka has been invited to attend a meeting with Jason Hale, MLA, the County Reeve and the City and Village Mayors at the City office on June 11th. The meeting was set up to introduce municipal heads, etc. with the new MLA.

4.02 Irrigation with Brooks Effluent

B. Chrumka was informed that the City of Brooks will be constructing another effluent pond and is exploring the possibility of irrigation with a nearby landowner to irrigate with diluted effluent water. The District may become involved if additional water is needed by either the City or the landowner

for this purpose. This plan would positively impact the District's system if the City would no longer need to discharge down the One Tree Creek in late fall.

4.03 Meeting with Medicine Hat College

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson met with Walter Garrison, Manager – Office of Innovation and Scholarship, and Peter Wallis, Dean of Science, of the Medicine Hat College on May 23rd at the EID. MHC requested the meeting to discuss possible collaborative projects relating to water research. The discussions were positive and MHC may respond with some proposals.

5.0 AESB Prairie Shelterbelt Program (formerly PFRA)

The federal government has announced that the Agri-Environment Services Branch (AESB) Prairie Shelterbelt Program will no longer be growing and distributing free trees for farm shelterbelts after the spring of 2013. As this service has been instrumental in supplying nursery stock for the District's Partner's in Habitat Development program and for water users, letters will be sent to Federal Agriculture & Agri-Food Minister Gerry Ritz, MP LaVar Payne, Provincial Ag & Rural Dev Minister Verlyn Olson, and Environment & Sustainable Resource Development Minister Diana McQueen, lobbying for the continuation or suitable replacement of the program.

6.0 Requests from NRTA

6.01 Request for Funding

A letter was received from the Newell Regional Tourism Association requesting financial support towards the production of a "Dimestore Fisherman" TV episode focusing on a fishing derby at the Rolling Hills Reservoir and other local tourist attractions.

2012-05-106 Moved by J. Culligan that the District contribute up to \$6,000 to the NRTA for the local production of "The Dimestore Fisherman" episode covering the Rolling Hills Reservoir. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED.

6.02 Request for Letter of Support

The NRTA also requested the support of the District towards the nomination of the EID Historical Park for the Heritage Conservation Award through Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. The Park in Scandia has preserved many items of historical value connected to the District's early days.

2012-05-107 Moved by J. Culligan that the District write a letter of support for the EID Historical Park's nomination for the Heritage Conservation Award. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.0 Financial Report

7.01 April 30, 2012 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to April 30, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$21.3 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$11.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.0 million.

2012-05-108 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2012, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.0 EIDNet Report

A rainstorm on May 1st caused the Tilley tower to fail at 5:30 a.m., but service was restored by 10:00 a.m. The tower installed at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground is now operational.

9.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson gave the following Operations Report.

9.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Currently, the District is diverting 840 cfs at the dam and has diverted 74,000 acre feet so far this year. Patricia, Rosemary and south Gem are the areas with the most irrigation presently. Overall, 91 farmers are on in the south and 129 in the north. Reservoirs are in really good shape being at 97% full. There are no issues with the forecasted supply of water in the river.

[9:41 a.m. N. Johnson entered the meeting.]

9.02 iDaRS (Irrigation Data Recording System) Live Demonstration

Mr. Wilson gave a live demonstration of the new Irrigation Data Recording System.

9.03 Irrigable Unit Registration – Carl Kern – S ½ 17-21-15 W4M

In order to allow the future installation of a wiper pivot on this parcel which straddles the 2 quarter sections, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered.

2012-05-109 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit for Pt. SW & SE 17-21-15 W4M, lands being owned by Carl Kern. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.04 Irrigable Unit Registration – Jeanette Owen & Darrel Owen – N ½ 33-20-12 & S ½ 04-21-12

As part of a Special Infrastructure Cost Share that was approved previously, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered on all 4 parcels.

2012-05-110 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit for Pt. NW & NE 33-20-12 W4M, lands being owned by Darrel Owen, and Pt. SW & SE 04-21-12 W4M, lands being owned by Jeannette Owen. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

9.05 Farm Improvements**9.05.1 734372 AB Ltd. (R & S Perry) – NE 15-15-15 W4M**

Current assessment east of the drain is 63 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 48 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 48 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 15 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,880 (48 acres x \$60/acre) - \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing.

2012-05-111 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 734372 Alberta Ltd. (R. & S. Perry) for the conversion of 48 acres flood to pivot in NE 15-15-15 W4M. As the Water User is keeping extra acres, there is no Farm Improvement Grant payable. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.05.2 Mark Hironaka – NW 15-21-18 W4M

Current assessment is 90 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 80 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 10 extra acres outside the pivot area to reclaim the land to the north and move the pivot center north in 5 years. This will be at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,400 (80 acres x \$30/acre) - \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing.

2012-05-112 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark Hironaka for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to pivot in NW 15-21-18 W4M. As the Water User is keeping extra acres, there is no Farm Improvement Grant payable. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.05.3 Carl Kern – S ½ 17-21-15 W4M

Current assessment in the S ½ is 97 acres pivot and 98 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 98 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 98 acres wheels to pivot. 22 acres need to be transferred from the SW to the SE. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,940 (98 acres x \$30/acre). Assessment in the S ½ remains the same at 195 acres; 66 in the SW and 129 in the SE, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-05-113 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl Kern for the conversion of 98 acres wheels to pivot in S ½ 17-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,940. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-05-114 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 22 irrigation acres from SW 17-21-15 W4M, to SE 17-21-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Carl Kern. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.05.4 Patrick Rosen – NW 23-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 129 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740 (129 acres x \$60/acre).

2012-05-115 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Patrick Rosen for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in NW 23-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,740. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.06 Alternate Parcel Application – Ray Braun to J. & S. Vanstone

A request was received from Ray Braun to approve the use of 11 irrigation acres from his parcel in SW 16-23-16 W4M to a subdivided parcel within the same quarter section to enable his wiper pivot to cover more acres.

2012-05-116 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the annual transfer of 11 acres from Ray Braun in SW 16-23-16 W4M, to Plan 8310274, Block 1, lands being owned by J. & S. Vanstone. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[10:01 a.m. – 10:07 a.m. Short break.]

10.0 Irrigation Districts Act Review

Mr. Wilson presented comments on a few sections of the Act that have been identified by administration and staff as needing possible revisions, along with listing the sections that Irrigation Council has slated for discussion. AIPA has chosen to gather information from all districts as consensus to forward to Irrigation Council. Directors approved forwarding 4 of the 5 section suggestions to AIPA.

11.0 Equipment

11.01 Equipment Sale Results

The results of the Annett auction in April for light trucks and miscellaneous equipment went very well, netting \$69,120. Two of the trucks listed earlier were still in use so will be sent to auction once discontinued.

12.0 Request for Funding – Ball Diamond Complex

This item was brought back from April's meeting for further discussion. The Brooks Regional Ballpark Association is asking for major donations towards the construction of a new 4 diamond baseball facility in southeast Brooks. Further consideration was given to the District's intent and level of community donations.

2012-05-117 Moved by N. Johnson that the District donate \$100,000 to the Brooks Regional Ballpark Association for the development of a ball diamond complex, with naming rights and input on signage for a diamond with lights. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[10:48 a.m. – 10:53 a.m. Short break; T. Jensen entered the meeting.]

13.0 AltaLink Proposal

Mrs. Jensen presented the compensation figures for the latest AltaLink transmission line proposal as compared to the 1 previous AltaLink line and proposed ATCO line. The Board gave direction that counter offers from the EID are to be at \$3,000/acre land value.

[11:02 a.m. T. Jensen exited the meeting; J. Chomistek and H. Johnson entered.]

11:00 a.m. EID Historical Museum Presentation – Joe Chomistek & Holly Johnson

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Joe Chomistek and Holly Johnson to the meeting, representing the EID Historical Park in Scandia. They were in attendance to give an overview of the proposed docu-drama portraying the life of Carl Anderson leading up to and including the formation of the farmer owned Eastern Irrigation District, acquired from the Canadian Pacific Railway. A short DVD was shown as a sampler to the anticipated 20-30 minute film. Government and community support were discussed, along with the association's project and distribution plans. The representatives were thanked for their presentation.

[11:28 a.m. J. Chomistek and H. Johnson exited the meeting.]

Further discussion was held.

2012-05-118 Moved by J. Culligan that after the "Friends of Carl's Way" fund raiser the District donate the shortfall funding needed to produce the docu-drama on Carl Anderson and the beginnings of the Eastern Irrigation District, up to \$70,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[11:35 a.m. N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

14.0 Lands**14.01 Request from Johnson Farms**

Johnson Farms has put up a second wiper pivot in E ½ 16-19-14 W4M and needs additional acres beyond efficiencies gained. They are requesting to use the banked efficiency acres from Sec. 21-20-14 W4M. If their request is not approved they will transfer available acres from other parcels. As the deadline is past for the use of these acres, the Board denied this request.

[11:52 a.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break; B. Hale entered the meeting.]

14.02 Inquiry from Anthony Brummelhuis

An inquiry was received from Anthony Brummelhuis asking if he still has the option to purchase the 2 parcels he has leased if he sells his other land in Rolling Hills between now and then. After a short discussion, it was requested that a legal opinion be obtained in regards to this matter.

[1:32 p.m. N. Johnson re-entered the meeting.]

14.03 Grazing

14.03.1 Results of Tenders for Private Grazing Leases #7285, 7214 & 7167

Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7285 was put up for tender to end at the same time as other long term leases at the end of 2023, with the right to renew for a further 15 years and is transferrable to any eligible water user. It is located north of Duchess and has 133 acres with a carrying capacity of 40 AUM.

Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7285 – 133 acres, 40 AUM		
Name	Tender Amount	
Martin Cattle Co. Inc.	\$30,150 + \$1,507.50 GST	\$31,657.50
Cornelius Wall	\$10,000 + \$500.00 GST	\$10,500.00
Carey Kopp	\$5,052 + \$252.60 GST	\$5,304.60
Greg & Kathy Drake	\$5,000 + \$250.00 GST	\$5,250.00

Martin Cattle Co. Inc. was awarded the long term lease.

Private grazing leases #7214 and 7167 located southeast of Rolling Hills were advertized as 1 year permits, with the following tender results.

1 Year Private Grazing Lease #7214 – 311 acres, 52 AUM		
Name	Tender Amount	
Vern Parker	\$43.43 x 52 AUM	\$2,258.29 + GST
Clarence Amulung	\$40.38 x 52 AUM	\$2,080.00 + GST
Ben Meyer	\$38.46 x 52 AUM	\$2,000.00 + GST

Vern Parker was awarded the lease for the season.

1 Year Private Grazing Lease #7167 – 314 acres, 85 AUM		
Name	Tender Amount	
Nathan Maldaner	\$35.30 x 85 AUM	\$3,000 + GST
Ben Meyer	\$35.30 x 85 AUM	\$3,000 + GST

Ben Myer was drawn and was awarded the lease for the season.

15.0 Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pastures – Draft Revision

A Joint Directors / Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held March 20th to review the Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pastures. All grazing associations were represented. The policy was examined clause by clause and input taken, with much discussion.

Mr. Wilson presented the compiled draft to Directors for further review. After extensive discussion, additional recommendations were made, with the request that this draft be sent out to grazing association boards for their review.

[2:00 p.m. A. Nielsen exited the meeting.]

16.0 Requests from Bruce Beasley

A request was received from Bruce Beasley for the District to relocate the drain in NE 28-19-13 W4M to the east and north quarter lines and sell him the acres between the old and new drains to accommodate a pivot. This request was denied.

A second request was for the Board to reconsider the residency policy as eligibility for community grazing. The Board upheld the policy that a primary residence within the EID is mandatory.

[2:33 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

17.0 License Amendment Appeal Update

Mr. Wilson advised that a formal mediation meeting was held in Calgary on May 10th with the Alberta Environment Director, his assistant and Alberta Justice lawyer; Irrigation Secretariat (Roger Hohm); Walter & Mary Hohloch and their lawyer (Barry Robinson of Eco Justice); himself and EID lawyer (Richard Jones); and lawyer member of Environmental Appeals Board, mediator (Alex MacWilliam). The mediation meeting was a productive one, with understandings gained; one of the issues under appeal was resolved and dropped from the appeal. The official appeal hearing is scheduled for this coming September.

18.0 Bow River Operations Model / TransAlta Utilities Update

Alberta Innovates, AIEES and Water Smart applied and received a 2 year grant from Climate Change Emissions Management Corporation to further develop the Bow River Operational Model and develop one for the Oldman River to look at ways of adapting to climate variability with the stakeholder. Work will begin on TransAlta's operating model and agreement. E. Wilson, Richard Phillips – BRID, and Erwin Braun – WID have been invited onboard as stakeholders.

[2:46 p.m. – 2:51 p.m. Short break.]

19.0 Other Purposes Water Agreements – Rates for Alternate Uses

Other Purposes Water Agreements were discussed at the Board Retreat in January, the Board Meeting in February and the joint meeting with the WID and BRID in March. Through discussion, the following parameters were approved:

- Agreements would be tied to a piece of land or subdivision, transferable to new owners for the same purpose on the same land, but not transferable to other lands or for other purposes.
- Where the District has charged for the agreement, the holder will be reimbursed the rate of the day when he no longer needs it.
- Existing users that the District chooses to convert from other agreements to this new one would not be charged (ie. subdivisions, livestock water agreements, or existing livestock water users who are more than 20 acre feet without an agreement).
- The Country Residential Policy would be revised from:
 - *“When a landowner wishes to obtain a Country Residential Rural Water Use Agreement, he/she turns back 1 acre of irrigation water rights per acre foot required, or pays the EID \$2,500 per acre foot required for the agreement.”*

to:

- *“When a landowner wishes to obtain a Country Residential Rural Water Use Agreement, he/she turns back 1 acre of water rights for every acre foot required from that parcel. If the landowner does not have the acres he/she would be forced to purchase them from only the EID and the rate would be \$1,000/acre foot.”*

in order to be the same as the Municipal rate.

OTHER PURPOSES WATER AGREEMENTS				
Category	Option 1 One Time Payment + Lower Annual Fee		Option 2 No Acquisition Payment, Higher Annual Fee	
	Charge / Acre Feet		Charge / Acre Feet	
	1 Time	Annual	1 Time	Annual
Municipal (new subdivision)	\$1,000	\$200/lot	X	X
Agricultural	\$500	\$25/acre ft	\$0	\$50/acre ft
Commercial	\$1,200	\$30/acre ft	\$0	\$60/acre ft
Industrial	\$1,200	\$30/acre ft	\$0	\$60/acre ft
Habitat	\$500	\$25/acre ft	\$0	\$50/acre ft
Recreation	\$1,000	\$25/acre ft	\$0	\$50/acre ft

2012-05-119 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Other Purposes Water Agreements Rate Structure as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

20.0 Drain Adjacent to Rolling Hills School

C. Chomistek advised that there is a concern at the Rolling Hills Schools for safety along a newly rehabbed drain immediately west of the building. As this was part of the County / EID Drain Project, I. Friesen will ask the County if they would cost share a guardrail or fence between the Rolling Hills School and the drain.

