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January 16, 2013 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 16th day of January, 2013. 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]	[10:42] 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 10:00 a.m.

[10:00 a.m. Tyler Mossey entered the meeting.]

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2011/2012 Year End Statements

B. Chrumka welcomed the District's auditor, Tyler Mossey, C.A., of Bevan and Partners, to the meeting. T. Mossey summarized the audit by advising that the financial records were found to be in order and that there are no issues or concerns to report. In regards to reporting investments, market value vs book value was discussed in light of the new reporting standards that will be in effect for the 2013 year end. For the past several years, the District's investments were reported at market value. The new standards allow the District's investments to be reported on a cost basis. A variety of other matters were discussed and questions answered by both Mr. Mossey and administration. Mr. Mossey commended the staff and District's overall accounting process, and thanked administration and staff for their cooperation and effort. Thanks were returned to Mr. Mossey and his team for their work.

[10:42 a.m. – 10:48 a.m. Short break; T. Mossey exited the meeting, J. Culligan joined the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 2.0 Crawling Valley Reservoir Campground

2013-01-001 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Crawling Valley Reservoir Campground

As follow up to a recent meeting he attended, F. George reported that the Crawling Valley Reservoir Campground will not have a lottery for seasonal sites this spring due to the remaining development work planned for this year. He added that sites can be booked for 2 weeks in duration. Secondly, it was evident that continuing to meet with new constables to the area is necessary to inform them of their full access to District campgrounds when needed.

3.0 Irrigation Expansion

E. Wilson reviewed the Irrigation Expansion power point that would be presented at the afternoon's Information Meeting with water users. Possible expansion is being considered in the Gem, Rolling Hills Reservoir Pump Station, Bow Slope and Rolling Hills areas. Efficiencies gained, crop changes, on-river and reservoir supply, and District and private land development were discussed.

[11:28 a.m. – N. Johnson exited the meeting.]

4.0 Johnson Irrigated Leases

Mr. Wilson asked for the Board's advisement regarding a subletting request from Reid, Greg and Rodney Johnson on 4 of the irrigated leases in the Rolling Hills Reservoir irrigation development, due to a split up of a family farm. After considerable discussion, Directors agreed to allow Reid, Greg and Rodney Johnson to sublet their leases to Neil and David Johnson for four years.

[12:39 a.m. – 1:02 p.m. Lunch break; N. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

5.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute

F. George will contact the U of A Rangeland Research Institute's representatives to request they bring a presentation to the February 26th Board of Directors Meeting, and possibly to the March 27th Annual General Meeting. The presentation is to outline what research work can be conducted, for the District and water user's benefit.

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Auditor cont'd.

With the following resolution, signing off on the audit can be completed, statements submitted to Irrigation Council, and information included in the Annual Report Book.

2013-01-002 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2012 be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.0 Upcoming Events

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| 6.01 | Info Meeting & Advance Voting | - Wed., Jan. 16 th , 2:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 6.02 | Info Meeting & Advance Voting | - Wed., Jan. 23 rd , 2:00 p.m., Duchess Hall |
| 6.03 | Regular Brd Mtg & Mtg with Auditor | - Tuesday, January 29 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 6.04 | Water License Transfer Plebiscite | - Wed., Jan. 30 th , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., EID Office |
| 6.05 | Joint EID / County Meeting | - TBA |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:07 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

January 29, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of January, 2013. 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] <i>[apologies]</i>		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.0 AIPA Executive Report
- 6.0 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 11.0 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy
- 12.01.6 Joel Kropf Farm Improvement – NE 12 & SE 13-16-14 W4M
- 13.0 Water License for Sale
- 14.05 Irrigation Expansion

2013-01-003 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 December 18, 2012**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-01-004 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the December 18, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.02 December 20, 2012

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-01-005 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the December 20, 2012 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.03 January 16, 2013

It was requested that these minutes to be revised and brought back to the next Directors Meeting.

2.04 March 27, 2012 AGM Minutes – Review

These minutes were reviewed by the Board and with a title correction, are ready for inclusion in the Annual Report Book and to be taken to the water users at the upcoming AGM.

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds Update

A Silver Sage, Rodeo, Arena Grounds meeting was held January 14th to review commitments and project progress from all groups involved. The District has completed the earthworks that it donated, the City will build washrooms after the 2013 Rodeo, and the Kinsmen will build a fence around the racetrack.

In response to a question from administration, a letter to the Silver Sage Ag Society will be forwarded to address the 3 year plan encompassing all user groups which has not been completed, and that it is to be an ongoing report from the Society to the District.

5.0 AIPA Executive Report

C. Chomistek updated the Board on a recent AIPA Executive Meeting which he attended, commenting on government announcements and project models; AIPA's audit, building lease and PR; questions of district consistency with charging for screen cleaners and pipeline pressure; and noting that the Lethbridge Community College still sells carp for aquatic weed control. The following events have been scheduled:

AIPA Directors Meeting in Taber	- Monday, March 25 th
Aggie Days in Calgary	- Thursday, April 11 th
AIPA Directors Meeting at the EID	- Monday, September 23 rd
AIPA Conference in Lethbridge	- November 25, 26, 27

6.0 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen reported on the Prairie Conservation Forum meeting he attended last week in Okotoks. An organization code of ethics, wind farms, grazing for weed control, regrassing with native thatch, carbon credits for native prairie, and a grassland vegetation inventory were highlighted. R. Owen and R. Martin will be attending the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference in Red Deer, February 19th – 22nd.

[9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Short break.]

7.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the Financial Report.

7.01 December 31, 2012 Financial Statements

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

- YTD total revenues are about \$11.3 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$6.3 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2013-01-006 Moved by F. George that the District order enough boat slips this fall to finish the marina at the Crawling Valley Campground. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2013-01-007 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2012, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.02 1st Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2012

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2012 is \$2.49 million more than at September 30, 2012. Four short term investments totaling \$1.1 million matured and one short term investment in the amount of \$150,155 was purchased. Two long term investments totaling \$293,361 were purchased.

2013-01-008 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2012 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.03 2013 Remuneration Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2013 Remuneration Bylaw. The Director per diems were increased according to the District's cost of living increase for 2013. Mileage was maintained at \$.57/km, with meal reimbursements remaining the same as well. Third reading will be brought back to the February meeting.

2013-01-009 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #890 (2013), be introduced and read the first time this 29th day of January, 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-01-010 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve Bylaw #890 (2013) the second time this 29th day of January, 2013. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.04 2013 Rates Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2013 Rates Bylaw, which is based on a '\$0' water rate. Rationale was given by Mr. Wilson explaining the calculations for pressurized pipeline surcharges. After discussion it was agreed to raise the surcharge from \$4.50/acre to \$6.00/acre. Third reading will be brought back to the February meeting.

2013-01-011 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #891 (2013), be introduced and read the first time this 29th day of January, 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-01-012 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #891 (2013) the second time this 29th day of January, 2013. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.05 2013 Fees Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2013 Fees Bylaw. Several revisions were made to the wording of the bylaw and calculations for base and additional charges, but only resulting in slight adjustments to charges. Third reading will be brought back to the February meeting.

2013-01-013 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #892 (2013), be introduced and read the first time this 29th day of January, 2013. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2013-01-014 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #892 (2013) the second time this 29th day of January, 2013. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

8.0 EIDNet Report

No major problems were experienced for the prior month. Customer accounts currently total 1,260.

[10:55 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the Engineering Report.

9.01 Project Status

This year's construction program (in-house) presently consists of approximately 16.5 km of earthworks and 24.5 km of PVC pipeline.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Marshall Drain (3.5 km)	- approximately 1 week to substantial completion
Sauki Spill (9 km)	- construction complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
One Tree (4 km)	- near complete earthworks and armouring
PIPELINE	
D Springhill (18 km)	- approximately half complete
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)	- earthworks and armouring complete, toe drains and topsoil placement work is ongoing; structures remain however
1064 Chute	- old structure removed, first cutoff walls being poured

9.02 13 & 14 Rolling Hills

J. Kabut presented the 13 & 14 Rolling Hills synopsis. This rehabilitation is located approximately 5 km southwest of Rolling Hills and is slated for spring 2013 construction. The current system irrigates 209 acres, 100% which is sprinkler. The proposed rehab will consist of combining the two systems into one closed gravity pipeline. The pipeline will also be sized for future consideration of pivots in NW 14 and NW 23. The new system could possibly supply approximately 470 acres. It is recommended that this project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$446,000. Through Board discussion, the north leg drain-out of this rehab may be repositioned and/or converted from pipeline to open ditch.

2013-01-015 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 13 & 14 Rolling Hills canals by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$446,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.03 04 North Branch Extension – Housenga / Wickenheiser / Baer

R. Summach presented the Housenga / Wickenheiser / Baer pipeline synopsis. This matter was brought to the Board in October 2012 when the District was made aware that no designated water deliveries were put in place for irrigation acres in the 2 parcels in SE 22-21-18 W4M when subdivided some time ago. After obtaining a legal opinion, Directors requested a project proposal be developed. This project, located 3 km east of Bassano, consists of extending the 04 North Branch pipeline 1.6 km to serve 67 irrigation acres. Currently there are 27 acres under pivot and the rest has not been irrigated. It is recommended that the project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$160,000.