21.0 Staffing Update

Two employees are retiring in July, Robert Matoba – Land Administrator with 27 years of service, and Pete Green – Shop Supervisor with 35 years of service. Chris Cochrane has been hired as an Automotive Mechanic and Nathan Fontaine as a Land Administrator for the Oil & Gas department.

22.0 Upcoming Events

- 22.01 CWRA Conference – Banff - June 5th – 8th, Banff [Earl, Ivan, Allen, Floyd, Carl, Neil]
- 22.02 Cenovus BBQ & Brooks Pro Rodeo - Friday, June 8th, 5:00 p.m. [Bob, Jim, Bob H.]
- 22.03 Enerplus BBQ & Brooks Pro Rodeo - Saturday, June 9th, 4:00 p.m.
[Neil, Floyd, Ross, Carl, Jim, Allen]
- 22.04 Retirement Lunch – Pete Green & Robert Matoba - Friday, June 15th, noon, EID Shop
- 22.05 “Friends of Carl’s Way” Fundraiser - Friday, June 22nd, 5:30 p.m., Scandia Community Hall
[all Directors, Earl, Kevin]
- 22.06 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 26th, 9:00 a.m.
- 22.07 Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting - Tuesday, July 24th
- 22.08 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 25th, 9:00 a.m.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

June 26, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of June, 2012. 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]		

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

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Drain Adjacent to Rolling Hills School
- 3.02 “Friends of Carl’s Way” Fund Raiser
- 3.03 County, City & District Meeting with MLA Jason Hale
- 7.0 Crawling Valley Campground
- 10.01.4 Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pastures
- 15.0 License Amendment Appeal Update
- 17.0 University of Lethbridge Irrigated Agriculture Survey
- 18.0 “Thanks to Irrigation” Signage

2012-06-120 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 May 29, 2012

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-06-121 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Drain Adjacent to Rolling Hills School

The drain adjacent to the Rolling Hills School has been cordoned off with a 5 string smooth wire fence, and will be cost-shared with the County.

3.02 “Friends of Carl’s Way” Fund Raiser

The event went well; B. Chrumka advised that the District’s donation will likely be around \$55,000 once all grants and pledges are received.

3.03 County, City & District Meeting with MLA Jason Hale

Mr. Chrumka reported on the meet and greet meeting he attended on June 11th for the new area MLA, Jason Hale. Mr. Hale will be attending next month's meeting to meet the board and be informed of District and irrigated agriculture issues.

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 May 31, 2012 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements to May 31, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$24.9 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$13.6 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$11.3 million.

2012-06-122 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

4.02 K300 Financial Mortgages

K. Bridges advised that the K300 mortgages on undeveloped land at Lake Newell Resort were last renewed in 2010 and will mature on August 31, 2012. The Board gave direction to renew these mortgages with the following conditions.

2012-06-123 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve renewal of the K300 Financial Corporation mortgages as follows:

- **2 year term, commencing September 1, 2012 and ending August 31, 2014**
- **principal payment of \$93,127.16 to be made each year**
- **10% annual interest rate, interest to be paid monthly**

Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

4.03 Fees Bylaw – To Include Other Purposes

K. Bridges presented a new 2012 Fees Bylaw which has been revised from the original bylaw to include the "Other Purposes" portion of the District's amended water license. The bylaw is also aligned with the Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy and rates established in May's meeting. A discussion was held regarding the assignment of new and conversion of existing agreements, differentiating of types of purposes, policing the use of water, and the circumstances involved with D.U. projects. Mr. Wilson will bring back approximately 10 examples of Other Purpose Agreements to the July Board Meeting to aid further discussion.

[10:03 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Short break. J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

5.0 EIDNet Report

Current customer accounts are at 1,260. There have been no major outages since the last report.

6.0 Engineering**6.01 20 Springhill**

R. Summach presented the 20 Springhill synopsis located approximately 3 km east of Duchess, which currently has 339 acres of wheels and 243 acres of pivot irrigation. This rehabilitation project consists of installing 1.3 km of closed gravity pipeline, to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$605,000.

It was requested by J. Culligan that the drain northwest of this project be looked at for rehab.

2012-06-124 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 20 Springhill Canal by installing 1.3 km of pipe at an estimated cost of \$605,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.02 21 Springhill

R. Summach also presented the 21 Springhill synopsis located approximately 10 km northeast of Duchess, which currently has 248 acres of flood and 1,922 acres of pivot irrigation. This rehabilitation project consists of installing 4.4 km of gravity pipeline, to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$1,915,000.

2012-06-125 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 21 Springhill Canal by installing 4.4 km of pipe at an estimated cost of \$1,915,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

6.03 D Springhill – Options being considered

J. Kabut presented the D Springhill synopsis located approximately 4 km south of Duchess which is slated for the 2012/13 construction year. Three options were presented for discussion with cost estimates for PVC pipe alone:

- Option 1 – gravity pipeline - \$5,078,000
- Option 2 – pumped system - \$4,353,000 + cost of pump house = \$5,200,000 to \$5,400,000
- Option 3 – twin 48" pipe for the first 2.8 km - \$6,334,000

All options were deliberated; this project will be brought back for additional consideration on all 3 options, with more information presented on options 2 and 3.

7.0 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George advised that a Health Inspector is requiring the Crawling Valley Campground to have a sewage holding tank installed for the waste water generated from the fish cleaning station. As it was agreed that the smell and refuse from fish cleaning stations need to be contained, it was also felt that the CVRS should take full ownership of the project.

[10:50 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

8.0 Operations Report

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Mr. Wilson reported that the District is currently drawing 440 cfs at the Bassano Dam, and passing 35,000 cfs (the amount equivalent to filling the Crawling Valley Reservoir from empty to full in 24 hours). This amount could reach 50,000 cfs soon; the highest has been 70,000, and it has only been over 50,000 three times in the last 25 years.

Reservoir storage is at 288,000 acre feet, or 97% full. So far 118,000 acre feet have been diverted from the river, which equates to 6"/acre. 450 – 500 farmers were irrigating in early June; currently only 11 north of the #1 Highway, and 100 south. It is expected that use will increase significantly into July.

[11:01 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

8.02 iDaRS (Irrigation Data Recording System) Demonstration on Landowner Use

M. Porter gave a live demonstration on landowner access to iDaRS, highlighting the various features which were built into the program. Directors were given login and password information to enable their access to the live data. Access will also be given at this time to select landowners interested in employing the system.

[11:13 a.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

8.03 Farm Improvements

8.03.1 Christianson Agro Ltd – SE 34-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 64 acres north of the canal; new wiper pivot area is 80 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 64 acres flood to pivot. 16 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,840 (64 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,800. New assessment on this quarter is 80 acres pivot north of the canal and 12 acres flood southeast of the canal.

2012-06-126 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Christianson Agro Ltd. (Ron Christianson) for the conversion of 64 acres flood to pivot in SE 34-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,840. The capital assets charge is \$4,800. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.03.2 Deschamps Ranching Ltd – SW 25-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 130 acre flood; new wiper pivot area is 114 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 114 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 10 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre, and sell the balance of 6 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,840 (114 acres x \$60/acre) - \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre) = \$3,840. New assessment on this quarter is 124 acres, 114 acres under pivot and 10 acres flood.

2012-06-127 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Deschamps Ranching Ltd. (Brent Deschamps) for the conversion of 114 acres flood to pivot in SW 25-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,840. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-06-128 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the purchase of Deschamps Ranching Ltd.'s 6 acres of water rights on SW 25-20-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 6 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$4,200. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

R. Owen requested that the SW corner of this parcel be looked at in regards to improving the drainage.

8.03.3 Reinhold Hirsch and Sheila Hirsch – SE 07-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 128 acre flood; new wiper pivot area is 102 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 102 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 6 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre, and sell the balance of 6 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,120 (102 acres x \$60/acre) - \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre) = \$4,320. New assessment on this quarter is 115 acres, 102 acres under wiper pivot, 7 under crossing corner arm pivot, and 6 acres flood in the SW corner.

2012-06-129 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Reinhold Hirsch and Sheila Hirsch for the conversion of 102 acres flood to pivot in SE 07-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,320. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2012-06-130 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the purchase of Reinhold Hirsch and Sheila Hirsch's 6 acres of water rights on SW 25-20-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 6 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$4,200. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.03.4 Claude & Deborah Mindorff – Pt. S ½ 28-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 211 acres flood; new wheel area is 211 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 211 acres flood to wheels. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,330 (211 acres x \$30/acre).

2012-06-131 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C. & D. Mindorff for the conversion of 211 acres flood to wheels in Pt. S ½ 28-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,330. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.0 Anthony Brummelhuis Request

E. Wilson advised of the legal opinion obtained regarding whether a leaseholder of development land off the Rolling Hills Reservoir remains eligible to purchase the parcel(s) if they have since sold all of their private land. Directors confirmed that leaseholders must retain the minimum ownership of private land and water rights until purchase. Mr. Wilson will write Mr. Brummelhuis to convey the Board's reply.

[11:42 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break; B. Hale entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands**10.01 Grazing****10.01.1 Private Grazing Lease #7278 (Alfred Piper)**

B. Hale reviewed long term Private Grazing Lease #7278, formerly held by Alfred Piper. The lease is located near the river, west of Kitsim Reservoir, consists of 17 acres with a carrying capacity of 12 AUM. The lease is difficult to fence, and the fences that are there are in poor repair. A short discussion was held.

2012-06-132 Moved by J. Culligan that Private Grazing Lease #7278 be tendered as a long term lease, to end at the same time as the other long term leases, for a minimum price of \$500 to obtain the lease. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

10.01.2 Joe Palin re CNR Right-of-Way

A letter was received from a lawyer representing Joe Palin, who has ownership of approximately 26 acres of old CNR right-of-way land through community grazing and private land in the Patricia area. Mr. Palin is requesting that the EID's old fencing materials be removed from his land and that he be paid reasonable rent for the land, as it is not fenced off from community cattle. A short discussion was held. Fencing materials will be cleaned up and Mr. Wilson will invite Mr. Palin to come and discuss resolving his land issues. R. Owen will talk with adjacent landowners for their viewpoints.

10.01.3 Old Kitsim Flood Land

In 2011 this reseeded grass field was swathed and bales tendered for sale. This year it was approved by the Board to tender the grass/alfalfa as standing hay, with the hay to be removed by August 10th.

10.01.4 Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pastures – Draft Revision

A response to the draft revision of the community grazing policy was received from the Duchess Grazing Association and discussed. Mr. Hale reported receiving a few other comments on the proposed revisions.

[1:12 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

10.02 Oil & Gas**10.02.1 AltaLink Right-of-Way**

E. Wilson advised that AltaLink has agreed to the District's counter offer of \$3,000/acre; surmising that ATCO Power's resubmitted rate proposal will likely be the same.

11.0 Bow City Hutterite Colony

In addition to previously requesting to transfer 376 irrigation acres from Pt. Sec's 16 & 17-17-17 W4M to Sec. 32-17-17 W4M, the District has received a request from the Bow City Colony to obtain a 55 acre foot Other Purposes Agreement for garden, human and livestock use. Mr. Wilson noted that the Colony has indicated they will make an offer to compensate for the lost infrastructure associated with transferring the 376 acres; commenting as well that the legal dispute regarding gravel ownership is not resolved. The Board gave direction on resolving the transfer of acres, abandonment and compensation of rehabbed pipeline, expenses for removal of turnouts, land swap and title to the gravel pit, and 55 acre foot Other Purposes Agreement as major points of an umbrella agreement to be reached with the Colony.

12.0 Linda & Darrel McAulay Request to Purchase Land – SW 08-16-15 W4M

A letter was received from Linda & Darrel McAulay requesting to purchase part of SW 08-16-15 W4M; this parcel is included in the Newell Grazing Association. This request was denied.

13.0 Brooks Asphalt Request to Purchase Land – Pt. NE 20-18-14 W4M

A letter was received from Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate Ltd. requesting to purchase the balance of the half ¼ section where their plant is located in NE 20-18-14 W4M, for expansion to their gravel stockpile and to build a shop. The parcel is approximately 24 acres, and there is no road access to this parcel. After discussion the following motion was approved.

2012-06-133 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District sell the requested land to Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate Ltd. for \$20,000/acre, with them bearing all subdivision, fencing and development costs. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[1:45 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Short break.]

14.0 Irrigation Districts Act Review

E. Wilson, K. Bridges and C. Chomistek attended an all managers AIPA meeting June 25th to discuss recommendations to revise the *Irrigation Districts Act*. A summary of the districts' suggestions were presented to Directors, along with Irrigation Council's proposed changes. Various clauses were discussed. The Board will have an opportunity to comment to Council on the 24th for the scheduled meeting and at the EID, and at the IDA summary meeting yet to be announced.

15.0 License Amendment Appeal Update

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

16.0 Equipment**16.01 Quotes on Excavators**

Results of quotes on excavators will be received in a couple weeks and faxed to Directors for voting purposes so as not to delay delivery for fall.

17.0 University of Lethbridge Irrigated Agriculture Survey

F. George advised that in addition to responding to the University of Lethbridge phone survey earlier this year, he has recently participated in another survey in person. He is aware of people from other communities participating as well.

18.0 “Thanks to Irrigation” Signage

C. Chomistek enquired if “Thanks to Irrigation” signage should be installed at the Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley campgrounds. E. Wilson responded that informative signs are already installed at both campgrounds. Other suggestions put forward were signage at Lake Newell and various DU projects.

19.0 Tour of Rolling Hills Reservoir Development & Pump Station (tentative)

This tour was postponed due to inclement weather.

20.0 Upcoming Events

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| 20.01 | Meeting with MP LaVar Payne | - Thursday, June 28 th , EID office
<i>[B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen & E. Wilson attending]</i> |
| 20.02 | Canadian Water Summit | - Thursday, June 28 th , Calgary
<i>[F. George & J. Culligan attending]</i> |
| 20.03 | Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting | - Tuesday, July 24 th |
| 20.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, July 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 20.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

July 23, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of July, 2012. 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]		

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

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 8.03.2 Randy Perry Farm Improvement

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.0 AIPA
- 8.01 Sprinkling of Roadways
- 10.03.4 Kitsim Pivots
- 16.0 University of Alberta Rangelands Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch
- 17.0 Crawling Valley Campground
- 18.0 2012 Canadian Water Summit
- 19.0 Quebec Farmers Tour
- 20.0 Measured Pivot Flow Rates
- 21.0 Equipment

2012-07-134 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 26, 2012**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-07-135 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the June 26, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 “Thanks to Irrigation” Signage**

In reviewing the signage request from the last meeting, it was advised that there is a need to repair or replace some signs, and add some new ones. There is a possibility of coordinating signage with the Newell Regional Economic Development Committee to prevent unnecessary doubling up in some locations. All District signage will be reviewed this winter, with signs replaced or added as necessary, and integrating the “Thanks to Irrigation” theme.

4.0 License Amendment Appeal Update

4.01 Appeal Hearing – September 18th

Mr. Wilson updated the Board as to the procedure of this appeal. The District's reply to the appellant's written document must be submitted by August 15th.

4.02 Moving Forward After Appeal Hearing

The District's course of action after the hearing was discussed, with the following outline agreed upon:

- A Newsletter with information on water transfers is to be mailed out to Water Users prior to January.
- Farmer Meetings with advance plebiscite polls are to be held in early January.
- A plebiscite on water transfers is to be held shortly after the Farmer Meetings.

In the meantime, an application for a temporary transfer to the County will be submitted so as not to delay the County's Regional Water startup.

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 June 30, 2012 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to June 30, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$27.9 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$15.9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$11.97 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2012-07-136 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2012, as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2012

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balance at June 30, 2012 is \$3.85 million less than at September 30, 2011. This fluctuation is normal. Four long term investments totaling \$3.49 million matured and three long term investments worth \$3.23 million were purchased. One \$450,000 IRP investment matured and was cashed.

2012-07-137 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2012 as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

5.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2012

Various accounts were discussed.

2012-07-138 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2012 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[9:56 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break; F. George exited the meeting.]

6.0 EIDNet Report

The Tilley tower went down twice this past month. Both times faulty air conditioning caused overheating and with the backup link still down to Rolling Hills, connection was lost. The backup link between Tilley and Rolling Hills was repaired on July 17th.

7.0 AIPA Executive Report

C. Chomistek reported that the AIPA Executive is taking suggestions for conference speakers, etc. The conference will be held in Calgary in November, with a theme of "To Feed the World – Safe Food Requires Safe Water." Proposals from Directors were to have the AGM at the beginning of the AIPA conference, rather than the end, and to definitely invite speakers from the City of Calgary administration, and perhaps the 2012 Canadian Water Summit. Separate to this topic, J. Culligan enquired if AIPA could look into getting a booth at the Calgary Stampede for increased exposure of irrigated agriculture.

8.0 Operations Report

8.01 Sprinkling of Roadways

In response to a Water User's request, A. Nielsen enquired of the EID's procedure for handling sprinkling of roadways, whether the District could shut off and charge those at fault; acknowledging that the County of Newell does patrol such things as well. E. Wilson advised that the District has dealt with blatant damage, such as flooding out a neighbour's field, in such a manner; adding that allowances for pivots on windy days are reasonable, although pivot steel should never extend over property lines. Mr. Wilson recommended that complaints of sprinkling roadways be forwarded to both the District and the County of Newell.

8.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Irrigation demand was growing all last week, reaching over 800 parcels, until rain on the weekend resulted in 500 parcels shutting off. Reservoirs are as full or fuller than preferred for this time of year only 8,000 acre feet from 100% full everywhere.

8.03 Farm Improvements

8.03.1 Eldon Willms – SW 03-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 96 acres flood; new pivot area is 106 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 96 acres flood to pivot. 10 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,760 (96 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,000. New assessment on this quarter is 106 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-07-139 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eldon Willms for the conversion of 96 acres flood to pivot in SW 03-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,760. The capital assets charge is \$3,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[10:26 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 Secondary B Springhill

The upper 6 km of Secondary B Springhill have never been rehabbed. It runs through pastureland and seepage is not a concern. The canal is badly eroded and has a lot of damage due to cattle. There is one large chute drop structure near the bottom end that needs replacing. The canal now serves 10,000 acres; it used to serve an additional 3,000 acres that now are served by a pipeline system. The proposed rehabilitation involves rebuilding some banks, trimming, armouring, fencing the canal and replacing the large drop chute structure, at an estimated cost of \$3.165 million to be funded under the IRP program.

2012-07-140 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Secondary B Springhill by rebuilding, trimming and armouring the canal, and replacing the drop structure, at an estimated cost of \$3,165,000; to be funded under the IRP Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

J. Culligan asked if the landowner in NW 34-20-16 W4M could request that a dugout be dug to replace water access for the abandoned drain ditch. E. Wilson confirmed that he could, and a livestock watering agreement could then be administered.

9.02 1064 Springhill Drop Structure

1064 Drop Structure is located 1 mile north of the TransCanada Highway, north of the microwave tower. This large chute drops 8 meters. The canal has a 1,000 cfs capacity but the chute is taxed at 850 cfs. The existing structure was patched in 1985 and has developed some slab failures and side wall overflow at high flows. The proposed rehabilitation is a larger cast-in-place chute with a capacity of 1,000 cfs. The estimated cost is \$1.25 million, and it is proposed to be rehabbed under the IRP program.

2012-07-141 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the replacement of 1064 Springhill Drop Structure with a larger cast-in-place chute, at an estimated cost of \$1,250,000; to be funded under the IRP Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03 D Springhill

This project was introduced at the June Board Meeting for consideration of 3 options, and brought back with more information. D Springhill runs from Rock Lake to north and east of the Crow Butte 15 km and serves 4,150 acres of irrigation. The existing canal accepts drain water in numerous places including County road ditches and the Duchess Highway. A 4.5 km portion of the canal will be kept as a drainage ditch; this portion is lined and armouring. All 3 of the proposed options are pipeline that will eliminate any spill from the canal system which will save at least 500 acre feet, more likely 750 acre feet, per year (assuming average spill is equal to 1 pivot). E. Wilson gave further details on the 3 options; discussion ensued.

[11:07 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Gagley exited the meeting; Jason Hale entered.]

11:08 a.m. Meeting with MLA Jason Hale

Jason Hale, MLA for Strathmore-Brooks was welcomed to the boardroom, with introductions given. A general information package on the EID was forwarded to Mr. Hale prior to the meeting and an opportunity was given for any questions.

[11:15 a.m. F. George re-entered the meeting.]

Energy matters, the shelterbelt program and storm water runoff were a few of the topics touched on. Mr. Wilson offered to present EID and irrigated agriculture information to the Wildrose Party's Ag Critic; Mr. Hale will respond if a presentation could be set up.

[11:30 a.m. J. Hale exited the meeting; J. Kabut and R. Gagley re-entered.]

9.03 D Springhill cont'd.

Discussion resumed, with the Board's consensus being Option #3. Two improvements to this option were also approved, being exchanging or cost-sharing pumps in 2 locations, and installing a pump to supply 21 acreages; both changes enabling the District to save on turnout costs and also benefitting the landowners.

2012-07-142 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the rehabilitation of D Springhill by implementing Option #3 – installation of 48" diameter pipe for the first 5.6 km, and

relocating some deliveries, at an estimated cost of 8,250,000; to be funded under the IRP Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.04 Sauki Drain

This project starts 2 ½ miles east of Scandia and runs 5 ½ miles (9 km) to the Bow River. It is located approximately ⅔ of the way down the Bow Slope Canal with 12 laterals (10 of which are pipeline) upstream of this location. It is 1 of 2 canal spillways on the Bow Slope and with the laterals upstream being pipelined this spillway has become more important and handles more flow than the tailout at the bottom end. Structures, capacity and erosion have become problems.

The proposed rehabilitation of the first 7 ½ km involves increasing capacity to 100 cfs by widening the channel, replacing culverts, gravel armouring cross sections and installing gabion chutes where the old structures have failed. The estimated cost of this portion is \$1.55 million. It is proposed for the last km to straighten out, widen, and rock the channel within the canyon bottom in some reaches, and construct a few small dams with 3 – 4 gabion chute drops in other reaches, for an estimate of \$550,000. This project would be funded under the District's 2012/2013 Capital Works budget.

2012-07-143 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Sauki Drain by rebuilding the channel, replacing culverts, and installing gabion chutes and dams, at an estimated cost of \$2,100,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program; and that work on the spillway reach be reported in progress and be capped at \$550,000. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[12:00 noon – 12:42 p.m. J. Kabut and R. Gagley exited the meeting; Lunch break.]

9.05 Ad & Jose Groenberg Request

A letter was received from A. & J. Groenberg requesting the EID turn over ownership of the pipeline in E ½ 11-15-13 W4M to enable them to pump from the center of Sec. 11 to supply water to their pivot in W ½ of 11-15-13 W4M, irrigated lease in Pt. SE 11 & S ½ 12-15-13 W4M, and to 2 proposed pivots to be installed on NE 11 and Pt. N ½ 12-15-13 W4M. Groenbergs' propose to discontinue pumping from 12 Mile Coulee for the existing pivots, and have 1 pump station with pressurized lines serving all 5 pivots, supplied from 09-A Rolling Hills pipeline. The 2 pivots currently on spill water would be on the canal system, and the irrigated lease expires in 2015. After a short discussion this request was denied.

[12:50 p.m. B. Hale, M. Jarvis Redelback and N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

M. Jarvis Redelback was in attendance to present the irrigation acres transfer application and assessment report; she introduced Nathan Fontaine who has been hired as a Land Administrator for the Oil & Gas department.

10.01 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Wiens to Buteau

Mr. Wiens has applied to transfer 30 irrigation acres from NW 29-20-14 W4M to Rejo Ranches in E ½ 25-18-16 W4M to complete another tower on his existing pivot.

2012-07-144 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 30 irrigation acres from NW 29-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Oba Yo Creations (David Wiens), to E ½ 25-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by Rejo Ranches (Jamie Buteau). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.02 Assessment Report to June 30, 2012

The Assessment Report from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 was presented as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
April 1, 2012	288,831	5,722	294,553
June 30, 2012	288,831	5,715	294,546
Net increase	0	< 7 >	< 7 >
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			35
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			35
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			0
Terminable Acres Canceled			7

[12:57 p.m. M. Jarvis Redelback and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.03 Grazing

10.03.1 Results of Tender for Hay at Kitsim

B. Hale presented the bids for the standing hay on the Kitsim flood land; approximately 200 acres.

STANDING HAY – OLD KITSIM FLOOD LAND	
Bidder	Amount per Ton
Slenders Farms	\$41.00
Brad Calvert	\$40.00
Barry Fleming	\$21.09

The hay was awarded to Slenders Farms.

10.03.2 Results of Tender for Private Grazing Lease #7278

Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7278 was put up for tender to end at the same time as other long term leases at the end of 2023, with the right to renew for a further 15 years and is transferrable to any eligible water user. It is located near the river, west of Kitsim Reservoir, and consists of 17 acres with a carrying capacity of 12 AUM.

LONG TERM PRIVATE GRAZING LEASE #7278 17 acres, 12 AUM	
Name	Tender Amount
Grant Ellefson	\$2,567.00

Grant Ellefson was awarded the long term lease.

10.03.3 Set Round-Up Date

A late Round-Up Date of October 31st was recommended by Mr. Hale. Associations have the option of returning earlier.

2012-07-145 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board set the Round-Up Date for lease cattle to be out by October 31, 2012. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.03.4 Kitsim Pivots

In review of the discussions in December 2011, the 2 pivots at Kitsim will be advertized for a 5 year irrigated lease, with access to the land in the fall of 2012, and at the end of the 5 year term be assessed whether to seed back to grass or deem more useful otherwise. These pivots are part of the Kitsim Swing Field.

[1:18 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

10.04 AltaLink Transmission Line

AltaLink agreed to the EID's rates and have signed the District up on the Cassils to Ware Junction power line.

ALTALINK COMPENSATION RATES	
Right-of-Way	\$ 3,000/acre
Entry Fee	\$ 500/acre
Temporary Workspace	\$ 1,500/acre
Damages	\$ 2,500/ ½ mile
General Disturbance	\$ 1,500 for 1 tower
General Disturbance	\$ 3,000 for parcels with 2 or more towers
Consent to Survey	\$ 10,000/parcel
TOTAL	\$365,380.00 and Annual Rentals of \$5,652.00

11.0 Bow City Hutterite Colony

E. Wilson reviewed the offer presented to the Bow City Hutterite Colony regarding the transfer of acres, abandonment and compensation of rehabbed pipeline, expenses for removal of turnouts, land swap and title to the gravel pit, and 55 acre foot Other Purposes Agreement, and their response letter. At the Board's request, Mr. Wilson will arrange a meeting with representatives from the Colony, two Directors and himself to review and present the District's original offer.

12.0 Old CNR Right-of-Way

R. Owen reported on the neighbouring landowners' opinions concerning the old CNR right-of-way adjacent to their lands. E. Wilson advised that the contractor's fencing materials have been cleaned up off the right-of-way and presented options to the Board for their consideration. Mr. Wilson is to present an offer to purchase for Mr. Palin's ROW on District land.

[1:51 p.m. – 1:56 p.m. Short break.]

13.0 Other Purposes Agreements

13.01 Examples of Agreements

Mr. Wilson presented 10 examples where Other Purposes Water Agreements may either need to be issued, limited, or not granted. Various scenarios were discussed in light of water efficiencies, practicality, pipelines and drains, multiple use, and current and future demand. R. Owen suggested an incentive program be discussed to encourage landowners to switch over from District filled sloughs for livestock watering to dugouts and watering troughs, in support of water savings and proper licensing agreements.

13.02 Fees Bylaw – To Include Other Purposes

A new 2012 Fees Bylaw was presented to the Board for approval. The bylaw has been revised to include the Other Purposes portion of the District's amended water license, and is aligned with the Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy and rates established in May's meeting.

2012-07-146 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw #886 (2012) be introduced and read the first time this 23rd day of July 2012. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2012-07-147 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #886 (2012) the second time this 23rd day of July 2012. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-07-148 Moved by C. Chomistek that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #886 (2012) this 23rd day of July 2012. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2012-07-149 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #886 (2012), being a bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to set fees for Household Purposes agreements, Water Conveyance agreements and Rural Water Use agreements and to set the Discount and Penalty Rates applicable to those agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

14.0 Bantry Bay Development

E. Wilson advised of a local newspaper article on the newest proposal for the Bantry Bay development, noting the changes in the proposal from last time, and where the EID stands. Mr. Wilson will keep Directors informed of the progress of this development.

15.0 Greenwald Inlet Development - K300 Financial Corp. Mortgages

Mortgage renewals for 2 year terms with K300 Financial Corporation were given approval at the June Board Meeting. K. Bridges advised that the developers are now requesting to have the EID's mortgages discharged from 29.78 acres of land at the northwest corner of Greenwald Inlet, and are willing to pay \$300,000 to do so. A short discussion followed.