2013-01-016 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 04 North Branch pipeline extension by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$160,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:25 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

10.0 Farm Improvement Policy Review

In response to a request at the December Board Meeting, E. Wilson presented the Farm Improvement Policy with some revised grant amounts. Through discussion, amounts were also raised for 2 additional clauses, and it was also requested that this policy will be reviewed by the Board in January on an annual basis.

WATER

Farm Improvement Policy

Revised Jan 29 2013
[supersedes Jan 23 2012]

Policy Guidelines:

When an irrigator comes to the District with a proposal that will improve his farm operation and will:

- improve the District's infrastructure, OR
 - save a significant amount of water,
- the District may cost-share the project with the irrigator. Projects require the approval of the Board by resolution.

The guidelines to determine the cost-sharing/District contribution are as follows:

A. Infrastructure Grant

- 1.0 Improvement to the District's infrastructure, reduction of the District's infrastructure, extension of the District's infrastructure (on the landowner's timeline), not part of a District project:
.....50/50 cost share up to \$15,000 District share per quarter section;
this includes:
 - o extensions to canal laterals or pipelines
 - o adding turnouts
 - o changes to existing turnouts
 - o canal or drain crossings for cattle or machinery

B. Drain & Canal Relocations

- 1.0 Where the landowner requests a drain or canal to be relocated (on his timeline, not part of a capital project). If the District feels the relocation is practical the District will cost-share the construction of the new drain or canal:
.....75% EID / 25% landowner basis
Maximum District contribution.....\$40,000
- 2.0 Eligible costs include excavating of the new canal or drain, and leveling of the banks of the existing drain or canal.
- 3.0 Hauling of material to fill in the old canal or drain is the landowner's responsibility.

C. Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (on the landowner's timeline):

- 1.0 Uncontrolled surface irrigation to machine leveled/improved surface irrigation.
Maximum District contribution.....50/50 up to \$15,000

- 2.0 Gated pipe or permanent head ditch with controlled outlets.
Maximum contribution.....50/50 up to \$2,500
- 3.0 Eliminating spill past pump by moving delivery or piping to pumpsite.
Maximum contribution.....50/50 up to \$10,000
- 4.0 Surface irrigation to side-roll wheel moves.
Irregular shaped parcel of land.....No contribution
Rectangular shaped parcel, maximum District contribution.....\$35/acre
- 5.0 Side-roll wheel moves to low pressure pivot.
Maximum District contribution is either:
.....\$35/acre minus \$300/acre for irrigation acres outside of wetted area of pivot, or
.....\$35/acre plus \$700/acre for irrigation acres that are removed from the assessment roll
- 6.0 Surface irrigation to low pressure pivot.
Maximum District contribution is either:
.....\$70/acre minus \$300/acre for irrigation acres outside of wetted area of pivot, or
.....\$70/acre plus \$700/acre for irrigation acres that are removed from the assessment roll
- 7.0 On farm work to accommodate more efficient irrigation, such as leveling old head ditches,
field drains, brushing willow trees, etc:
.....50:50 up to \$10,000
- 8.0 Pivot crossing on small canals or drains:
.....District will install;
.....Landowner pays for pipe and importing of backfill if no material is available.

In all instances:

- applications may only be made by the registered owner of the parcel,
- irrigation acres are to be moved from existing locations in the parcel into the area that will be irrigated under the efficiency improvement prior to any additional irrigation acres being considered, all payments by the District are made at the completion of the installation by the landowner, and the District will reduce the payment by the amounts owing the District for the installation of any new facilities required to allow for the on-farm improvements and/or capital asset charges.

2013-01-017 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Policy as revised, effective January 1, 2013. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

11.0 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

In conjunction with the Farm Improvement Policy, the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy was discussed and grants increased. This policy was also requested to be reviewed by the Board in January on an annual basis.

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Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

Revised Jan 29 2013

*[supersedes Jan 23 2007]***Policy Guidelines:**

- 1.0 When the District is undertaking an infrastructure rehabilitation project and at the request of the District a landowner is willing to change from his current water delivery

arrangement [either in volume or location] and the proposed change reduces the overall cost of construction and saves the District money, the District may share the savings with the landowner, the maximum cost-share being 50% of the realized construction cost savings to a maximum District contribution of \$20,000 per quarter section.

Approval is required by resolution of the Board of Directors.

- 2.0 When the District is undertaking an infrastructure rehabilitation project and a landowner requests that the District agree to a relocation of the landowner's current water delivery location [for example, downstream on a pipeline] in a manner that improves the landowner's farm operations [for example, to shorten a mainline, to be closer to utilities, etc.] the District may share the additional construction cost with the landowner, the maximum cost-share being 50% of the additional cost to a maximum District contribution of \$20,000 per quarter section.

Approval is required by resolution of the Board of Directors.

In all instances:

- the project must be on the District's timeline, and the landowners are given a deadline by the District Engineer to make a decision.

2013-01-018 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy as revised, effective January 1, 2013. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.0 Operations Report

12.01 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

12.01.1 Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) – SE 04-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 147 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 116 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 116 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 26 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre; and transfer 5 acres to Pt. NE 32-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,060 (116 acres x \$35/acre) - \$7,800 (26 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing. New assessment is 142 acres (116 under pivot and 26 remaining under wheels).

2013-01-019 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. for the conversion of 116 acres wheels to pivot in SE 04-20-14 W4M. As the Water User is keeping the extra acres, there is no Farm Improvement Grant payable. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-01-020 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SE 04-20-14 W4M to Pt. NE 32-19-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.01.2 Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) – Pt. NE 32-19-14 W4M

Current assessment is 31 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 29 acres, and new wheels area is 7 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 29 acres wheels to pivot. 5 acres of wheels have been transferred from SE 04-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,015 (29 acres x \$35/acre). New assessment is 36 acres (29 under pivot and 7 under wheels).

2013-01-021 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. for the conversion of 29 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. NE 32-19-14 W4M.

The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,015. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.01.3 Art Eckert – Pt. NE 09-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 58 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 58 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 58 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,060 (58 acres x \$70/acre).

2013-01-022 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Arthur Eckert for the conversion of 58 acres flood to pivot in Pt. NE 09-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,060. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

12.01.4 Mark Hironaka – NE 26-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 148 acres flood; new pivot area is 135 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 13 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,450 (135 acres x \$70/acre) - \$3,900 (13 acres x \$300/acre) = \$5,550.

2013-01-023 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark Hironaka for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in NE 26-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,550. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.01.5 Tomoe Hironaka – SE 26-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 125 acres flood; new pivot area is 135 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 125 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 \$8,750 (125 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 135 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2013-01-024 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tomoe Hironaka for the conversion of 125 acres flood to pivot in SE 26-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,750. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.01.6 Joel Kropf – NE 12 & Pt. SE 13-16-14 W4M

Current assessment is 62 acres flood in NE 12 and 30 acres flood in Pt. SE 13; new wiper pivot area is 114 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 64 acres flood to pivot. 50 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,480 (64 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (50 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment in NE 12 is 103 acres, all under pivot irrigation. New assessment in Pt. SE 13 is 43 acres, 11 under pivot irrigation and 30 under flood.

2013-01-025 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joel Kropf for the conversion of 64 acres flood to pivot in NE 12 & Pt. SE 13-16-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,480. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break.]

13.0 Water License for Sale

A "Water Rights for Sale" ad was observed in the "Farmer / Stockman AD-viser" advertizing a water license for 799 acre feet from the Oldman River and 901 acre feet from the Bow River, and was brought to the Board's attention strictly as information. This ad is of interest as there are currently license moratoriums on both the Oldman and Bow rivers.

14.0 Irrigation**14.01 Assessment Report to December 31, 2012**

E. Wilson presented the Assessment Report on behalf of M. Jarvis Redelback for the period of October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
October 1, 2012	288,862	5,715	294,577
December 31, 2012	289,305	5,443	294,748
Net increase	443	< 272 >	171
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 5 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			176
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			272
Terminable Acres Canceled			0

14.02 Request to Transfer Irrigation Lease #8310 Versteegen to Klessens

Jozef and Bertha Versteegan are requesting to transfer long term Irrigated Lease #8310 to Wilhelmus and Jaceline Klessens in order to develop additional acres in their other long term irrigated leases. The Klessens meet eligibility requirements.

2013-01-026 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve Irrigated Lease #8310 be transferred from Jozef and Bertha Versteegan to Wilhelmus and Jaceline Klessens. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

14.03 Irrigation Application for 2013 – George Ketchmark – SW 20-17-16 W4M

This application was approved in 2009 but the landowner did not go ahead with the project. Currently this parcel has 98 flood and wheels irrigation acres. The landowner is proposing to install a 133 acre pivot, and is applying for 30 efficiency acres and 5 new irrigation acres.