2012-07-150 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District accept K300 Financial Corporation's offer to discharge the mortgage from 29.78 acres of land in Pt. NE 12-18-15 W4M for a payment of \$300,000. Seconded by F. George. DEFEATED

Discussion continued. The Board directed K. Bridges to reply to K300 that the District is willing for K300 to have a second mortgage on the specified parcel of land, as long as the District remains on the first mortgage, at a value of \$300,000.

16.0 University of Alberta Rangelands Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch

F. George advised that the U of A will be forming a committee for the Mattheis Ranch called the Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council, comprised of individuals from a wide variety of

backgrounds including local members. The committee formation and research goals are currently in their infancy.

17.0 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George updated the Board as to the operational activities at the Crawling Valley Campground.

18.0 2012 Canadian Water Summit – June 28th

F. George attended the 2012 Canadian Water Summit in Calgary on June 28th. A large amount of speakers were there, including politicians and irrigated agriculture representatives addressing the efficient use of water, water quality, and how to work together towards these means.

19.0 Quebec Farmers Tour – July 13th

J. Culligan participated in a local tour for Quebec farmers on June 13th. The tour was arranged by a couple of oil and gas companies through farmers in the Rosemary and Gem areas to familiarize the guests with the farmer / oil & gas company relationship. A tour with information and policy points given through an interpreter was finished off with questions and a BBQ. Mr. Culligan took the opportunity to relate some information on the EID and irrigated agriculture as well.

20.0 Measured Pivot Flow Rates

J. Culligan enquired what can be done if a pivot's assigned flow rate is being questioned, or when a pivot has been renozzled. Mr. Wilson replied that 100's of pivots have been measured and that is what the standard rate is based on, but anytime there is a question, the individual pivot can be measured with a flow meter by the local Water District Supervisor or Engineer Tech. Additionally, flow meters are being used in pipelines as well to help keep track of diversion.

21.0 Equipment

21.01 Purchase of Excavators

Information on 350 and 250 Excavators for a lease-to-purchase arrangement was faxed to Directors July 16th, with a request for a reply vote, so as not to impede fall delivery.

350 EXCAVATOR (75,000 LB MACHINE)		
Make & Model	Quote	Comments
Brandt Tractor - JD 350	\$323,800	- meets our specifications and they have good service in Brooks
Wajax - Hitachi 350	\$349,960	- good machine and they have good service
Finning - Cat 336	\$383,659	- a little smaller reach, same weight

250 EXCAVATOR (55,000 LB MACHINE)		
Make & Model	Quote	Comments
Brandt Tractor - JD 250	\$255,500	- good machine with good local service & overnight parts
Wajax - Hitachi 250	\$281,932	- good machine with good local service & overnight parts
Finning - Cat 324	\$290,151	- quite a bit smaller reach (over 2')

The following motion was formally approved.

2012-07-151 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a John Deere 350 Excavator for \$323,800 and a John Deere 250 Excavator for \$255,500 from Brandt Tractor, Calgary. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

22.0 Upcoming Events

- 22.01 Irrigation Council Meeting at EID - Tuesday, July 24th, 10:00 a.m.
- 22.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 28th, 9:00 a.m.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

August 3, 2012 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3rd day of August, 2012. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]		
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]		
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]		
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 9:30 a.m.

1.0 Bow City Hutterite Colony

A meeting with representatives from the Hutterian Brethren of Bow City, B. Chrumka, N. Johnson and E. Wilson was held August 3rd at the EID office to discuss the gravel pit, possible land trade, transfer of irrigation acres, abandonment of pipeline, and Other Purposes Water Agreement. The District's original offer and the Colony's counter offer were discussed, with an agreement reached between representatives. The parameters were disclosed to Directors for discussion and consideration for approval as a Board, with the following motion being carried.

2012-08-152 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve:

- **To let Hutterian Brethren of Bow City transfer 376 acres of water rights from Sec. 16 & 17-17-17 W4M to Sec. 32-17-17 W4M, subject to soil tests passing for irrigation. If soil tests fail, the EID will buy the water rights for \$700/acre and agree to sell them back to the Colony for \$700/acre if the Colony finds other lands where soils tests pass, or if the rules for soils tests changes and allows Sec. 32 to pass within 5 years.**
- **To grant Hutterian Brethren of Bow City an Other Purposes Agricultural Water Agreement for 50 acre feet at the standard rates of \$500/acre foot and the Colony pays the annual conveyance rate set annually by the Board, or the Colony pays \$0/acre foot up front and pays 2 times the annual conveyance rate set annually by the Board.**
- **That EID retains ownership of the pipeline and will convey water to a new storage facility to be constructed by Hutterian Brethren of Bow City in NW 21-17-17 W4M.**
- **To trade land with Hutterian Brethren of Bow City, EID acquiring W ½ of Sections 01 & 12-18-18 W4M, and Colony acquiring Section 11-18-17 W4M. The parties agree that the Colony has no claim for additional compensation for gravel that was removed in the past and have no claim on any gravel ownership in the future.**

Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager

August 28, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of August, 2012. 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] <i>[9:58 a.m.]</i>		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

There were no items added or removed from the agenda.

2012-08-153 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 July 23, 2012**

The minute were accepted as circulated.

2012-08-154 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the July 23, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.02 August 3, 2012

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-08-155 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the August 3, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Brooks Asphalt Request to Purchase Land – Pt. NE 20-18-14 W4M**

E. Wilson advised that Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate Ltd. has agreed to the purchase price and conditions for the acquisition of Pt. NE 20-18-14 W4M.

4.0 University of Alberta Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch

F. George shared two letters he received from the U of A Rangeland Research Institute in regards to the Mattheis Ranch and the establishment of an advisory council. The Board supported his participation on this committee, which consists of a wide variety of members and is anticipated to meet twice annually. Secondly, the Faculty of ALES (Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences) of the U of A has requested to meet with the District and provide a tour of the ranch; this will be arranged for Tuesday, October 23rd, with the regular Board Meeting being moved to another day.

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 July 31, 2012 Financial Statements

E. Wilson presented the Financial Report on behalf of K. Bridges. The Financial Statements to July 31, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$30.69 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$17.99 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$12.70 million.

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

2012-08-156 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

A power outage early on August 13th suspended service from the Bassano tower. Power was restored but problems contacting Xpanserv (PCCC) for access resulted in Bassano customers being without service for about half the day. Department staffing issues resulted in some customers having to wait longer for some repairs but all work is now caught up.

[9:51 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

7.01 Marshall Drain – East of Sec. Hwy #873

The Marshall Drain starts at the west end of the City of Brooks, runs east through residential areas and the golf course ending up tying into the One Tree Drain 7 km downstream. The first 3 km is being proposed for rehab, starting at Hwy #873 and ending at the One Tree Drain. Problems with the existing drain are overgrowth limiting flow, erosion, and a flat profile causing pooling and aquatic growth. The proposed rehab consists of increasing capacity to 75 cfs by removing aquatic growth, gravel armouring cross sections, replacing culverts and installing a new check/drop structure at an estimated cost of \$1.05 million to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2012-08-157 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Marshall Drain by gravel armouring the canal, replacing culverts and installing a new drop structure, at an estimated cost of \$1,050,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

7.02 Tender Results – Secondary B Springhill

I. Friesen presented the tender results for the Secondary B Springhill project.

Secondary B Springhill Tender Results	
Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate	\$1,765,050
Richardson Bros. (Olds)	\$1,878,500
Contour Earthmoving	\$1,989,500
Morgan Construction	\$2,013,515
Degraff Excavating	\$2,573,800

The project was awarded to Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate.

[10:09 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

8.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

288,000 acre feet of water has been diverted, with almost 40,000 of that still in reservoirs. Reservoirs are 25,000 – 30,000 acre feet too full for winter therefore diversion from the river will be quite low to the end of the season. The river is still over 3,000 cfs. 217 quarters are being irrigated, mainly corn, potatoes, sugar beets, 3rd cut hay and lots of pasture. The average water use is about 7 – 8", but there are some flood parcels up at the 24" amount.

8.02 Water Shut Down Date

With a somewhat early harvest, Mr. Wilson recommended water shut down to be October 5th or 6th. He also requested that it be the norm for water shut down to be the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. This would promote a preset schedule, and enable the system to drain over the remaining part of the weekend.

2012-08-158 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be October 6, 2012. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.03 Farm Improvements

8.03.1 Donald & Jeanette Burton (Scott Burton) – NE 20-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 137 acres flood; new pivot area is 126 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot. 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 \$7,560 (126 acres x \$60/acre) - \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre) = \$4,260.

2012-08-159 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Donald & Jeanette Burton for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot in NE 20-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,260. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.03.2 Donald & Jeanette Burton (Scott Burton) – SE 20-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 144 acres flood; new pivot area is 122 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 122 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 22 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,320 (122 acres x \$60/acre) - \$6,600 (22 acres x \$300/acre) = \$720.

2012-08-160 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Donald & Jeanette Burton for the conversion of 122 acres flood to pivot in SE 20-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$720. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.03.3 Tamie Eastman – SE 23-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 110 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 117 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot. 7 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600 (110 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,100. New assessment on this quarter is 117 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-08-161 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tamie Eastman for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot in SE 23-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600. The capital assets charge is \$2,100. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.03.4 Derek Virostek – NW 08-15-13 W4M

An 85 acre wiper pivot was installed in 2009, with the intent to also convert the remaining 38 flood acres to wheels. A grant was paid out for both conversions however the trees did not get removed in order to install the wheels. Now the landowner is wishing to convert these acres to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,140 (38 acres x \$30/acre).

2012-08-162 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Derek Virostek for the conversion of 38 acres wheels to pivot in NW 08-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,140. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

9.0 Lands

9.01 Irrigable Unit Registration – Scott Tateson

The transfer of land from the EID to Tateson Ranching Ltd. to accommodate the pivot on these parcels is now complete. As such an Irrigable Unit must be registered.

2012-08-163 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit for Pt. NE 20-16-12 W4M and Pt. NW 21-16-12 W4M, lands being owned by Tateson Ranching Ltd. (Scott & Julie Tateson). Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.02 Grazing

9.02.1 Tender Results – Kitsim Pivots

E. Wilson presented the Kitsim Pivots tender results. The 5 year irrigated farm lease consists of 2 pivots, 204 acres and 212 acres, in a total fenced area of 537 acres, with the lessee not being responsible for the power costs.

Kitsim Pivots – 5 Year Irrigated Farm Lease		
Bidder	Amount per Year	Per Acre
South Slope Feeders Ltd.	\$48,000	\$115.38 / acre
Brad Niznik & Bruce Niznik	\$43,200	\$103.85 / acre
Tony Brummelhuis	\$42,100	\$101.20 / acre

2012-08-164 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve South Slope Feeders Ltd. bid of \$48,000/year for the Kitsim pivots 5 year irrigated farm lease. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

10.0 Bantry Bay Estates

Mr. Wilson presented the Bantry Bay Estates area structure plan as information, discussing District right-of-way land between the shoreline and the developer owned land, and the proposed marina. It was confirmed by Directors that the ROW would best be grassed by the developer with a walking path bordering privately owned lots to delineate private and District land and allow for public access to the shoreline. Some of the shoreline will have to be rip rapped to preserve the ROW. As well, the Board supported the requirement for the proposed marina to be operational at draw down levels for the lake. A contract between the EID and the developer would need to be

entered into when/if the project goes ahead. It was noted that the developer will be getting water from the County's regional water system, and connecting to the City's sewer system.

11.0 Staffing Update

Bill Anhel has been hired as an Internet Technician.

12.0 Upcoming Events

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| 12.01 | AIPA MLA Aerial Tour | - Wednesday, August 29 th
<i>[C. Chomistek, E. Wilson attending]</i> |
| 12.02 | Ticki Fisher Retirement Lunch | - Thursday, September 6 th , 12:00 noon, EID Shop |
| 12.03 | EID Annual Golf Tournament | - Thursday, September 6 th , 3:00 p.m., Brooks Golf Club |
| 12.04 | Irrigation Districts Act Review | - Friday, September 7 th , 10:00 a.m., Holiday Inn, Lethbridge
<i>[B. Chrumka, E. Wilson attending]</i> |
| 12.05 | EID Ducks Unlimited Banquet | - Friday, September 7 th , 6:00 p.m., Brooks, Heritage Inn |
| 12.06 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, September 17 th , 9:30 a.m., Strathmore |
| 12.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager

September 25, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of September, 2012. 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]		

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

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

There were no items added or removed from the agenda.

2012-09-165 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 July 23, 2012

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-09-166 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the August 28, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 AIPA Directors Meeting Report

C. Chomistek, B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen and E. Wilson attended the AIPA Directors Meeting September 17th in Strathmore. It was carried that the PR advertizing campaign continue for 2013 at a cost of \$.05/irrigation acre. Noteworthy discussion was spent on the Irrigation Districts Act's power to cancel unused water rights.

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 August 31, 2012 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to August 31, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$33.68 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$19.97 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$13.71 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2012-09-167 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

There were no major problems occurring over the past month.

[10:15 a.m. J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

7.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status for the upcoming construction year, which consists of approximately 16.5 km of earthworks and 28 km of PVC pipeline.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Marshall Drain	√	√	-	- 5 landowners, no issues
Sauki Spill	√	90%	75%	- working with H. Tateson on downstream section; other landowners satisfied
One Tree	-	50%	√	- we have existing titled ROW
PIPELINE				
D Springhill	√	85%	65%	- detailed review on the agenda
20 Springhill	√	90%	-	- 1 landowner, no issues
21 Springhill	√	90%	-	- 7 landowners, no issues
9-A Springhill	-	-	-	- talking with landowners and finalizing the board proposal

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Sec B Springhill	√	√	-	- 1 landowner, probably signed Mon.
1064 Chute	√	√	n/a	

The County Drainage Program is progressing in Rolling Hills with approximately 25 km of 33 km complete. It is anticipated to be near complete the excavation portion of the project by water shut down. \$1,545,000 (County & EID) has been spent from January 1, 2012 to August 31, 2012. The budget is \$2,400,000 (\$1.2 million County / \$1.2 million EID). The Scandia drainage program is designed and agreements are ready for signing.

7.02 D Springhill

7.02.1 Infrastructure Savings Grant – Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Ramer Ranches Ltd.

Currently there are 59 irrigation acres in SW 13-20-15 W4M, owned by Ramer Ranches Ltd. The landowner has agreed to transferring these acres to their land in NE 24-20-15 W4M and onto the 16 Springhill system. With the result of moving these acres the pipe on the D Springhill rehab project can be downsized, saving the District \$30,000.

2012-09-168 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Ramer Ranches Ltd. for transferring 59 irrigation acres from SW 13-20-15 W4M on the D Springhill system to NE 24-20-15 W4M on the 16 Springhill system, thus saving the District \$30,000 in downsizing pipe for the D Springhill proposed pipeline. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to each landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.02.2 Landowner Issues

Some landowner concerns have been raised regarding the new “sealed well” risers that are being proposed for the D Springhill project. The Engineering Department will work through these concerns, as well as determine whether District access to these wells is required.

Secondly, in regards to installing new lateral pipelines to serve Household or Rural Water Purposes deliveries from realigned infrastructure, Directors upheld the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy that outlines a 75% District / 25% Landowner cost share, up to \$7,500.

Lastly, the combined \$30,000/quarter section cap on the current Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy was discussed and sustained.

[10:52 a.m. – 10:57 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

[11:00 a.m. Richard Jones, of Vipond Jones LLP entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. License Amendment Appeal Update – Report on Hearing, Richard Jones

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Richard Jones, of Vipond Jones LLP to the meeting. Mr. Jones was in attendance to brief Directors on the License Amendment Appeal Hearing between Walter Hohloch and Alberta Environment September 18th in Calgary, attended by R. Jones and E. Wilson. The day’s proceedings and projected outcome were reviewed, with a number of questions from the Board being responded to by Mr. Jones and Mr. Wilson. A decision from the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board is expected to be heard in approximately 2 – 3 months.

[11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break; Mr. Jones exited the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering cont’d.

7.03 2012/2013 Structure Program

I. Friesen presented the Structure Program for the upcoming construction season. These structures have been selected for replacement.

2012/2013 Structure Program		
Location	Cost	Comments
NW 27-16-13 W4M	\$35,000	- replace existing structure with a new precast turnout - cost includes structure, gate, pipe and installation
NW 26-16-13 W4M	\$65,000	- replace existing check structure installed in 1985 - cost includes structure, leaf gate, gear operator & installa.

SE 26-16-13 W4M	\$65,000	- replace existing check structure installed in 1988 - cost includes structure, leaf gate, gear operator & installa.
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2012-09-169 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Structures Program for the 2012/2013 construction year at an estimated total cost of \$165,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of September 24th, the District was diverting 700 cfs at the dam and spilling 800 cfs; with all water being diverted feeding the systems directly. The average number of quarters being irrigated was 200 but had just recently climbed to 275 as many farmers are doing their post-harvest fall irrigating. Numerous farmers are at their 24" maximum; some had ordered water and then didn't use, but did not tell their Water District Supervisor and therefore the water flow is still recorded against those parcels.

8.02 Farm Improvements

8.02.1 Atherton Farms – NE 01-15-14 W4M

Current assessment is 133 acres flood; new pivot area is 101 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 101 acres flood to pivot and 24 acres flood to wheels. The Water User is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres of flood in the SE corner at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,060 (101 acres x \$60/acre) + \$720 (24 acres x \$30/acre) - \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre) = \$4,380.

2012-09-170 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Atherton Farms for the conversion of 101 acres flood to pivot and 24 acres flood to wheels in NE 01-15-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,380. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.02.2 Randy Dale & Matthew Dale – SE 01-22-13 W4M

Current assessment is 105 acres flood; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 105 acres flood to pivot. 24 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,300 (105 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$7,200 (24 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 129 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-09-171 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Randy Dale and Matthew Dale for the conversion of 105 acres flood to pivot in SE 01-22-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,300. The capital assets charge is \$7,200. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.02.3 Byron & Melissa Dovichak – SW 30-16-12 W4M

Current assessment is 140 acres flood; new pivot area is 127 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 13 extra acres of flood outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,620 (127 acres x \$60/acre) - \$3,900 (13 acres x \$300/acre) = \$3,720.

~~**2012-09-172 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Byron & Melissa Dovichak for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot in SW 30-16-12 W4M. The Farm**~~

~~Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,720. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2017-11-383]~~

8.02.4 George Gretter – SE 25-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 116 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 113 acres. The landowner currently pumps from a drain and if there is no water in the drain, feeds it from his delivery. He wishes to continue this method for his pivot, therefore this Farm Improvement grant was denied as water efficiencies are not being met with spill water flowing past the pump. Mr. Wilson is to present water saving options to Mr. Gretter for his consideration.

8.02.5 Hangingshaw Farms Ltd. (Jock Airth) – N ½ 13-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 252 acres wheels; new 2 pivot area is 252 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 252 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,560 (252 acres x \$30/acre). An Irrigable Unit is required.

2012-09-173 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hangingshaw Farms Ltd. (Jock Airth) for the conversion of 252 acres wheels to pivot in N ½ 13-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,560. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-09-174 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & NE 13-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Hangingshaw Farms Ltd. (Jock Airth). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.02.6 Casey Kozma – S ½ 22-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 200 acres wheels; new pivot area is 175 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 175 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep a 21 acre field of wheels and a 4 acre corner of wheels outside the pivot area. There will be a deduction of \$300/acre for the corner. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,250 (175 acres x \$30/acre) - \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre) = \$4,050.

2012-09-175 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Casey Kozma for the conversion of 175 acres wheels to pivot in S ½ 22-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,050. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.02.7 Dan Sewall – NE 26, SE 35-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 130 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 144 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot. 14 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800 (130 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 144 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-09-176 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dan Sewall for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in NE 26, SE 35-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,800. The capital assets charge is \$4,200. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[1:00 p.m. Ray Juska of NRSWMA entered the meeting.]

1:00 p.m. Regional Landfill Presentation – Ray Juska

B. Chrumka welcomed Ray Juska, Manager of the Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Ltd. to the meeting. Mr. Juska was in attendance to bring information to the Board regarding a garbage incinerator and energy recovery project being explored under the SAEWA (Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Alliance) in the geographical center of southeast Alberta, or on its own at the Newell Regional Landfill. This concept is in its infancy at the moment, but it was

brought to light that if it were to develop, there would be a need for a small amount of water in a closed loop system.

[1:22 p.m. R. Juska exited the meeting.]

9.0 Transfer of an Allocation of Water

9.01 Information Meetings – How many and where?

As preparation for the plebiscite to transfer an allocation of water from the District's license, Administration will forward a newsletter to all water users this fall. Information Meetings with advance voting will be held Wednesday January 16th and Wednesday January 23rd, one in Duchess and one in Brooks. The plebiscite will take place Wednesday January 30th at the EID Office.

9.02 2013 Plebiscite Date Bylaw

A bylaw is required to be passed stating the date of the proposed plebiscite. First and second readings were approved.

2012-09-177 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #887 (2012), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of September, 2012. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-09-178 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve Bylaw #887 (2012) the second time this 25th day of September, 2012. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.0 Proposed County of Newell Land Use Bylaw – Do we want a setback?

The County of Newell is preparing a new land use bylaw and has enquired whether the EID would like a provision included that would impose a building setback on private property from EID infrastructure (canals, pipelines, drains, reservoirs, etc. titled or within easements). The current land use bylaw specifies setbacks from water bodies only. After a short discussion it was requested that Administration develop a recommendation to the County.

11.0 Lake Newell Sailing Club – Erosion of Shoreline

J. Culligan was approached from a representative of the Lake Newell Sailing Club concerning the erosion of shoreline around the club area, with a request that the EID possibly help restore and preserve it. E. Wilson advised that this is a government owned island, but the EID could participate in a joint effort if requested by the Parks department. Directors requested that Administration prepare an estimate for the cost of repairing and preserving the shoreline in this area.

12.0 Revised IRP Administration Manual

Information was made available to the Board outlining minor changes made to the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program Manual.

[1:57 p.m. – 2:02 p.m. Short break; B. Hale entered the meeting.]

13.0 Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pasture

The unresolved issues in the revised grazing policy, namely renters and family brands, were discussed at length in regards to legitimate applications for grazing privileges on Community Pasture. A Joint GAC / Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 10th, 10:00 a.m. to finalize the policy with grazing association representatives. The policy will then be brought to the

October Directors Meeting for approval. Grazing Association boundaries will also be developed by Administration/Staff and presented for approval.

[3:24 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Joint GAC / Board Meeting | - Wednesday, October 10 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, October 16 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 14.03 | Southern AB Leader's Dinner | - Thursday, October 18 th , Lethbridge Lodge |
| 14.04 | U of A Rangeland Research Institute
Mattheis Ranch Tour & Meeting | - Tuesday, October 23 rd , 11:00 a.m., lunch provided |
| 14.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, October 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, November 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.07 | AIPA Conference | - November 27 th & 28 th , Deerfoot Inn, Calgary |

N. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

October 25, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of October, 2012. 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:

- 4.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2012
- 5.0 AAMDC

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 11.01.1 Summary of 2012 Grazing Season

2012-10-179 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 25, 2012**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-10-180 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the September 25, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Lake Newell Sailing Club – Erosion of Shoreline**

E. Wilson advised that he had a discussion with Tourism, Parks and Recreation officials regarding the shoreline around the Sailing Club, and that they will get back to him whether they have any specific rehab requests.

[9:08 a.m. N. Johnson joined the meeting.]

4.0 Financial Report**4.01 September 30, 2012 Financial Statements**

The preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2012 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$34.6 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$20.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$13.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2012-10-181 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to September 30, 2012, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

4.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2012

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2012 is \$2.7 million less than at September 30, 2011. This fluctuation is normal and is primarily due to operating and capital project funding requirements. A relatively small amount of the reduction in market value is due to market conditions. During the past quarter, two long term investments totaling \$3.45 million matured and were cashed and the Carl Anderson Trust Fund investment matured and was reinvested.

2012-10-182 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2012 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

4.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2012

Various accounts were discussed.

2012-10-183 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2012 as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

5.0 AAMDC

As a result of discussions at AIPA, C. Chomistek enquired if the EID would see an advantage to dealing through AAMDC (Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties) for such things as insurance, equipment and parts. Administration responded that this avenue had been investigated previously and the District was deemed not eligible to participate in AAMDC's insurance program. The District, however, is able to purchase heavy equipment parts through them at a better rate; and remains in a better position purchasing equipment directly from the equipment dealers.

6.0 EIDNet

Current customer accounts are at 1,270. There have been no significant problems over the past month.

7.0 Transfer of an Allocation of Water

7.01 2013 Plebiscite Date Bylaw

A bylaw stating the date of the proposed plebiscite received first and second readings at September's meeting.

2012-10-184 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw #887 (2012), being a bylaw to set the date of the plebiscite to obtain the approval of the irrigators with regard to the proposed transfer of one or more allocations of water under the District's water license, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.02 Advance Voting

The District wishes to offer advance voting at all public meetings prior to the plebiscite; a resolution is required.

2012-10-185 Moved by C. Chomistek that an advance vote be held on the plebiscite scheduled for January 30, 2013. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03 Question

The plebiscite question which will be proposed to voters was discussed and approved.

2012-10-186

Moved by R. Owen that the question to be determined by the plebiscite to be held on January 30, 2013 be as follows:

“The Eastern Irrigation District presently has a water license that allocates a total of 680,000 acre feet of water to the District. The Board of Directors has determined that 678,540 acre feet of water is sufficient for the District’s needs. The Board of Directors is seeking the approval of the irrigators to apply to transfer up to 1,460 acre feet of the water allocated in that license to the following municipalities within the Eastern Irrigation District:

- **1,000 acre feet to the County of Newell at this time, plus**
- **up to 460 acre feet, in the future, to one or more of the County of Newell, Town of Bassano, Village of Rosemary, Village of Duchess and Village of Tilley to meet their needs, if their growth projections are accurate.”**

Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[9:52 a.m. – 9:57 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering Report

8.01 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Marshall Drain	√	√	75%	
Sauki Spill	√	√	√	- construction has commenced
One Tree	-	√	√	- to be presented this meeting
PIPELINE				
D Springhill	√	85%	90%	- discussion at this meeting
20 Springhill	√	90%	√	- removing armour & stripping banks
21 Springhill	√	90%	√	
9-A Springhill	-	-	-	- discussion at this meeting

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Sec B Springhill	√	√	√	- Brooks Asphalt started stripping banks
1064 Chute	√	√	n/a	- see following tender results

The County Drainage Program is progressing in Rolling Hills with this project near complete. Construction has now started on the bottom portion of the Scandia drainage. Discussion was held on Lawrence Adams' concerns regarding the D Springhill rehab project. The Chairman will respond to his concerns by letter and Engineering will follow up by phone.

8.02 Tender Results – Sec B Springhill & 1064 Check Structure

The Secondary B Springhill and 1064 Check/Chute Structure tender results are as follows. The contract was awarded to Charmar.

Sec B Springhill & 1064 Check/Chute Structures	
Company	Bid
Charmar Enterprises	\$1,469,500
MJB Enterprises	\$2,961,080
Engineer Estimate	\$1,578,000

8.03 One Tree Creek – Phase 3

This rehab project is located approximately 8 km SE of Duchess and is slated for the 2012/2013 construction year. The current system has flow control and erosion problems. The proposed rehabilitation consists of trimming and armouring the existing canal, and relocating 2 portions to accommodate a pivot and shorten the canal, at an estimated \$1,396,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2012-10-187 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of One Tree Creek – Phase 3 by trimming and armouring the canal, at an estimated cost of \$1,396,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.04 Dan Plumer – Request for Cost Share for Upsizing Pipe – W ½ 18-20-14 W4M

Presently Mr. Plumer flood irrigates the Pt. SW, & NW 18-20-14 W4M from the north. He is planning on installing a pivot and would like to come off the D Springhill pipeline. The cost to upgrade the lateral to accommodate another pivot is \$24,000. As a condition, if Mr. Plumer does not put up a pivot by May 1, 2016 he will be responsible for the whole cost of the upsizing.

2012-10-188 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the cost share for upsizing pipe for Dan Plumer in W ½ 18-20-14 W4M; subject to the following:

- to be funded \$12,000 by the EID and \$12,000 by the Landowner;
- if at the end of May 1, 2016 the pivot has not been installed, the Landowner will return the \$12,000 to the EID under the terms of a capital construction charges agreement, which is rate enforceable.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.05 Request for Delivery – Anthony & Marie Baer – SE 22-21-18 W4M

SE 22-21-18 W4M was subdivided into 2 parcels around 1981, with the north portion retaining 27 irrigation acres and the south portion retaining 40 irrigation acres. As part of this subdivision the District imposed a condition to obtain a water supply easement for the SE; legal delivery for the E ½ was in the NE quarter. The original owners signed a letter promising to enter into a water sharing agreement upon transfer of the land and that they would make it a condition to the purchasers. Nothing pertaining to this is on title. Currently the landowners are filling connecting sloughs where it finally fills their dugout in the SE. This has caused flooding to both landowners. Engineering options were presented, and discussion was held regarding different parties' presumed legal responsibilities. Administration was requested to obtain a legal opinion and talk to the County regarding this matter.

[11:02 a.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

[11:05 a.m. R. Remus & R. Milder entered the meeting.]