2013-01-027 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the George Ketchmark application for new irrigation acres in SW 20-17-16 W4M, subject to soils. Seconded F. George. CARRIED

14.04 Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy Review

E. Wilson recommended that the District allow 2,300 new acres for irrigation development, out of the 6,600 acres that have been gained in efficiencies in the last 10 years. A revised "Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy" was presented that took into consideration any applications for irrigation acres with no reservoir support (off-river), and increased the maximum water user amounts below Crawling Valley Reservoir, Lake Newell and 12 Mile Coulee. Discussion ensued; this policy will be revised again when the District closes applications for off-river parcels. A newsletter will be sent out this spring notifying water users of the opportunity to apply for new acres.

[this policy is available on the District's website]

2013-01-028 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy as revised, effective for new acres in 2014. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

14.05 Irrigation Expansion

A letter was received from some water users having concerns regarding irrigation expansion in the Gem area. A short discussion was held touching on a number of issues; further irrigation expansion discussion will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

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

15.0 2012 PHD Summary

R. Martin presented the Partners in Habitat Development Summary for 2012, noting that within the EID in 2012 the PHD planted 17,985 seedlings on 9 project sites and purchased 2.5 km of fencing material for landowners to fence out new planting sites and established wildlife habitat. For 2013 the PHD has ordered 30,000 tree and shrub seedlings to be planted on 11 new project sites and 5 2012 project sites; and will be hiring 2 additional students, for a total of 6 PHD summer students. Numbers were increased due to the announcement of the Agroforestry Development Centre in Indian Head, SK being shut down and 2013 being the last year that trees and shrubs would be available through the AESB Shelterbelt Program. Different options are being investigated for future years. For 2014 the PHD has 7 new landowners plus previous landowners interested in new projects. As well, the Brooks and District Fish and Game Association, through the Brooks Pheasant Festival, has confirmed funding of \$25,000 per year through 2015 for the EID PHD program.

[1:32 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

16.0 Lands**16.01 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Leases #7068 & 7219 Maldaner to Maldaner**

Dallas Maldaner is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Leases #7068 and #7219 to Nathan Maldaner; this landowner meets eligibility requirements.

2013-01-029 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve Private Grazing Leases #7068 and 7219 be transferred from Dallas Maldaner to Nathan Maldaner. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

16.02 Private Grazing Leases Turned Back to the EID

Private Grazing Leases #7021, 7214, 7167 and 7047 which have been turned back to the EID will be toured by the Board in March or April. These leases will be evaluated in regards to irrigation development and may go un-leased in 2013.

17.0 Report on Meeting with Pat Shimbashi

E. Wilson reported on a meeting he had with Pat Shimbashi early in the New Year. Mr. Shimbashi was enquiring about possible industrial irrigation development within the EID. Mr. Wilson responded that any irrigation development within the District has been intended for farm based, District water users.

18.0 Request for Sponsorship of U of S Range Team

A letter was received from the U of S Range Team requesting sponsorship to attend a Society of Range Management Conference. This request was denied.

19.0 Upcoming Events

19.01 Water License Transfer Plebiscite - Wed., Jan. 30th, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., EID Office

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| 19.02 | Zimmatic Tour | - February 11 th – 16 th , California & Alabama |
| 19.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 19.04 | 2013 State of the Union Brkfst | - Friday, March 1 st , 7:00 a.m., Heritage Inn |
| 19.05 | Joint EID / County Meeting | - Thursday, March 7 th , 4:00 p.m., County Office |
| 19.06 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, March 25 th , Taber |
| 19.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, March 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 19.08 | Meeting with U of A | - TBA |
| 19.09 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 27 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

- Board and E. Wilson In-Camera


Chairman
General Manager

February 26, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of February, 2013. 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] [9:46 a.m.]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.05 “Carl’s Way” Video Project Update
- 4.03 Request to Open Investment Account
- 4.04 Letter from Harley Tateson
- 6.0 Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development – Pivot Irrigation Workshop

2013-02-030 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 January 16, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-02-031 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the January 16, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.02 January 29, 2013

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-02-032 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the January 29, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 2013 Remuneration Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the 2013 Remuneration Bylaw for third reading.

2013-02-033 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #890 (2013), being a bylaw to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.02 2013 Rates Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the 2013 Rates Bylaw for third reading.

2013-02-034 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #891 (2013), being a bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to set the Annual Agreement Rate, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.03 2013 Fees Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the 2013 Fees Bylaw. Prior to third reading, administration proposed amendments to clauses 5 and 8.

2013-02-035 Moved by A. Nielsen that prior to third reading, clauses 5 and 8 of Bylaw #892 (2013) be amended as proposed by administration. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-02-036 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #892 (2013), 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 J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.04 Houseboat on the Shore of Lake Newell

The squatter on Lake Newell has been served with a court order to remove the houseboat; he has promised to remove it once the lake has thawed and has been asked to sign a letter stating that he will not move it to any other of the EID's water bodies.

3.05 "Carl's Way" Video Project Update

K. Bridges updated the Board on the status of the "Carl's Way" Video Project fund raising and project expenditures. E. Wilson will forward a letter of commitment outlining the District's maximum contribution amount, stipulating to the organization that the EID's contribution will not be forwarded until a project budget is submitted that confirms that sufficient funding has been secured to bring the project to completion.

4.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

4.01 January 31, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to January 31, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$13.7 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$6.7 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$7 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

[9:46 a.m. N. Johnson joined the meeting.]

2013-02-037 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

4.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2012

Various accounts were discussed.

2013-02-038 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2012 as presented. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

4.03 Request to Open Investment Account

Mr. Bridges presented a request to open an investment account with TD Securities Inc.

2013-02-039 Moved by N. Johnson that one or more accounts in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

- a) ATB Securities Inc.,
- b) Alberta Treasury Branches and ATB Financial,
- c) Bank of Nova Scotia,
- d) BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.,
- e) Chinook Credit Union Ltd.,
- f) Scotia Capital Inc. and ScotiaMcLeod,
- g) Servus Credit Union Ltd.,
- h) Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and Sun Life Financial Trust Inc., and
- i) TD Securities Inc.

And that any 2 of the District's signing officers be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to enter orders, give instructions, sign documents, buy, sell, withdraw assets and trade in bonds, stripped coupons, debentures, guaranteed investments, corporate securities and any other investments and/or securities and/or contracts relating thereto having a minimum investment grade rating as set out in the District's Investment Policy, by exchange or otherwise, for the account and risk of the District and the District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of this authorization;

And that any withdrawals from the said accounts shall be made payable only to the Eastern Irrigation District;

And that all of the above-listed actions carried out on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District shall be valid and binding on the Eastern Irrigation District;

And that this authorization shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of revocation thereof shall have been filed by the Eastern Irrigation District with the appropriate branch of ATB Securities Inc.; Alberta Treasury Branches; ATB Financial; Bank of Nova Scotia; BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.; BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.; Chinook Credit Union Ltd., Scotia Capital Inc.; ScotiaMcLeod; Servus Credit Union Ltd.; Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Sun Life Financial Trust Inc., or TD Securities Inc. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[10:57 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. Short break.]

4.04 Letter from Harley Tateson

A letter to the Board was received from Harley Tateson this morning. Mr. Tateson was requesting that a late penalty charge be refunded. The request was denied.

5.0 EIDNet Report

No major problems were experienced for the prior month. Customer accounts currently total 1,268.

6.0 Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development – Pivot Irrigation Workshop

F. George enquired if Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development could use the District's boardroom to host an irrigation workshop. Directors gave consent, subject to office scheduling.

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

This year's construction program (in-house) presently consists of approximately 16.5 km of earthworks and 28 km of PVC pipeline.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Marshall Drain (3.5 km)	- earthworks complete, structure to be installed next week, cleanup, etc. remains
Sauki Spill (9 km)	- construction complete; cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
One Tree (4 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete within the next week
PIPELINE	
D Springhill (18 km)	- roughly 5 km remain
20 Springhill (1.5 km)	- ready for construction
21 Springhill (5 km)	- roughly 2 km remain
13 & 14 Rolling Hills (2 km)	- completing design and landowner easement signings
04 North Branch (1.5 km)	- completing design and landowner easement signings

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Sec B Springhill (6 km)	- project should be substantially complete by the end of February
1064 Chute	- cut-offs, lower floor slab poured, scheduled to be complete by April 1

9.0 Operations Report**9.01 Farm Improvements**

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

9.01.1 Ellis Kropf – SE 36-16-14 W4M

Current assessment is 151 acres wheels; new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 5 acres in the SE corner outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre; and sell 12 acres back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,690 (134 acres x \$35/acre) - \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre) = \$3,190. New assessment is 139 acres (134 under pivot and 5 acres flood).