11:05 a.m. Lake Newell Marina Association – R. Remus & R. Milder

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Ron Remus and Rob Milder of the Lake Newell Marina Association to the meeting. A letter was submitted for the Board's consideration regarding the contribution of erosion control and rehab work to the peninsula south and east of the marina. Due to natural erosion, the lighthouse is now situated on an island, shorelines on the south side of the peninsula and the east side of the marina are shrinking; and shallow waterway hazards are developing. Project scale, feasibility, and necessity; and potential funding partners and government grants, were discussed.

[11:36 a.m. R. Remus & R. Milder exited the meeting.]

E. Wilson advised that a commitment to do erosion control work next to the public beach area where erosion is nearing the ROW, was made in April 2011; and that the District will carry out the work in this area once conditions are right. Discussion ensued.

[11:45 a.m. – 1:12 p.m. Lunch break.]

Engineering is to prepare, for the Lake Newell Marina Association's use, rough estimates for erosion repair and control on the peninsula south and east of the marina (the area extending beyond the 2011 commitment). A response letter is to be forwarded to the Association recommending that partners in grant funding be found and a detailed project plan prepared, suggesting that this be resubmitted to the District for consideration.

8.0 Engineering Report cont'd.

8.06 9 Secondary A Springhill

E. Wilson advised that 9 Sec A Springhill was a project originally slated to be proposed for rehab in the 2012/2013 construction year, but after further evaluation is being recommended for indefinite postponement as the expenditure would far outweigh any gains. After a short discussion the Board agreed with this recommendation.

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Quotes on 2013 Trucks

E. Wilson presented quotes from 6 dealerships for the purchase of eight ½ ton trucks. The lowest quote was approved for purchase.

Dealer	½ Ton Price
Davis GMC	\$22,861.25
Martin Chrysler	\$23,599.00
Brooks Motor Products	\$24,325.25
Harwood Ford	\$24,485.00
Rodeo Ford	\$24,980.25
Taber Ford	\$26,230.00

2012-10-189 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase eight ½ ton trucks from Davis GMC in Lethbridge for \$22,861.25 each. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

10.0 Operations Report

10.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson to write letters.

10.01.1 AMN Farms Ltd. (Abe Neufeld) – N ½ 32-16-12 W4M

Current assessment is 261 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 236 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 236 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$14,160 (236 acres x \$60/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the 25 additional acres outside the pivot area. If he keeps the acres, there will be a deduction of \$7,500 (25 acres x \$300/acre); assessment would remain the same. If he sells the acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$17,500 (25 acres x \$700/acre); assessment on this parcel would then be 236 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-10-190 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for AMN Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 236 acres flood to pivot in N ½ 32-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$14,160. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-10-191 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of AMN Farm Ltd.'s 25 acres of water rights on N ½ 32-16-12 W4M to the District. Payment of 25 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$17,500. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

10.01.2 Abraham & Margaret Neufeld – N ½ of SW 07-17-12 W4M

Current assessment is 77 acre wheels; new wiper pivot area is 65 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 65 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to transfer 9 extra acres outside the pivot area to NE 07-17-12 W4M, and sell the balance of 3 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,950 (65 acres x \$30/acre) + \$2,100 (3 acres x \$700/acre) = \$4,050. New assessment on this quarter is 65 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-10-192 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Abe Neufeld for the conversion of 65 acres wheels to pivot in N ½ of SW 07-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,950. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-10-193 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the purchase of Abe Neufeld's 3 acres of water rights on N ½ of SW 07-17-12 W4M to the District. Payment of 3 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$2,100. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.01.3 Abraham & Margaret Neufeld – NE 07-17-12 W4M

Current assessment is 123 acres flood; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot. 9 acres of wheels will be transferred from the N ½ of SW 07-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,380 (123 acres x \$60/acre) + \$270 (9 acres x \$30/acre) = \$7,650. New assessment on this quarter is 132 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-10-194 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Abe Neufeld for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot and 9 acres wheels to pivot in NE 07-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,650. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

10.01.4 Troy Stimson – S ½ 10-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 123 acres flood; area of 2 new pivots is 110 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600 (110 acres x \$60/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the 13 additional acres outside the pivot areas. If he keeps the acres, there will be a deduction of \$3,900 (13 acres x \$300/acre); assessment would remain the same. If he sells the acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre); assessment on this parcel would then be 123 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-10-195 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Troy Stimson for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot in S ½ 10-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,600. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2012-10-196 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of Troy Stimson's 13 acres of water rights on S ½ 10-20-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 13 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$9,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.0 Lands**11.01 Grazing****11.01.1 Set Total Number of Cattle**

For the 2013 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 around 75 head per full member.

2012-10-197 Moved by F. George that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 80,000 AUM for the 2013 grazing season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.01.2 Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pastures, GA Boundaries Map

A Joint GAC / Board Meeting was held October 10th to discuss renters and family brands with regards to legitimate applications. E. Wilson presented the final draft resulting from that meeting to Directors; it included clauses not to accept any new renters or family brands, and to phase out the existing ones. Through discussion, Directors requested to revise this last draft as follows:

- keep clause 3.12, but replace "fraudulent" with "misrepresented"
- add to 3.9 (i) "and have signing authority"
- delete 4.9 (i) and (ii); add "provide a sworn statement before a lawyer or a public notary, of the District's choosing, by both the renter and owner of the cattle or land to be a legally binding agreement"; keep (iii).

The boundary map was reviewed. Some boundaries may need to be closely reviewed once more by the Grazing Lease Manager on a current landowner map. As per the new grazing policy, water users are eligible to apply to any association where their land base is located (not only the majority), and may apply to other associations where they have no land but those associations do not have to accept their application.

2012-10-198 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Community Pastures, and the Grazing Association Boundaries Map as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

A new GAC Bylaw which outlines the Grazing Advisory Committee structure and responsibilities will be brought back to the November Board Meeting for consideration.

[2:32 p.m. – 2:37 p.m. Short break; M. Jarvis Redelback entered the meeting.]

11.02 Assessment Report to September 30, 2012

M. Jarvis Redelback presented the Assessment Report from July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
July 1, 2012	288,831	5,715	294,546
September 30, 2012	288,862	5,715	294,577
Net increase	31	0	31
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			42
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			73
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			0
Terminable Acres Canceled			0

11.03 Request to Transfer Irrigation Leases

Gordon and Christine Cook are requesting to transfer irrigated leases #8226 and #8310 to Jozef and Bertha Versteegan. Arie and Marcia Groenenberg are requesting to transfer irrigated lease #8271 to Jozef and Bertha Versteegan. The Versteegans meet eligibility requirements, and these 3 irrigated leases are under 640 acres in total.

2012-10-199 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve Irrigated Leases #8226 and #8310 to be transferred from Gordon and Christine Cook to Jozef and Bertha Versteegan. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2012-10-200 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Irrigated Lease #8271 to be transferred from Arie and Marcia Groenenberg to Jozef and Bertha Versteegan. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.04 Irrigation Applications for 2013

E. Wilson presented the 5 irrigation applications received. The Capital Assets Charge for acres added through efficiency gains and intensification (less than 50 acres per irrigable unit where there is existing irrigation) is \$300/acre. The Capital Assets Charge for new parcels or parcels receiving more than 50 additional acres is \$700/acre.

11.04.1 Harley Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

This application was disqualified as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support), and the landowner has already received his maximum allotted new irrigation acres.

11.04.2 Brenan Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M

This application was disqualified as the acres applied for are off the river (no reservoir support).

11.04.3 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).

11.04.4 Curtis Harbinson – S ½ 18-19-19 W4M

The applicant currently has 40 wheels irrigation acres in the S ½ of 18-19-19 W4M and is proposing to install a 75 acre wiper pivot. He is applying for 6 efficiency acres for converting from wheels to pivot, and 29 new irrigation acres. Approval is conditional on soils.

2012-10-201 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Curtis Harbinson application for new irrigation acres in S ½ 18-19-15 W4M, subject to soils. Seconded R. Owen. CARRIED

11.04.5 Hutterian Brethren of Springview – NW 01-24-16, SW 12-24-16, W ½ 13-24-16 W4M

The applicants are applying for 597 new irrigation acres for 4 pivots on dry parcels. This application would be disqualified as the landowners have already received their maximum allotted new irrigation acres. Discussion ensued in light of irrigation development in the Gem area. Directors requested that Springview Colony's application be brought back to the November Board Meeting in conjunction with 1-3 proposed irrigation expansion quarters and the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines policy.

11.05 Alternate Parcel Application – Harley Tateson – SW 04-15-15 W4M to NW 04-15-15 W4M

A request was received from Harley Tateson to approve the use of 110 irrigation acres from SW 04-15-15 W4M to NW 04-15-15 W4M in order to rotate high value crops. The NW has been soil tested and is classified as irrigable by sprinkler methods.

2012-10-202 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the annual transfer of 110 acres from SW 04-15-15 W4M, to NW 04-15-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Harley Tateson. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.06 Commercial Lease Agmts Rental Reviews – Star Tech Automotive & Flex It Fitness

Mrs. Jarvis Redelback advised that the lease for the space occupied by Flex It Fitness and Star Tech Automotive will expire at the end of 2012. Due to the local rental market being soft, the following motion was carried.

2012-10-203 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board offer:

- to Star Tech Automotive a 5 year lease with 0% increase for 2013, with rates reviewed annually and the inclusion of an arbitrator clause; and
 - to Flex It Fitness an annual lease with a 0% increase for 2013,
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

11.07 Recreational Use License Agmt – Brooks Fish & Game Assoc. Rifle Range

Also expiring at the end of the year, is the recreational use lease for the Brooks Fish & Game Association for their rifle range. The current rental is \$150/year, and the Association is interested in renewing the agreement.

2012-10-204 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board offer a 2 year lease to the Brooks Fish & Game Association for their Rifle Range at \$150/year, effective January 1, 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[3:35 p.m. M. Jarvis Redelback exited the meeting.]

12.0 Request from Outlook Properties for EID to Purchase Newell Plaza

A letter was received from Outlook Properties (John Broersen and John Deunk) approaching the District to either purchase Newell Plaza at appraised value or give an assignable indemnity and guarantee the difference between the selling price and market value. They claim that their property has been devalued being adjacent to property owned by the EID which has been reclaimed from previous contamination. After a short discussion, the Board directed administration to reply that the District has no interest in covering any sale difference but may consider a purchase, and to obtain additional information.

13.0 Request for Funding – Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

A sponsor request was received from organizers of the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference, to be held in Red Deer of February 2013. The conference is jointly coordinated by the Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum, of which the EID participates and R. Owen is on the Executive Committee.

2012-10-205 Moved by J. Culligan that the District donate \$5,000 to the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference hosted in Red Deer in February 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Sunday, November 11 th , Griffin Park, 10:30 a.m. |
| 14.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, November 21 st , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.03 | AIPA Conference | - November 27 th & 28 th , Deerfoot Inn, Calgary |
| 14.04 | Special Meeting (Budget Discussion) | - Tuesday, December 4 th , time TBA |
| 14.05 | CRWUA Conference | - December 11 th – 14 th , Las Vegas |
| 14.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 20 th , time TBA |
| 14.07 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 20 th , 5:00 p.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

November 21, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21st day of November, 2012. 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:

- 6.0 Crawling Valley Campground
- 7.02 Drain Relocation Farm Improvement – Doug Jensen – S ½ 34-20-14 W4M
- 14.0 Zimmatic Tour, February 11th – 15th, 2013

2012-11-206 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 October 25, 2012**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-11-207 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the October 25, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

The following items were brought back from the October meeting.

3.01 Lake Newell Sailing Club

No word has been received as yet from Tourism, Parks and Recreation officials regarding the shoreline around the Sailing Club.

3.02 Lake Newell Marina Association

I. Friesen presented a rough cost estimate to repair and control erosion on the southeast end of the Lake Newell Marina peninsula, involving rebuilding an earthen berm and installing a large amount of oversize riprap. This project is roughly estimated to cost just over \$320,000. A lesser degree of rehabilitation could take place which would not involve rebuilding the berm, but then ongoing maintenance would be required. A short discussion was held. Mr. Friesen will forward the project estimate to the Lake Newell Marina Association for their use.

3.03 Outlook Properties re Newell Plaza

A purchase price was received from Outlook Properties partners John Broersen and John Deunk for the sale of Newell Plaza. Through discussion the Board directed Administration to get an independent appraisal done.

4.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

4.01 October 31, 2012 Financial Statements

Due to year end, Financial Statements to October 31, 2012 are preliminary. The statements were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$4.3 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$515,000.
- YTD potential transfer for the IWF is about \$3.8 million.

2012-11-208 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[9:48 a.m. Harley Tateson entered the meeting as an observer.]

4.02 Letters from the Auditor

The firm of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, has been appointed to complete the audit of the EID's 2012 financial statements. Three letters were presented to the Board, one outlining the auditor's communication to management and the Board of Directors, another confirming the firm's independence from the District, and lastly the audit engagement letter.

2012-11-209 Moved by R. Owen that the Board, receive as information, the Auditor's Communication to Management and the Board of Directors, the auditor's independence and the audit engagement letters dated September 30, 2012 from the firm of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues occurred in the last month; but due to incorrect repair work by Xpanserv on their equipment in Jenner, service in that area was poor for approximately 2 weeks until the repair was corrected.

6.0 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George advised that as the District will be carrying out another phase of the campground development project which will temporarily decrease the number of usable campsites for 2013, the Crawling Valley Recreation Society is considering changing their practice regarding seasonal sites for the same year. The Board confirmed, that even during rehab seasons, the seasonal sites are to be managed the same as the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, ie. there must be a lottery and only a lesser portion of this lottery can be withheld for District water users.

[10:01 a.m. – 10:07 a.m. Short break.]

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the Project Status and following Drain Relocations.

7.01 Project Status

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Marshall Drain (3.5 km)	√	√	75%	- bottom 2 landowners will not sign
Sauki Spill (9 km)	√	√	√	- construction has commenced (25% complete)
One Tree (4 km)	√	√	√	
PIPELINE				
D Springhill (18 km)	√	√	√	- pipeline scheduled to start Nov 26 th
20 Springhill (1.5 km)	√	√	√	- ready for construction
21 Springhill (5 km)	√	√	√	- ready for construction

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Sec B Springhill (6 km)	√	√	√	- banks are built to grade & cast-in-place structure has started
1064 Chute	√	√	n/a	

This year's in-house construction program presently consists of approximately 16.5 km of earthworks and 24.5 km of PVC pipeline. Construction has started on the bottom portion of the Scandia drainage project, with plans to work to Sec. Highway #530 (approximately 5 km).