2013-02-040 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ellis Kropf for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot in SE 36-16-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,190. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-02-041 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of Ellis Kropf's 12 acres of water rights on SE 36-16-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 12 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$8,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

9.01.2 A. & C. Walde and N. & L. Dyck – Pt. W ½ 05-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 151 acres wheels; new pivot area is 147 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 147 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 4 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,145 (147 acres x \$35/acre). New assessment is 147 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2013-02-042 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for A. & C. Walde and N. & L. Dyck for the conversion of 147 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. W ½ 05-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water Users is \$5,145. Seconded by F. George. **CARRIED**

2013-02-043 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of A. & C. Walde's and N. & L. Dyck's 4 acres of water rights on Pt. W ½ 05-23-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 4 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$2,800. Seconded by F. George. **CARRIED**

10.0 Lands

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

For the 2013 season, Ray Braun is requesting to transfer 11 irrigation acres from his parcel in SW 16-23-16 W4M to J. & S. Vanstone's subdivided parcel within the same quarter section, to enable his wiper pivot to cover more acres.

2013-02-044 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the annual transfer of 11 acres from Ray & Ruth Braun in SW 16-23-16 W4M, to Plan 8310274, Block 1, lands being owned by J. & S. Vanstone. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

10.02 Alternate Parcel Application - John Miller to Bow City Hutterian Brethren

For the 2013 season, John Miller is requesting to transfer 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to Bow City Hutterian Brethren as follows: 19 acres to Sec. 27-17-17 W4M for an end gun, 17 acres to Sec. 29-17-17 W4M for an end gun, and 44 acres to Sec. 34-17-17 W4M to complete a pivot.

2013-02-045 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the annual transfer of 80 acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to Bow City Hutterian Brethren:

- 19 acres in Sec. 27-17-17 W4M,
- 17 acres in Sec. 29-17-17 W4M, and
- 44 acres in Sec. 34-17-17 W4M.

Seconded by F. George. **CARRIED**

11.0 Request for Reduction in Conveyance Charges for Golf Courses

An email was received from the Duchess Golf Course requesting that the District's discount for 2012 be extended for the 2013 season as well, citing continued financial difficulties due to the downturn in the economy.

2013-02-046 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bassano, Brooks, Duchess and Rolling Hills Golf Clubs each be granted a discount of up to \$2,500 for water conveyance in 2013. Seconded by N. Johnson. **CARRIED**

12.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2013 Rates

K. Bridges gave a review of area campground rates and when the District's rates were last increased. Directors voted to increase the camping fees and maintain the boat slip fees.

2013-02-047 Moved by R. Owen that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2013 camping season be set at:

- \$30/night, including GST, on all daily sites,
- \$1,600/season, plus GST, for the Marina & Upper Tier seasonal sites,
- \$1,800/season, plus GST, for the Waterfront seasonal sites;

that the Seasonal Application Fee be set at \$500; and that the camping season be extended 2 weeks. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-02-048 Moved by R. Owen that the boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2013 boating season be set at:

- \$10/day, including GST,
- \$50/week, including GST, and
- \$400/season, plus GST;

and that the Seasonal Application Fee be set at \$420 to include GST. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

Further discussion on the campground resolved that:

- A request to provide a storage area for camping units not in use was denied.
- The camping season will be extended 2 weeks past the September long weekend.
- Beginning this season campers may call the campground to register for a vacant campsite the same day, with credit card payment; but must show up by checkout of the next day or the site will be forfeited.
- Beginning this season any doubled up sites must be vacated at the end of the 2 week maximum (from the first night of the first unit), to prevent revolving sites.

[11:07 a.m. D. Lindsay and G. Fletcher entered the meeting.]

8.0 Equipment**8.01 Quotes on D6 Dozer, Gravel Truck & Pup Trailer, and Skid Steer Loader & Bucket**

E. Wilson presented quotes on a D6 Dozer, Gravel Truck & Pup Trailer, and Skid Steer Loader & Bucket. Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Fletcher answered questions on the equipment and gave their recommendations.

D6 Dozer			
Dealer	Make	Warranty	Price
Finning	Cat D6N LGP	60 month/5,000 hr	\$306,548

Gravel Truck & Pup		
Dealer	Make	Price
Summit Motors	International	\$181,808
Nortrux	Mack (Pinnacle)	\$185,274
	Peterbilt	\$201,208

Skid Steer Loader				
Dealer	Skid Steer Loader	Price	Rock Bucket	Price
Finning	Cat 277 C2	\$68,940		
BRK Rentals			74"	\$2,300

2013-02-049 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase:

- a Cat D6 LGP Dozer from Finning for \$306,548,
- a Mack Gravel Truck and Pup Trailer from Nortrux for \$185,274, and
- a Cat 277 C2 Skid Steer Loader from Finning for \$68,940, with
- a 74" Rock Bucket from BRK Rentals for \$2,300.

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:19 a.m. D. Lindsay and G. Fletcher exited the meeting.]

13.0 Newell Plaza Appraisal

Mr. Wilson reviewed the independent appraisal of Newell Plaza in comparison to the one received from Outlook Properties. Through discussion it was directed that no action be taken on the request to purchase.

[11:32 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. Short break.]

14.0 License Amendment Appeal

The Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Diana McQueen, gave final ruling on the appeal early in the month, ruling in favour of Alberta Environment and the Eastern Irrigation District. Mr. Wilson advised Directors that the awarding of legal costs for the License Amendment Appeal will be announced at a later date.

As the District's plebiscite for the license transfer to the County passed with an 84% majority, the District has now applied to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources Development to transfer 1,000 acre feet of EID water license to the County of Newell. Advertizing for public input will take place shortly.

15.0 Letter from Susan Robertson

A letter was received from Susan Robertson, solicitor for Mousset in the Mousset/Nygaard claim. The request for District contribution towards Mousset's legal fees was denied.

16.0 Signage Plan

E. Wilson presented a prioritized summary of R. Martin's overall review of District signage, with suggestions of which types of signs to be added or replaced.

17.0 Joint County / EID Meeting

A few possible agenda items for the Joint County / EID Meeting were discussed.

18.0 Annual General Meeting

F. George will contact representatives from the U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch, as to meeting with the Board the morning of the AGM, and presenting to water users at the AGM.

19.0 CWRA Conference – March 12th – 14th, Red Deer

E. Wilson, I. Friesen, M. Jarvis Redelback, R. Summach and 4 Directors will be attending the conference.

20.0 Upcoming Events

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| 20.01 | 2013 State of the Union Brkfst | - Friday, March 1 st , 7:00 a.m., Heritage Inn
<i>[Earl, Bob, Neil attending]</i> |
| 20.02 | Joint EID / County Meeting | - Thursday, March 7 th , 4:00 p.m., County Office |
| 20.03 | CWRA Conference | - March 12 th – 14 th , Red Deer
<i>[Earl, Ivan, Margo, Ryan S., Bob, Allen, Neil, Floyd attending]</i> |
| 20.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Friday, March 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 20.05 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, March 25 th , Taber |
| 20.06 | Meeting with U of A | - Wednesday, March 27 th , 11:00 a.m. |
| 20.07 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 27 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 20.08 | Nominations Cease | - Thursday, March 28 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 20.09 | Aggie Days | - Thursday, April 11 th , Calgary Stampede Park |
| 20.10 | Election (if needed) | - Friday, April 19 th |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:10 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

March 22, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of March, 2013. 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:

- 11:00 a.m. Eyremore Grazing Association – Blake Mulvey & Bruce Niznik
- 12:05 Sand Hills Area

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 10:00 a.m. Sod Turning Ceremony for Upland Elementary School *[canceled due to inclement weather]*

2013-03-050 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 February 26, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-03-051 Moved by N. Johnson that the Minutes of the February 26, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Signage Plan**

A few questions were responded to in regards to the District's signage plan.

4.0 IRP Funding Rates and Effect of Loss of Fuel Rebate

As an update to the conference call between irrigation districts and the Minister of Agriculture, B. Chrumka advised that the Farm Fuel Distribution Allowance portion of the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Program has been discontinued. The loss of the 6 cents per litre rebate translates to an approximate \$45,000 loss per year to the District. In addition, the Provincial Government also cut funding for the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program by 12.5%, resulting in the EID receiving \$700,000 less for this year, for an anticipated total of approximately \$5.1 million.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 February 28, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to February 28, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$18.8 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$8.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.4 million.

2013-03-052 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2013, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.02 Request to Open Investment Account

Mr. Bridges presented a request to open an investment account with Bank of Montreal.

2013-03-053 Moved by N. Johnson that one or more accounts in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

- a) ATB Securities Inc.,
- b) Alberta Treasury Branches and ATB Financial,
- c) Bank of Montreal,
- d) Bank of Nova Scotia,
- e) BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.,
- f) Chinook Credit Union Ltd.,
- g) Scotia Capital Inc. and ScotiaMcLeod,
- h) Servus Credit Union Ltd.,
- i) Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and Sun Life Financial Trust Inc., and
- j) TD Securities Inc.

And that any 2 of the District's signing officers be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to enter orders, give instructions, sign documents, buy, sell, withdraw assets and trade in bonds, stripped coupons, debentures, guaranteed investments, corporate securities and any other investments and/or securities and/or contracts relating thereto having a minimum investment grade rating as set out in the District's Investment Policy, by exchange or otherwise, for the account and risk of the District and the District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of this authorization;

And that any withdrawals from the said accounts shall be made payable only to the Eastern Irrigation District;

And that all of the above-listed actions carried out on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District shall be valid and binding on the Eastern Irrigation District;

And that this authorization shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of revocation thereof shall have been filed by the Eastern Irrigation District with the appropriate branch of ATB Securities Inc.; Alberta Treasury Branches; ATB Financial; Bank of Montreal; Bank of Nova Scotia; BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.; BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.; Chinook Credit Union Ltd.; Scotia Capital Inc.; ScotiaMcLeod; Servus Credit Union Ltd.; Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Sun Life Financial Trust Inc. or TD Securities Inc.
Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report**6.01 Monthly Report**

No major problems were experienced for the prior month. Customer accounts currently total 1,273.

6.02 Fees

In response to customers requesting higher bandwidth, it is being recommended that for all new 3.0Mb/1.0Mb and 3.0Mb/2.0Mb accounts, the \$350.00 network build fee be eliminated, with the monthly subscription rates being increased from \$60.00 and \$100.00 to \$75.00 and \$120.00 respectively. Only these accounts are being recommended for change.

2013-03-054 Moved by N. Johnson that EIDNet rates be revised as follows, that the network build fee be eliminated, and that the monthly subscription fees be set at:

- 3.0Mb/1.0Mb - \$75/month subscription fee, plus installation fee
 - 3.0Mb/2.0Mb - \$120/month subscription fee, plus installation fee
- plus GST, effective March 23, 2013.**

Seconded by C. Chomistek. 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)	- construction complete, cleanup, seeding, etc. remains
Sauki Spill (9 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
One Tree (4 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
PIPELINE	
D Springhill (18 km)	- roughly 2 km will remain by the end of this week
20 Springhill (1.5 km)	- pipeline complete roughly by the end of this week
21 Springhill (5 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remains
13 & 14 Rolling Hills (2 km)	- ready for construction
04 North Branch (1.5 km)	- next project for construction after 20 Springhill

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Sec B Springhill (6 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remains
1064 Chute	- cut-offs, upper & lower floor slab poured, lower wall poured, upper wall to be poured this week, key and center pier next week, bridge deck in 2 weeks, scheduled to be complete mid-April

8.0 Operations Report**8.01 Farm Improvements**

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

8.01.1 John Brummelhuis – Pt. Sec. 16 & SE 17-17-16 W4M

Current assessment is 88 acres flood in SE 17; new wiper pivot area is 80 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 88 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is requesting to move the 8 extra acres to Pt. Sec. 16. 15 additional acres are needed in Pt. Sec. 16, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,160 (88 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre). Assessment in the SE is reduced to 80 acres, all under pivot. Assessment is increased in the SW, NW and NE of Sec. 16.

2013-03-055 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John Brummelhuis for the conversion of 88 acres flood to pivot in SE 17-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,160. The capital assets charge for 15 additional acres in Pt. Sec. 16-17-16 W4M is \$4,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-03-056 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the transfer of 8 irrigation acres from SE 17-17-16 W4M to Pt. Sec. 16-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by John Brummelhuis. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.01.2 H. & C. Krause – Pt. NW 10-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 75 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 75 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 75 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,625 (75 acres x \$35/acre).

2013-03-057 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for H. & C. Krause for the conversion of 75 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. NW 10-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,625. Seconded by C. CARRIED

8.01.3 C. & L. Lester – E ½ 03 & Pt. W ½ 03-15-14 W4M

Current assessment is 318 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 291 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 291 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 27 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$20,370 (291 acres x \$70/acre)

2013-03-058 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C. & L. Lester for the conversion of 291 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 03 & Pt. W ½ 03-15-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$20,370. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-03-059 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the purchase of C. & L. Lester's 27 acres of water rights on E ½ 03 & Pt. W ½ 03-15-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 27 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$18,900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.01.4 E. & J. Miller – SW 28-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 136 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 7 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,760 (136 acres x \$35/acre).

2013-03-060 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for E. & J. Miller for the conversion of 136 acres wheels to pivot in SW 28-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,760. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

- 2013-03-061 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of E. & J. Miller's 7 acres of water rights on SW 28-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 7 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$4,900. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

8.02 Snowpack Report

Mr. Wilson reviewed several snow pillow areas, all reporting at average or slightly above average recordings, and noting that typically increases can be seen with spring snowfalls.

9.0 Irrigation

9.01 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Peter & Aganetha Wolf

The landowners are proposing to transfer 13 irrigation acres outside the pivot in NW 03-15-13 W4M to the N ½ of 12-17-14 W4M for the installation of a small pivot and a corner-arm to an existing pivot.

- 2013-03-062 Moved by N. Johnson that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from NW 03-15-13 W4M to N ½ 12-17-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Peter & Aganetha Wolf. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

9.02 Irrigation Application for 2013 – Lee Nygaard – Pt. SE 31 & Pt. SW 32-14-12 W4M

The landowner is applying for 68 new acres for a proposed wiper pivot in Pt. SW 32-14-12 W4M and reaching into Pt. SE 31. This is a new parcel, thus the irrigation acres would be charged \$700/acre. An Irrigable Unit is needed as the pivot will be served from the adjacent quarter out of the lake portion of the 12 Mile Coulee return flow drain.

- 2013-03-063 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Lee Nygaard application for new irrigation acres in Pt. SE 31 & Pt. SW 32-14-12 W4M, subject to soils. Seconded R. Owen. CARRIED**

- 2013-03-064 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SE 31 & SW 32-14-12 W4M, all lands being owned by 709231 Alberta Ltd. (Lee Nygaard). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

10.0 Quotes on Used Equipment

10.01 Dozer and Excavators

Quotes for the 2007 D6N LGP Dozer, 2009 JD 350 and 2009 JD 240 Excavators were as follows:

2007 D6N LGP Dozer	
Canadian Public Auction	\$138,000
Finning	\$126,000
Michener Allen	\$125,800

2009 JD 350 Excavator	
Canadian Public Auction	\$127,000
BCA Services	\$117,000
Brooks Industrial Metals Ltd.	\$91,350
Michener Allen	\$81,800

2009 JD 240 Excavator	
Michener Allen	\$68,800
Canadian Public Auction	\$65,250

- Ritchie Brothers quoted \$301,250 for all three.

2013-03-065 Moved by N. Johnson that the District sell the 2007 D6N 2GP Dozer for \$138,000 and the 2009 JD 350 Excavator for \$127,000 to Canadian Public Auction; and the 2009 JD 240 Excavator for \$68,800 to Michener Allen. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

10.02 Trucks

Quotes for the sale of one 2 ton, three $\frac{3}{4}$ ton and four $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks were received as follows:

$\frac{1}{2}$ Ton, $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton and 2 Ton Trucks	
Michener Allen	\$20,800 (FOB Calgary)
Annett Auction	\$33,812
Annett Auction Services	Sell for 10% commission

2013-03-066 Moved by J. Culligan that the District sell the following used equipment through Annett Auction Services Ltd. at 10% commission:

- one 1999, 2 ton, 2WD truck;
- one 2003, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, 2WD truck;
- one 2004, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, 4WD truck;
- two 2006, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 4WD trucks;
- one 2007, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 4WD truck;
- one 2007, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, 4WD truck;
- one 2008, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 4WD truck;
- two post pounders; and
- one quad.

Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

11.0 Bassano Shop

E. Wilson advised that the District is not using the Bassano shop to any extent, and that there is some interest in this property.

2013-03-067 Moved by J. Culligan that the District advertise for sale the EID lot and shop in Bassano, obtain an appraisal, and bring the bids and information back to the Board. Seconded by A. Nielsen. **CARRIED**

[10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Short break; B. Hale entered the meeting.]

12.0 Grazing Report

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

12.01 Set Turn-Out Date

The usual turn-out dates were recommended. The request from the Rosemary Grazing Association to enter into the community lease 2 weeks earlier, and to round up 2 weeks earlier was discussed but not accepted.

2013-03-068 Moved by R. Owen that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 1st and for Native Pasture May 15, 2013. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

12.02 Updated Cattle Numbers

Not all associations have submitted their updated numbers resulting from the increased allocations from 75 max per full member to 80 max per full member, approved in December 2012. Membership is down; and with the increase, total numbers are slightly above last year.

2013 Cattle Numbers Summary as of March 15, 2013					
Association	2012	2013	Difference	Members	Increase 75 to 80 max
Bantry	592	595	+ 3	9	31
Bassano	992	1,216	+ 224	17	0
Duchess	1,224	1,309	+ 85	20	75
Eyremore	1,747	1,866	+ 119	24	112
Gem	2,536	2,568	+ 32	38	?
Newell	2,510	2,271	- 239	34	86
Patricia	2,772	2,994	+ 222	46	150
Rolling Hills	1,326	1,350	+ 24	25	56
Rosemary	1,745	1,585	- 160	25	?
Tilley	1,286	1,251	- 35	22	63
Total	16,730	17,005	+ 275	260	573
Members	276	260 (9 new, 25 drop out)			

[11:05 a.m. Blake Mulvey and Bruce Niznik entered the meeting.]

11:05 a.m. Eyremore Grazing Association – Blake Mulvey & Bruce Niznik

B. Chrumka welcomed Blake Mulvey - President, and Bruce Niznik - Secretary, of the Eyremore Grazing Association to the meeting. Mr. Mulvey and Mr. Niznik were requested by their association members to get a summary of the land trade between the EID and the Bow City Hutterite Colony.

Mr. Wilson proceeded to summarize that:

- In approximately 1962, a land trade between the EID and L.G. Kearl or Independent Holdings Ltd. resulted in the acquisition for the District of what is now the Duchess Grazing Association lands east of Highway #36.
- The land which L.G. Kearl or Independent Holdings Ltd. acquired in the trade, then sold to the Bow City Hutterite Colony.
- One section of this land had a caveat that stated that the EID would retain the ownership of the gravel; access fees are paid.
- The Hutterite Colony split and began contesting that the EID owned the gravel, and the wording to the caveat.

- A land trade was considered approximately 12 years ago to solve this problem that would have benefitted the EID more, but the Board was strongly discouraged to proceed by members of Eyremore Grazing Association.
- In 2012, in combination of further requests of the Colony, the EID used those requests to work out a deal to solve all the present issues and satisfy both parties. From the August 3, 2012 meeting minutes, the third bullet of resolution 2012-08-152 reads:

“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.”

Questions were answered and further detail given. Mr. Mulvey and Mr. Niznik thanked the Board for their time.

[11:23 a.m. B. Mulvey and B. Niznik exited the meeting.]

12.03 Private Grazing Lease #7093 – Sekura / Kropf

E. Wilson reviewed that Private Grazing Lease #7093 in Sec. 01 & E ½ 02-18-14 W4M and Pt. 06-18-13 W4M, consisting of 1,297 acres with a carrying capacity of 230 AUM was held by George Sekura, Steve Sekura and Luke Kropf in 2008 when the leases were renewed. They chose a 15 year, transferable within the family only agreement. When George passed away, his portion was transferred to Steve. Steve recently passed away and there are no family members that meet criteria, therefore that portion of the lease is reverting back to the District. Three options were presented to Directors for discussion.

[11:37 a.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch break.]

The Board resumed its discussion.

2013-03-069 Moved by F. George that the District offer 2 options to Luke Kropf as the remaining leaseholder of a 1/3 portion of Private Grazing Lease #7093:

- the 2/3 portion is put up for bids remaining as a “transferable within the family only” lease and ending December 31, 2023, with Mr. Kropf being allowed to bid but not to match the high bid; or
- the entire lease is put up for bid as a “transferable to any eligible water user” lease ending December 31, 2013, with a right to renew for a further 15 years, with Mr. Kropf having the right to match the high bid.

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.04 Grazing Application Appeal – Yolanda Steinbach

E. Wilson and B. Hale advised that the decision on Yolanda Steinbach’s grazing application is being appealed. Yolanda was denied acceptance to the Bassano Grazing Association as she was applying as a renter. Ms. Steinbach did not run cattle in 2011, and was denied her application to Tilley in 2012. The decision for this year’s application was based on the revised grazing policy which does not allow any new renters. It is being argued that Ms. Steinbach was on an approved 1 year’s absence in 2011, although there is no record of this absence with the association or with Bob Hale. A short discussion followed.

2013-03-070 Moved by R. Owen that the District uphold Bassano Grazing Association’s decision to deny Yolanda’s Steinbach’s grazing application for 2013. Seconded by N. Johnson. CARRIED

12.05 Sand Hills Area

J. Culligan requested that the District consider leasing out land along the Matzhiwin Creek as a private grazing lease. It was suggested that B. Hale work with M. Porter to map out and calculate District owned land along the creek that borders the Duchess Grazing Association, which may be suitable for a lease.

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

13.0 Request for Funding**13.01 Brooks Town Centre Revitalization Zone**

A letter was received from the Brooks Town Centre Revitalization Zone requesting funding for the refurbishment of Veteran's Centennial Park. This request was denied.

13.02 Bassano Pioneer Damsiters Drop-in Centre

A letter was received from the Bassano Pioneer Damsiters Drop-In Centre requesting funding for accessibility modifications to the building. This request was denied.

13.03 U of A Rangeland Research Institute

A letter was received from the University of Alberta Rangeland Research Institute requesting research funding and outlining 2 options of either providing seed funding to the institute for a research endowment, or funding of a research chair. This letter was received as information. A U of A Rangeland Research Institute Update will be presented to the public in Duchess on April 15th.

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, March 25 th , Taber
[C. Chomistek, A. Nielsen, B. Chrumka, E. Wilson attending] |
| 14.02 Meeting with U of A Rep | - Wednesday, March 27 th , 11:00 a.m. |
| 14.03 Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 27 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 14.04 Nominations Cease | - Thursday, March 28 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 14.05 Aggie Days | - Thursday, April 11 th , Calgary Stampede Park
[C. Chomistek, N. Johnson, M. Redelback, W. Enns attending] |
| 14.06 Celebrating Expo Communities | - Friday, April 12 th , Tilley (honouring Town of Bassano)
[F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek attending] |
| 14.07 Rangeland Research Ins. Update | - Monday, April 15 th , 9:30 a.m., Duchess Hall
[F. George attending] |
| 14.08 Water, Ag & Env Conference | - Tuesday & Wednesday, April 16 th & 17 th , Lethbridge
[B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, R. Owen, C. Chomistek, E. Wilson & I. Friesen attending] |
| 14.09 Election (if needed) | - Friday, April 19 th |
| 14.10 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, April 23 rd |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:52 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

April 23, 2013

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 23rd day of April, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

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

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

2013-04-071 Moved by J. Culligan that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by R. Owen.

2013-04-072 Moved by A. Nielsen that nominations cease.

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

1.02 Election of Vice Chairman

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

2013-04-073 Moved by J. Culligan that A. Nielsen be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by R. Owen.

Nominations were called three more times. 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 Forum

R. Owen will continue.

2.03 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce

B. McKellar was appointed, with B. Chrumka as alternate

2.04 Scholarship Selection Committee

B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen, J. Culligan, B. McKellar, & E. Wilson were appointed.

2.05 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

F. George will continue.

- 2.06 Newell Regional Economic Development Committee**
J. Culligan will continue.

- 2.07 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council**
F. George will continue.

2013-04-074 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- Board In-Camera

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Marshall Drain
- 3.03 Meeting with Martin Shields
- 4.01 Fertilizer Plant Meeting
- 8.05 Grass Fire in Rolling Hills
- 10.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Update
- 11.0 Tour of Private Grazing Leases Turned Back to the EID
- 12.0 Staffing Update

2013-04-075 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 22, 2013

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-04-076 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the March 22, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Water License for Sale – Update

B. Chrumka advised that many attempts have been made to contact the license holder for more information have been unsuccessful.

3.02 Marshall Drain

Several compliments received regarding the Marshall Drain rehab work along the Brooks Golf Course were passed on to I. Friesen.

3.03 Meeting with Martin Shields

Mr. Chrumka reported on a meeting he and Mr. Wilson had with Mayor Martin Shields on April 19th. Discussion involved future options and opportunities for the District and the City to work together. No commitments were made at the meeting.

4.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

4.01 Fertilizer Plant Meeting

K. Bridges attended a public meeting hosted by Farmers of North America on April 17th regarding a co-operative nitrogen fertilizer plant that is being proposed for the Prairie Provinces. As possible locations for this plant have already been identified outside the District, this meeting was aimed at attracting investors.

4.02 March 31, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to March 31, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$21.2 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$9.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$11.4 million.

In response to a question, administration advised that no money has been paid out under the EID's Rural Water Initiative Program. As several residences have been connected, Mr. Chromka requested administration to review the application and approvals system to determine whether there are any problems that might be delaying payments under this program.

2013-04-077 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

4.03 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2013

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2013 is \$2.45 million less than at September 30, 2012. This fluctuation is normal at this time of the year. \$8,249 was withdrawn from the Carl Anderson Trust Fund for the annual payout to the local libraries. A long term investment of \$5.1 million matured and a short term investment of the same amount was purchased.

2013-04-078 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2013 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break.]