7.02 Drain Relocation Farm Improvement – Harley Tateson – SW 04-15-15 W4M

A request was received from Harley Tateson to relocate his drain in SW 04-15-15 W4M; the drain currently severs the NE corner of the quarter with 8 irrigation acres, from the remaining 102 irrigation acres. The relocation to the outer corner would allow for a pivot sized at 129 acres to run full circle. Done as part of the drain rehab on the District's timeline the project is estimated to cost \$40,000 of which by the Farm Improvement policy the EID will pay 75% up to \$30,000. If done on the Landowner's timeline the project would cost an additional \$15,000.

2012-11-210 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the \$40,000 Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Harley Tateson in SW 04-15-15 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.03 Drain Relocation Farm Improvement – Doug Jensen – S ½ 34-20-14 W4M

A request was received from Doug Jensen to relocate his drain in S ½ 34-20-14 W4M; the drain currently bisects the NW corner of the quarter. The relocation to the boundary line will allow the Landowner to maximize the area under a new pivot and have access to all his land. The project is estimated to cost \$3,000 of which by the Farm Improvement policy the EID will pay 75% (\$2,250) and the Landowner 25% (\$750).

2012-11-211 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Doug Jensen in S ½ 34-20-14 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the landowner. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.0 Operations Report

8.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson to write letters.

8.01.1 Harry & Catherine Burk – NW 17-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 138 acres wheels; new pivot area on this parcel is 127 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 127 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,810 (127 acres x \$30/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the 11 additional acres outside the pivot area. If he keeps the acres, there will be a deduction of \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre); assessment would remain the same. If he sells the acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre); assessment on this parcel would then be 127 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-11-212 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Harry & Catherine Burk for the conversion of 127 acres wheels to pivot in NW 17-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,810. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2012-11-213 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Harry & Catherine Burk's 11 acres of water rights on NW 17-20-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 11 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$7,700. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

8.01.2 Joseph & Marg Merkl – NW 20-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 101 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 77 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 77 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,310 (77 acres x \$30/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the 24 additional acres outside the pivot area. If he keeps the acres, there will be a deduction of \$7,200 (24 acres x \$300/acre); assessment would remain the same and there would be no Farm Improvement Grant. If he sells the acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre); assessment on this parcel would then be 77 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-11-214 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joseph & Marg Merkl for the conversion of 77 acres wheels to pivot in NW 20-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,310. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-11-215 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Joseph & Marg Merkl's 24 acres of water rights on NW 20-19-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 24 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$16,800. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.01.3 Val & Jill Mrakava – NW 23-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 123 acres flood; new pivot area is 118 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 118 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,080 (118 acres x \$60/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the 5 additional acres outside the pivot area. If he keeps the acres, there will be a deduction of \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre); assessment would remain the same. If he sells the acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$3,500 (5 acres x \$700/acre); assessment on this parcel would then be 118 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-11-216 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Val & Jill Mrakava for the conversion of 118 acres flood to pivot in NW 23-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,080. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2012-11-217 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Val & Jill Mrakava's 5 acres of water rights on NW 23-16-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 5 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.01.4 Jozef & Bertha Versteegen – NE 11-15-13 W4M

Current assessment is 117 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 95 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 95 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to transfer the 22 additional acres outside the pivot area to NW 02-15-13 W4M to allow for a corner arm system. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,700 (95 acres x \$60/acre) + \$1,320 (22 acres x \$60/acre) = \$7,020. New assessment on this quarter is 95 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-11-218 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jozef & Bertha Versteegen for the conversion of 95 acres flood to pivot in NE 11-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,020. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2012-11-219 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 22 irrigation acres from NE 11-15-13 W4M, to NW 02-15-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Jozef & Bertha Versteegen. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.01.5 Jozef & Bertha Versteegen – N ½ 12-15-13 W4M

Current assessment is 70 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 67 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 67 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to transfer the 3 additional acres outside the pivot area to NW 33-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,020 (67 acres x \$60/acre) + \$180 (3 acres x \$60/acre) = \$4,200. New assessment on this half is 67 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-11-220 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jozef & Bertha Versteegen for the conversion of 67 acres flood to pivot in N ½ 12-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2012-11-221 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the transfer of 3 irrigation acres from N ½ 12-15-13 W4M, to NW 33-14-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Jozef & Bertha Versteegen. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[10:58 a.m. H. Tateson exited the meeting.]

9.0 Lands

Mr. Wilson presented the following Land items.

9.01 ATCO Electric Eastern Alberta DC Transmission Line Rates

ATCO Electric agreed to the EID's rates and has prepared ROW documents for execution.

ATCO ELECTRIC COMPENSATION RATES	
Land Value	\$ 3,000/acre
Entry Fee	\$ 500/acre
Damages	\$ 425/acre
Adverse Effects	\$ 1,250/parcel
Temporary Workspace	\$ 1,500/acre + \$425/acre + Entry Fee
Early Resolution	\$ 10,000/parcel
TOTAL	\$746,559.50

9.02 Irrigation Development in Gem

As requested at the October meeting, the 1-3 proposed irrigation expansion quarters in Gem were brought back to the Board for review. A lengthy discussion was held involving location, soil quality, topography, parcel size, and demand.

2012-11-222 Moved by A. Nielsen that the 3 quarters proposed for irrigation development in Gem be tabled until further feedback is received from area landowners. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.03 Irrigation Applications for 2013 – Springview Hutterite Colony

This application was brought back from the October meeting, discussed and denied as the landowners have already received their maximum allotted new irrigation acres.

Directors requested that the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines policy be brought back at a later date for review by the Board.

9.04 Irrigated Lease #8271 - Pt. 11 & 12-15-13 W4M

Mr. Versteegen has requested permission to install corner arm systems on the 2 pivots in Irrigated Lease #8271. This would change the wet and dry acre amounts, but still be within the original parcel. As the irrigated acres would increase, it would put the Lessee over the maximum 640 irrigated acres when combined with the other irrigated leases he holds; therefore one of the other leases would have to be transferred to an eligible water user if he wishes to retain this one.

2012-11-223 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve installation of corner arm systems on the 2 pivots in Irrigated Lease #8271, thereby:

- revising the wet acres to 319, the dry acres to 22.5, and boundary line to the east, and subject to:
- the current Lessee transferring one of his other irrigated leases to an eligible water user to remain under the 640 acre maximum.

Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

10.0 Flood Claim – Grant Ellefson – SE 24-17-17 W4M

Mr. Wilson presented the flood claim summary and advised the Board of the insurance company’s stance.

2012-11-224 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve settlement of the Grant Ellefson flood claim in SE 24-17-17 W4M through Intact Insurance, with no admission of fault. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.0 South Saskatchewan Regional Plan**11.01 Phase 2 Consultation – Stakeholder & Public Meetings – November 22nd, Brooks**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson met with the County and City on Tuesday regarding their positions on the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. All Directors indicated that they will attend the Stakeholder session on Thursday.

11.02 Surface Water & Air Quality Management Frameworks – December 5th, Lethbridge

Attendees will be chosen at the December 4th Budget Meeting.

12.0 2013 Election Date Bylaw

Bylaw 888 (2012) was presented to the Board for the 2013 Election of Directors for Division 2 (Jim Culligan), Division 4 (Neil Johnson) and Division 7 (Carl Chomistek). Directors chose the Annual General Meeting to be Wednesday, March 27, 2013, and the date for nominations of Directors ceasing on Thursday, March 28th, with an election date if necessary on Friday, April 19th.

2012-11-225 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw 888 (2012), being a bylaw to set the date and time when the right to file nominations expires and to set the election date, be introduced and read the first time. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2012-11-226 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw 888 (2012), be read the second time. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2012-11-227 Moved by C. Chomistek that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 888 (2012) this 21st day of November, 2012. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2012-11-228 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw 888 (2012), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

13.0 GAC Bylaw

A draft "Bylaw Governing the Appointment of the Grazing Advisory Committee" was presented to the Board to replace the original "Bylaw Establishing an Advisory Committee to Recommend Grazing Policies" from 1991. Directors reviewed, clarified a few points and approved a revised version. Third reading will be brought to the December meeting.

2012-11-229 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw 889 (2012), being a bylaw governing the appointment of the Grazing Advisory Committee, be introduced and read the first time. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2012-11-230 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw 889 (2012), be read the second time. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

14.0 Zimmatic Tour – February 11th – 15th, 2013

N. Johnson advised that Zimmatic would like to host an educational tour for the Board and selected staff from February 11th – 15th, 2013. The proposed tour would include informational tours on new innovations in water efficiency, conservation and storage; and could include the World Ag Expo, and selected irrigation districts' facilities and infrastructure. Directors and possibly some Admin/Staff showed interest in attending.

15.0 Upcoming Events

15.01	SSRP – Phase 2 Consultation	- Thursday, Nov. 22 nd , Lakeside Leisure Centre 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Stakeholders Meeting
15.02	AIPA Conference & AGM	- Nov. 26 th [evening], 27 th & 28 th , Deerfoot Inn, Calgary
15.03	Special Budget Meeting	- Tuesday, Dec. 4 th , [Time TBA]
15.04	SSRP – Surface Water & Air Quality	- Wednesday, Dec. 5 th , 9:30 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge
15.05	EID Staff Christmas Party	- Friday, Dec. 7 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
15.06	CRWUA Conference	- Depart Dec. 11 th – Return 14 th , Las Vegas
15.07	Regular Board Meeting	- Thursday, Dec. 20 th , [Time TBA]
15.08	Joint Christmas Open House	- Thursday, Dec. 20 th , 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., City of Brooks
15.09	Scholarship Awards & Reception	- Thursday, Dec. 20 th , 5:00 p.m.
15.10	Information Mtg & Advance Voting	- Wednesday, Jan. 16 th , Heritage Inn, Brooks
15.11	Information Mtg & Advance Voting	- Wednesday, Jan. 23 rd , Duchess Hall
15.12	Water License Transfer Plebiscite	- Wednesday, Jan. 30 th , EID Office

[1:40 p.m. K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- In-Camera

[1:55 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

- Board In-Camera

Neil moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

December 18, 2012 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 18th day of December, 2012. 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 9:05 a.m.

1.0 2012/2013 Budget Discussion

E. Wilson presented the preliminary budget, welcoming comments and questions from Directors. Each department was reviewed and pertinent items highlighted.

[10:02 a.m. – 10:07 a.m. Short break.]

Extensive discussion continued on a variety of items.

[11:46 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

It was requested by Directors to bring the Farm Improvement Policy back to a later board meeting for review. The final budget will be brought back to the Board for approval at the December 20th meeting; Directors were encouraged to contact administration if they had any further questions.

[1:32 p.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen, W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- **Board In-Camera**

[1:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Short break; E. Wilson rejoined the meeting.]

- **In-Camera**

2.0 Upcoming Events

2.01 Regular Directors Meeting - Thursday, December 20th, 9:00 a.m., EID Office

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

December 20, 2012 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 20th day of December, 2012. 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. [9:40 a.m.]
Mr. Floyd George	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assist. GM – Eng. [9:05 a.m.]
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant [9:05 a.m.]
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.

- **In-Camera**

[9:05 a.m. I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda, with a note that other pertinent items could be added at the end of the meeting if time permits.

- 8.01.5 Shalon Sugden – SE 16-21-14 W4M
- 9.09.1 Oil & Gas Rates – Dirt, Land Spraying, Seismic
- 10.0 Email from Jamie Buteau

2012-12-231 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 October 25, 2012

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2012-12-232 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the November 21, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 GAC Bylaw – 3rd Reading

First and second readings of the “Bylaw Governing the Appointment of the Grazing Advisory Committee” were approved at the November meeting.

Eastern Irrigation District

BYLAW 889 (2012)

A Bylaw Governing the Appointment of the Grazing Advisory Committee

WHEREAS the Irrigation Districts Act provides that a district may make a bylaw governing the appointment of committees of the Board;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to establish a committee, as further prescribed herein, for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the Board on grazing policies and initiatives pertaining to the grazing of lands designated by the District as Community Pastures;

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

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Grazing Advisory Committee 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" and "Board of Directors" mean the Board of Directors of the District.
 - (c) "District" means the Eastern Irrigation District or the geographic area contained within the boundary of the Eastern Irrigation District, as the case may require.
 - (d) Any other word or phrase that is defined in the Act and used in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as given to the word or phrase by the Act.
3. Pursuant to the following terms and conditions, the Grazing Advisory Committee (the "GAC") is hereby established.
4. The purpose and role of the GAC shall be to provide advice and recommendations to the Board on grazing policies and initiatives pertaining to the grazing of lands designated by the District as Community Pastures.
5. Each Community Grazing Association (the "Association"), licensed by the District to graze Community Pasture lands, shall recommend to the Board one member of the Association for appointment as a member of the GAC and a second member of the Association for appointment as an alternate member of the GAC. A member of the Board of Directors is not eligible for appointment to the GAC. The District shall advise the applicable Association of the Board's decision regarding the appointment of regular and alternate members of the GAC. Appointments to the GAC will typically be for a term of one year unless the GAC and the Board agree to an earlier change in representation or alternatively that the Board decides that the GAC is no longer required.
6. The GAC shall meet at least twice during each calendar year, usually once prior to turn-out of cattle and once following removal of cattle from the Community Pastures.
7. The GAC shall, at approximately one year intervals, elect a chairman and a vice chairman from amongst its members. The chairman, or in the chairman's absence, the vice chairman, shall preside over all meetings of the GAC.
8. The GAC shall set its own agenda for its meetings, provided however, that any matter referred to it by the District shall be considered by the GAC and, in due course, the GAC shall report to the Board on the matter so referred.
9. A majority of GAC members shall constitute a quorum. The GAC shall not conduct any business in the absence of a quorum being present at the meeting.
10. The GAC shall make decisions by majority vote of the members present. Each GAC member has one vote. Members of the District's staff do not have the right to vote.
11. The District's General Manager shall appoint one or more members of the District's staff to attend meetings of the GAC for purposes of providing secretarial, technical or other services as determined by the General Manager. A member of the District's staff shall prepare minutes of every GAC meeting. A copy of the GAC meeting minutes shall be made available for the Board's consideration, at the next meeting of the Board. A copy of the GAC meeting minutes shall also be forwarded to each Community Grazing Association. The GAC may request that one or more of its members attend a Board meeting to present any GAC recommendation, to answer any questions of the Board or to otherwise communicate with the Board.

- 12. The Board shall arrange for the GAC to be advised of the Board's decision relative to any recommendation forwarded to the Board by the GAC.
- 13. For attendance at GAC meetings, members of the GAC will be paid a per diem and will be reimbursed for mileage at rates approved by the Board.
- 14. Any recommendation submitted by the GAC to the Board is of an advisory nature only. The Board will consider, but is not bound or obligated by, any recommendation, advice or input provided by the GAC. The Board retains all decision-making authority.
- 15. **Bylaw 769 (1991)** is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 16. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

2012-12-233 Moved by N. Johnson that Bylaw 889 (2012), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.0 Financial Report

4.01 2012/2013 Budget Approval

Mr. Wilson updated the Directors as to the adjustments made resulting from December 18th's Budget Meeting.