5.0 EIDNet Report

Customer accounts currently total 1,281. A short power outage in Rosemary April 11th blew a breaker at the internet tower; Fortis fixed the problem with only a short service delay. A switch was replaced by our staff at the Brooks tower on April 12th, with no appreciable outage to customers.

6.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status

Along with current project status, Mr. Friesen provided cost-to-date information for projects, with explanations on any notable overages or under budget results. On average, project costs are at 97.33% of project estimates

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Marshall Drain (3.5 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, seeding, etc. remains
Sauki Spill (9 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
One Tree (4 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
PIPELINE	
D Springhill (18 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
20 Springhill (1.5 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
21 Springhill (5 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
13 & 14 Rolling Hills (2 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains
04 North Branch (1.5 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding etc. remains

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Sec B Springhill (6 km)	- construction complete, cleanup, fencing, seeding, etc. remains
1064 Chute	- concrete pour complete, backfill complete, working on gate installation

6.02 One Tree Right-of-Way

Mr. Friesen gave background to the One Tree ROW rehab project running through NW 12-20-14 W4M. In planning the project it was discovered that the County road was within the EID's One Tree right-of-way, and that some of the landowner's buildings were within the County's road allowance. The EID offered to relocate the drain as far north as possible, but the County favoured that the rehab project go ahead as planned, and that they would negotiate the issue of the road allowance and buildings. The rehab project was completed this winter, but now the County is requesting that the contested portion of the drain be estimated again for a potential relocation. This potential relocation request will be at no cost to the EID.

7.0 Operations Report

7.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Wilson reviewed several snow pillow areas, all reporting at average or slightly above average recordings, noting that the last snowstorms deposited in the foothills will have an early melt.

7.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Administration recommended that the Water Delivery Date be set for May 8th or 9th as the likelihood of demand for irrigation water will be low due to the cool, late spring.

2013-04-079 Moved by F. George that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 8, 2013. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvement applications.

7.03.1 Charlie & Wynona Hansen – NW 06-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new corner-arm pivot area is 146 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 143 acres flood to pivot. 3 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 \$10,010 (143 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900. New assessment on this quarter is 146 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2013-04-080 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charlie & Wynona Hansen for the conversion of 143 acres flood to pivot in NW 06-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,010. The capital assets charge for 3 additional acres is \$900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.03.2 Keith & Dian Henrickson – NW 14-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 100 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 100 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 100 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,000 (100 acres x \$70/acre). The registration of an Irrigable Unit is necessary as the pivot crosses into 2 other parcels. The Water User is also applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant to level the old head ditch and canal bank, and to remove some trees to allow for the new pivot.

2013-04-081 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Keith & Dian Henrickson for the conversion of 100 acres flood to pivot in NW 14-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2013-04-082 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in Pt. NW 14-20-13 W4M, lands owned by Keith & Dian Henrickson; Pt. SW 23-20-13 W4M, lands owned by Keith & Dian Henrickson; and W ½ of LSD 13 in NW 14-20-13 W4M, lands being owned by Keith Darrel & Gloria D. Henrickson. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2013-04-083 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Keith & Dian Henrickson in NW 14-20-13 W4M to level the old head ditch and canal bank and remove some trees to accommodate the pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is a 50/50 cost share up to the District's maximum of \$10,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03.3 Reinhold & Charlotte Hirsch – SW 20-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 155 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 21 acres in corners back to the EID at \$700/acre = \$14,700. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,380 (134 acres x \$70/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 134 acres.

2013-04-084 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Reinhold & Charlotte Hirsch for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in SW 20-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,380. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-04-085 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of Reinhold & Charlotte Hirsch's 21 acres of water rights on SW 20-14-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 21 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$14,700. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.03.4 Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd. (Mark Kasdorf) – NW 22-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 144 acres flood; new pivot area is 133 acres (less a 6 acre drain). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot. The Water user is choosing to keep the 10 extra acres in south corners at a deduction of \$300/acre = \$3,000; and sell the 7 extra acres in north corners back to the EID at \$700/acre = \$4,900. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,890 (127 acres x \$70/acre) - \$3,000 = \$5,890. New assessment on this quarter is 137 acres.

2013-04-086 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd. for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot in NW 22-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,890. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-04-087 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd's 7 acres of water rights on NW 22-21-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 7 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$4,900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.03.5 Dan & Marg Loewen – NW 28-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot. The Water user is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres in corners at a deduction of \$300/acre = \$3,300. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,240 (132 acres x \$70/acre) - \$3,300 = \$5,940.

2013-04-088 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dan & Marg Loewen for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in NW 28-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,940. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.03.6 Clarence Procknow – W ½ 13-18-15 W4M

Current assessment is 100 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 100 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 100 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,500 (100 acres x \$35/acre).

2013-04-089 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clarence Procknow for the conversion of 100 acres wheels to pivot in W ½ 13-18-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.03.7 Mark & Valerie Watson – SW 26-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 126 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 122 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 122 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,270 (122 acres x \$35/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the 4 additional acres outside the pivot area. If he keeps the acres, there will be a deduction of \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre); assessment would remain the same. If he sells the acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$2,800 (4 acres x \$700/acre); assessment would be 122 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2013-04-090 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark & Valerie Watson for the conversion of 122 acres wheels to pivot in SW 26-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,270. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-04-091 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of Mark & Valerie Watson's 4 acres of water rights on SW 26-21-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 4 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$2,800. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03.8 Byron Dovichak – SW 30-16-12 W4M

An email was received from Mr. Dovichak with copies of invoices for his fuel cost and hired dozer work to level head ditches and fill in a dugout to accommodate his pivot. Administration advised that the field work has been done, but that the intent of the policy for these types of cost-share grants is for pre-approval by the Board, with the District carrying out or supervising the work.

2013-04-092 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Byron Dovichak in SW 30-16-20 W4M to level head ditches and fill in a dugout to accommodate a pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is a 50/50 cost share up to the District's maximum of \$10,000 and will be applied to the dozer invoice only. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

Through discussion, direction was given for the Farm Improvement Policy to be further clarified.

2013-04-093 Moved by J. Culligan that the Farm Improvement Policy be further clarified to indicate prior Board approval for "Drain and canal relocations" and "On farm work to accommodate more efficient irrigation, such as leveling old head ditches, field drains, brushing willow trees, etc." Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[11:00 a.m. Rudy Peltzer and B. Hale entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Rudy Peltzer

B. Chrumka welcomed Rudy Peltzer to the Board Meeting. R. Peltzer was in attendance to discuss the matter of misrepresented community grazing applications and the resulting revised grazing policy which phases out family brands, current renters, and allows no new renters. Directors and administration summarized the issues that were dealt with, and Mr. Peltzer distributed a "Statement of Purpose" that gave his ideas on how to deal with application issues. Further discussion ensued, with a number of questions being answered, and an explanation given on how the GAC, Directors and administration came to the decisions made regarding the revised policy. Mr. Chrumka thanked Mr. Peltzer for his input.

[11:43 a.m. R. Peltzer exited the meeting.]

8.0 Grazing

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

8.01 2013 Cattle Listings – Increases

Just over 16,000 cows were applied for in November 2012 for the 2013 grazing season. After an approved increase from 75 head maximum to 80 head maximum per full member, the following chart shows the increases to date. There might be a slight adjustment in numbers prior to the May 1st deadline. Mr. Hale indicated that the increase is sustainable for this grazing season.

Association	2012	2013	Difference	2012 Members	2013 Members	Increase [from 75 to 80]
Bantry	592	595	+ 3	12	9	31
Bassano	992	1,216	+ 224	19	17	0
Duchess	1,224	1,309	+ 85	20	20	75
Eyremore	1,747	1,866	+ 119	25	24	112
Gem	2,536	2,662	+ 126	39	37	94
Newell	2,510	2,390	- 120	37	34	119
Patricia	2,772	2,994	+ 222	48	46	150

Rolling Hills	1,326	1,350	+ 24	25	25	56
Rosemary	1,745	1,655	- 90	29	25	70
Tilley	1,286	1,251	- 35	22	22	63
Totals	16,730	17,288	+ 558	276	259	770

8.02 Report on GAC Meeting

A GAC Meeting was held Monday, April 22nd, to review the increases in cattle listings, the June 15th Turn-Out Rate, and any other business. Through discussion on the June 15th Turn-Out Rate, representatives from the Gem Grazing Association put forward the following resolution:

GAC13-03 Moved by D. Doerksen that the late turn-out rates be calculated based on grazing days, thereby setting the June 15th rate at 1.25 and the August 1st rate at 2.0. Seconded by L. Pickett.

This resolution was defeated. It was defended that calving times and calf size, and grass conditions and quantity have to curve a ratio based strictly on grazing days.

The Duchess Grazing Representative requested that compensation of power line installations in community grazing leases be reconsidered in light of the fact that the construction crews are still present on the lease. The Board agreed that the company's length of activity will be monitored by the District and this information reviewed at a later date.

8.03 Results of 1 Year Private Grazing Lease Tender

These private grazing leases just south of the EID Office are put up for tender as a package each year. The combined lease consists of 881 acres, having a carrying capacity of 30 cow/calf pairs per month from May 15th to October 15th. The 1 year lease was awarded to Harry Philipsen.

1 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169 & #7279 – Tender Results			
Name	Tender Amount	GST	Per Cow/Calf Pair
Harry Philipsen	\$6,001.00	\$300.05	works out to \$40.00
Ray Torkelson	\$5,610.00	\$280.50	works out to \$37.40
Bob McKnight	\$5,280.00	\$264.00	works out to \$35.20
Neil Campbell	\$4,800.00	\$240.00	works out to \$32.00

8.04 Private Grazing Lease #7093 (Luke Kropf) – Update

Luke Kropf has chosen to return his “transferable within the family unit only” 1/3 share of Private Grazing Lease #7093, to have the right to match the high bid on a “transferable to any eligible water user, with the right to renew for a further 15 years” agreement on the entire lease. The lease has been advertised for bids closing May 9th.

8.05 Grass Fire in Rolling Hills

Mr. Hale advised that there was a small grass fire in a private grazing lease straight east of Rolling Hills along 12 Mile Coulee. Apparently a power pole transformer failed, causing a fire of approximately 20-30 acres in area.

[11:53 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

[12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Assessment Report to March 31, 2013

E. Wilson presented the Assessment Report on behalf of M. Jarvis Redelback for the period of January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013 as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2013	289,305	5,443	294,748
March 31, 2013	289,573	5,436	295,009
Net increase	268	< 7 >	261
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			38
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			306
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			0
Terminable Acres Canceled			7

A few questions regarding Rural Water Use Purposes and Household Purposes agreements were responded to by administration.

9.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Ben Steinbach – Pt. NE 10-19-13 W4M & Sec. 15-19-13 W4M

Ben Steinbach was granted approval for irrigation development in December, 2012. He is proceeding with development and as such an Irrigable Unit must be registered as the two pivots are being serviced by one delivery.

2013-04-094 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in Pt. NE 10-19-13 W4M & Sec. 15-19-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Ben Steinbach. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03 Alternate Parcel Application – Harley Tateson – SE 17-15-15 W4M to NW 04-15-15 W4M

Last fall Harley Tateson applied to do an annual transfer of water rights from SW 04-15-15 W4M to NW 04-15-15 W4M; it was approved but he has decided not to go through with it. He is now applying for an annual transfer of 108 irrigation acres from SE 17-15-15 W4M to NW 04-15-15 W4M.

2013-04-095 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the annual transfer of 108 acres from SE 17-15-15 W4M, to NW 04-15-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Harley Tateson. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.04 Growing Forward

The Provincial and Federal Governments have announced a “Growing Forward 2 – Irrigation Efficiency Program”, where Water Users may apply for 40% reimbursement, up to \$5,000, on new equipment aimed at reducing water and energy consumption. Eligible projects include low pressure pivots, upgrades to high pressure pivots, pump modifications, high efficiency nozzles, variable-rate components, and pivot control panels. This information has been put on the EID’s website www.eid.ca and given to area dealers. Details can also be obtained directly from www.growingforward.alberta.ca, GrowingForward@gov.ab.ca, or 310-FARM (3276).

10.0 U of A Rangeland Research Ins. Update

F. George attended the U of A Rangeland Research Institute's Update at the Duchess Hall on Monday, April 15th. The event was an information day for District ranchers to highlight the various research proposed for the ranch. He advised that the Ranch has experienced the Provincial Government's across-the-board 10% cut, also noting that funds cannot be transferred between the two U of A research ranches. Mr. Chrumka reviewed that the District has been asked to partner financially with the U of A, but no commitments or serious discussions have taken place as yet.

11.0 Tour of Private Grazing Leases Turned Back to the EID

As a precursor to the tour, E. Wilson identified Private Grazing Leases #7021, 7214, 7167 and 7047 on an aerial map, calling attention to area soils and other characteristics. Retesting soils, relocating drains and irrigation access were discussed. If leased for this summer, these parcels will have to be closely monitored that water holes are not overfilled, so accurate soil testing can be carried out. A tour date for Monday, April 29th was set.

12.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Wilson advised that two new equipment operators have been hired: John Wieler as a new dozer operator, and Ray Henderson as a new excavator operator.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Tour of PGL's re Possible Irrigation | - Monday, Apr 29 th , 10:00 a.m. at EID, 10:30 at RH Shop |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:22 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

May 28, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of May, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	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:

- 8.01.4 Old Kitsim Flood Land
- 8.01.5 Fire in Tilley Grazing Lease
- 11.0 AIPA Executive Report
- 13.0 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 14.0 Pheasant Release

2013-05-096 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 23, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-05-097 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the April 23, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

4.01 April 30, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to April 30, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$25.1 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$11.5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$13.6 million.

A number of questions were responded to.

2013-05-098 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2013, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.0 EIDNet Report

Current customer accounts consist of the following:

• Rate Payer Accounts	543
• Residential Accounts	551
• Business Accounts	193
• EID Automation	<u>25</u>
Total	1,312

There have been no major issues since the last report.

6.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Pipeline Extension – Garry MacLagan – NE 18-14-13 W4M

Garry MacLagan is requesting that the drain running north along the west boundary in his quarter, NE 18-14-13 W4M, be relocated to the quarter section to the west, owned by the District. Mr. Friesen explained that the drain is used for a pipeline drain-out, and that the most feasible option to this request would be to extend the pipeline a half mile north at an estimated cost of \$42,500. Directors discussed this request in light of the Infrastructure Grant and Drain Relocation policies, consensus being that this situation does not qualify under either policy. This request was not approved.

6.02 Request for Funding On-Farm Drainage – Ian Zoerb Letter

An email was received from Ian Zoerb, regarding on-going drainage issues. The capacity of the drain in NW 05-19-13 W4M could not handle the run-off when he was irrigating and the acreages in the subdivision to the north were also running water through their access ditch, resulting in flooding of his corrals and yard. At one time, the EID proposed to acreage owners in this subdivision to be served off a pipeline, with approval of an easement through Mr. Zoerb's parcel being gained. The acreage owners did not follow through with this proposal. Mr. Zoerb recently contracted work to widen and deepen the drainage ditch to accommodate the drain water and is now requesting some compensation for these expenses.

2013-05-099 Moved by F. George that the District meet with the Charles subdivision acreage owners, informing them that as a replacement for the current system, a pipeline and 2" risers will be installed, at full cost to the acreage owners. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-05-100 Moved by R. Owen that the District pay 25% (\$503.13) of Ian Zoerb's excavation bill for drainage improvements made on his property adjacent to the Charles subdivision. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.03 Marshall Drain Update

Mr. Friesen is still awaiting approval from the City on an engineering study for their requirements within the Marshall drain area.

[10:04 a.m. – 10:14 p.m. Short break.]

7.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Wilson reviewed several snow pillow areas, advising that it looks like an earlier melt than normal, but that there is no concern for adequate water in the river.

7.02 Water Use & Reservoir Status

As of meeting day, the District is diverting 600 cfs at the dam, spilling 8,000 cfs, and has diverted 79,800 acre feet so far this year. Currently, there is 289,500 acre feet firm live storage in District reservoirs, right at or just under FSL. Water use peaked on Sunday with approximately 300 parcels being irrigated, with today's numbers at about 60.

7.03 Farm Improvements**7.03.1 Jim & Jean Culligan – SE 06-22-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 59 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 75 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 59 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 \$4,130 (59 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,800 (16 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 75 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

Due to the simplicity of this Farm Improvement application, J. Culligan was not required to leave the meeting. Mr. Culligan abstained from voting.

2013-05-101 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jim & Jean Culligan for the conversion of 59 acres flood to pivot in SE 06-22-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,130. The capital assets charge is \$4,800. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.03.2 Ernie & Kathy Wiens – NE 25-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 136 acres flood; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 3 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,310 (133 acres x \$70/acre). New assessment is 133 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2013-05-102 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ernie & Kathy Wiens for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in NE 25-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,310. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-05-103 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of Ernie & Kathy Wiens' 3 acres of water rights on NE 25-21-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 3 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$2,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[10:33 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Grazing**

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

8.01.1 Results of Tender for Private Grazing Lease #7093

Bids for Private Grazing Lease #7093 closed May 9th with the following results:

11 + 15 Years Private Grazing Lease #7093 – Tender Results			
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Danny Christman	\$65,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$68,250.00
Bertha Farms	\$25,301.00	\$1,265.05	\$26,566.05
Joe Bandura	\$25,020.00	\$1,251.00	\$26,271.00

This lease consists of 1,297 acres, supports 230 AUM, and is transferable to any eligible water user, with the right to renew for a further 15 years. The current leaseholder, Luke Kropf, has chosen to match the high bid.

8.01.2 Results of Tenders for Private