2012-12-234 Moved by R. Owen that the Board of Directors approve the 2012/2013 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Marshall Drain (3.5 km)	- bottom 2 landowners did not sign, approximately 1 km excavation and armouring complete
Sauki Spill (9 km)	- construction will largely be complete by Christmas (excavation and armouring)
One Tree (4 km)	- approximately 1 km excavation complete
PIPELINE	
D Springhill (18 km)	- approximately 4 km of pipe installed
20 Springhill (1.5 km)	- ready for construction
21 Springhill (5 km)	- ready for construction

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Sec B Springhill (6 km)	- banks are built, and canal excavation will be near complete by Christmas, armouring has started, cast-in-place structure near complete
1064 Chute	- will start after Christmas

This year's in-house construction program presently consists of approximately 16.5 km of earthworks and 24.5 km of PVC pipeline. The Scandia Drainage Program south of #530 highway is largely complete.

7.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2013/14 to 2015/16

The District's IRP 3-Year Plan for the construction years 2013/14 to 2015/16 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 - 2013/14	AH North Bantry	\$7,000,000
Proposed Year 2 - 2014/15	J West Bantry	\$7,000,000
Proposed Year 3 - 2015/16	01 Bow Slope	\$8,000,000

2012-12-235 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2013/14 to 2015/16. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.03 Legal Opinion - Request for Delivery – Anthony & Marie Baer – SE 22-21-18 W4M

This item was brought back from the October meeting. A legal opinion was obtained and discussed with the Board. It was requested that a detailed proposal be brought back to the January meeting for consideration.

8.0 Operations Report

8.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

8.01.1 Jan & Grada Drost – N ½ 22-14-14 W4M

Current assessment is 148 acres flood in NE, 4 acres flood in NW parcel; new pivot area is 139 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to transfer the 13 additional acres outside the pivot area to Sec. 15-14-14 W4M where the landowner has replaced a pivot with a larger one. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,340 (139 acres x \$60/acre). New assessment in the NE is 137 acres, all under pivot irrigation; and 2 acres under pivot in the NW parcel.

2012-12-236 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jan & Grada Drost for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot in N ½ 22-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,340. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

2012-12-237 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 11 irrigation acres in NE 22-14-14 W4M and 2 irrigation acres from NW 22-14-14 W4M, to Sec. 15-14-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Jan & Grada Drost. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.01.2 Guy & Cora Johnson – NE 18-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 43 acres flood and 24 acres wheels; new pivot area is 76 acres and new wheels area is 11 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 43 acres flood to pivot and 13 acres wheels to pivot. 20 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,580 (43 acres x \$60/acre) + \$390 (13 acres x \$30/acre) = \$2,970. The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 87 acres, 76 under pivot and 11 under wheels.

2012-12-238 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Guy and Cora Johnson for the conversion of 43 acres flood to pivot and 13 acres wheels to pivot in NE 18-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,970. The capital assets charge is \$6,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.01.3 Ron Schmidt – E ½ 17-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 30 acres flood in the NE and 77 acres flood in the SE; new wiper pivot area in the NE is 67 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 45 acres flood to pivot. 22 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,700 (45 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$6,600 (22 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment in the NE is 67 acres, all under pivot irrigation, and new assessment in the SE is 62 acres under flood.

2012-12-239 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ron Schmidt for the conversion of 45 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 17-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,700. The capital assets charge is \$6,600. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[9:40 a.m. K. Bridges joined the meeting.]

8.01.4 Donovan Stenger – N ½ 10-15-14 W4M

Current assessment is 57 acres wheels in the NW and 133 acres pivot in the NE; new wiper pivot area is 75 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 57 acres wheels to pivot. 16 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,710 (57 acres x \$30/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,800 (16 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 65 acres in the NW and 141 acres in the NE, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-12-240 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Donovan Stenger for the conversion of 57 acres wheels to pivot in N ½ 10-15-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,710. The capital assets charge is \$4,800. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.01.5 Shalon Sugden – SE 16-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 28 acres flood; new pivot area is 32 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 28 acres flood to pivot. 4 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,680 (28 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 32 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-12-241 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Shalon Sugden for the conversion of 28 acres flood to pivot in SE 16-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,680. The capital assets charge is \$1,200. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.01.6 Jozef & Bertha Versteegen – SW 17-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 136 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 140 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot. 4 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,160 (136 acres x \$60/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 140 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-12-242 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jozef & Bertha Versteegen for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in SW 17-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,160. The capital assets charge is \$1,200. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

8.01.7 Wolfer Ranching Ltd. – SW 27-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 104 acres wheels; new pivot area is 125 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 104 acres wheels to pivot. 21 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,120 (104 acres x \$30/acre). The capital assets charge is \$6,300 (21 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 125 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2012-12-243 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wolfer Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 104 acres wheels to pivot in SW 27-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,120. The capital assets charge is \$6,300. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

4.0 Financial Report cont'd.

K. Bridges presented the Financial Report.

4.02 November, 2012 Financial Statements

Due to year end, Financial Statements to November 30, 2012 are preliminary. The statements were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$6.7 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$691,000.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$6.03 million.

2012-12-244 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2012, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

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

5.0 EIDNet Report

No major problems were experienced for the prior month. Customer accounts currently total 1,252.

6.0 Motion to Authorize Plebiscite

A motion is required to authorize the holding of the Water License Transfer plebiscite. Ads in the paper and on the radio will follow in January, along with a mailed out newsletter to all water users.

2012-12-245 Moved by R. Owen that the holding of a plebiscite, pursuant to Bylaw 887 (2012), to obtain the approval of the irrigators with respect to making one or more applications to transfer up to 1,460 acre feet of water under the District's water license numbered 0071066-00-00 be authorized. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.0 Lands**9.01 Irrigable Unit Registration – Abe Neufeld – N ½ 32-16-12 W4M**

The landowner is converting from flood irrigation to pivot irrigation. The pivot will irrigate both quarter sections and as such an irrigable unit must be registered.

2012-12-246 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in N ½ 32-16-12 W4M, all lands being owned by AMN Farms Ltd. (Abe & Margaret Neufeld). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.02 Irrigation Application for 2013 – Ben Steinbach – NE 10 & Sec. 15-19-13 W4M

The water user is applying for 253 new acres for 2 proposed pivots in NE 10 & Sec. 15-19-13 W4M. These parcels are currently all dry acres, thus any new irrigation acres would be charged \$700/acre.

2012-12-247 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Ben Steinbach application for 253 new irrigation acres in NE 10 & Sec. 15-19-13 W4M, subject to land title transfer. Seconded R. Owen. CARRIED

9.03 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Barry Fleming

Barry Fleming is requesting to transfer 11 extra acres from his pivot in Sec. 06-17-15 W4M and Pt. N ½ 31-16-15 W4M to SW 07-17-15 W4M for a proposed 75 acre pivot. The landowner is in the process of purchasing the balance of the acres privately.

2012-12-248 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 11 irrigation acres from Sec. 06-17-15 W4M and Pt. N ½ 31-16-15 W4M to SW 07-17-15 W4M, all lands being owned by 1184989 Alberta Ltd. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.04 Request to Transfer PGL #7182 – Mindorff to Miller

Claude and Deborah Mindorff are requesting to transfer private grazing lease #7182 to Evan Miller; this landowner meets eligibility requirements.

2012-12-249 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7182 to be transferred from Claude & Deborah Mindorff to Evan Miller. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.05 Request to Transfer PGL #7109 – Murray to Hart

Patti Murray is requesting to transfer private grazing lease #7109 to David Hart; this landowner meets eligibility requirements, although proof of residency needs to be verified.

2012-12-250 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7109 to be transferred from Patti Murray to David Hart, subject to proof of residency. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.06 Beaver Control – Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

E. Wilson advised that he is anticipating a request from the Kinbrook Island Provincial Park for the EID to allow access to District land for beaver control. The Park will obtain a license to carry out management methods and may ask the District to assist as well. The Board was in agreement to these requests.

9.07 Dinosaur Provincial Park – Grazing Lands

Mr. Wilson also advised that Dinosaur Provincial Park has requested to alter the original land trade agreement with the District. After a short review, Directors confirmed that the original agreement should be upheld.

[10:55 a.m. Richard Stamp, Harley Tateson and his two sons entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Harley Tateson

Richard Stamp, Harley Tateson and his two sons were in attendance at the meeting to give an overall presentation regarding the irrigation development of land owned by Mr. Tateson (farmed by Mr. Stamp) and his requests for additional acres, drain relocations, irrigating from spill, etc. An introduction was given by Mr. Tateson, with Mr. Stamp distributing and reviewing a written report. Discussion was held regarding the various requests, with the request for additional acres being denied as the location is off-river, and the request to move the drain in the SW corner of NW 04-15-15 W4M being denied as it is not feasible to have the gas pipeline relocated for only a gain in minimal new acres. B. Chrumka thanked the party for their presentation.

[11:33 a.m. K. Bridges, R. Stamp, H. Tateson and sons exited the meeting.]

[11:35 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch break; B. Hale, N. Fontaine and R. Martin entered the meeting.]

9.0 Lands cont'd.

9.08 Grazing Report

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

9.08.1 Summary of 2012 Grazing Season

2012 grazing season had some of the best grass ever, but the precipitation over the last few years has also created a weed control problem in a lot of areas. Directors confirmed the problem; it was then decided to put additional manpower on spray trucks for weed control on the worst areas in the community grazing leases this coming season. On a separate matter, Mr. Hale will follow up on the newly installed power line towers, requesting that the steel plate corners be rounded for cattle safety.

9.08.2 Report on GAC Meeting

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held December 17th to discuss the 2012 grazing season, applications for 2013 (including those declined), improvements for 2013, etc. Rosemary Grazing Association's request to enter and exit their lease 2 weeks early was brought forward by Mr. Hale. The request was discussed by the Board and denied. Swing field arrangements for some associations were also reviewed, with no changes being made.

9.08.3 Applications for 2013

Applications discussed at the GAC Meeting and being brought forward to the Board for a decision were:

- The long term member that does not have sufficient irrigable acres, now that the policy has changed, will be phased out in 5 years unless he has met the new requirement.
- The newer member where a Private Grazing Lease renting conflict has been identified, will be phased out in 1 year unless he has met the requirements.
- The new applicant who had been renting out previously will come in as a 1st year member.

9.08.4 Set Grazing Number per Member

Approximately 16,100 cows have been applied for, based on a 75 head maximum. Mr. Hale noted that this maximum could be increased somewhat without risk to pasture supply.

2012-12-251 Moved by R. Owen that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2013 grazing season be set at 80 for full members, 53 for 2nd year members, and 27 for 1st year members. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

9.08.5 Set AUM Grazing Rate

A rate of \$10.50/AUM was recommended to balance the 2012 grazing expenses over a total allotment in 2013 of approximately 16,500 head.

2012-12-252 Moved by C. Chomistek that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2013 season be set at \$10.50/AUM. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

9.09 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas Summary for October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, noting that:

- Crew and Cenovus did the bulk of the surface acquisitions and pipelines.
- Both Crew and Cenovus anticipate another 30-40 wells each for 2013 with the current commodity prices.
- Most of the drilling has been horizontal oil wells.
- Since September 30, 2012, there has been 46 surface requests: 26 for Cenovus, 14 for Crew, 5 for Penn West and 1 for Husky.

Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary	
New Activity – October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012	
New Locations	84
Twinned Wells	54
Total	138
Pipelines	294.15 acres = 49.03 miles
Seismic	6 permits = 169.32 miles
Total payouts for all oil & gas activity on EID land	\$31,145.00

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

N. Fontaine recommended keeping the dirt, land spraying and seismic rates the same as last year. A number of questions were responded to.

2012-12-253 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the following Oil & Gas rates for 2013:

- **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 R. Owen. CARRIED**

[1:50 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.10 2012 Public Access Summary

R. Martin presented the Public Access Summary for 2012, noting that:

- 2012 was the first full year of the new Shared Community Peace Officers (CPO) Service Agreement between the EID and the County of Newell, with their report's highlights as follows:
 - A number of field tours were conducted for the new officers.
 - Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley campgrounds were patrolled, with warnings given out for 2 random camping sites and 15 liquor violations. Two tickets were issued for liquor violations, and various other matters were dealt with.
 - Hunting season saw 34 hunters being checked, with 2 evictions off District land for excessive off trail driving and 3 warnings for lesser off trail driving. Overall compliance was good.

- An incident of garbage dumped on the Bantry Canal ice was dealt with; as well as attending to a partying concern at 12 Mile Coulee.

Mr. Martin also noted the following efforts, in cooperation with EID staff, CPO's, Fish & Wildlife Officers and Dinosaur Park Conservation Officers:

- Random campers and dirt bikers were the focus for spring and summer surveillance. Few random campers were found; 2 noncompliance notices were issued. Dirt bike and ATV use are still occurring, although incidences are declining.
- Hunting activities were patrolled in fall, with 6 incidents of off trail driving. One hunting party was charged with trespassing and other Wildlife Act violations; although an overall compliance rate of over 95% was experienced this year again. Over 180 individuals contacted the District in advance to confirm access rules and obtain permission.
- The squatter with the homemade houseboat on the shore of Lake Newell has not removed the structure as he was instructed to do so by the RCMP in 2011. The individual was approached again in 2012 by EID staff and RCMP but did not comply. A court order will be obtained for the removal of the houseboat early in the New Year.

In general, the public is cooperating with the EID public access guidelines and appreciate the privilege to access these private lands.

[2:02 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

10.0 Email from Jamie Buteau

An email to the Board was received from Jamie Buteau requesting to farm a dryland regrass area along Antelope Creek Road. These acres were broken and reseeded to grass this fall under the community grazing regrass program. The request was denied.

[2:12 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

11.0 Irrigation Development in Gem

This topic was brought back from October and November's meeting and added to the agenda. Discussion ensued around the 3 proposed pivots, topography, parcel size, access, procedure and timing of auction, etc. It was requested that this item be presented at the January Information Meetings.

2012-12-254 Moved by J. Culligan that the District proceed with the 3 parcels proposed for irrigation development in Gem, and pursue further irrigation development in the Gem area. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.0 Upcoming Events

12.01	Info Meeting & Advance Voting	- Wed., Jan. 16 th , 2:00 p.m., Heritage Inn
12.02	Info Meeting & Advance Voting	- Wed., Jan. 23 rd , 2:00 p.m., Duchess Hall
12.03	Water License Transfer Plebiscite	- Wed., Jan. 30 th , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., EID Office
12.04	Regular Brd Mtg & Mtg with Auditor	- Tuesday, January 29 th , 9:00 a.m.
12.05	Joint EID / County Meeting	- TBA

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager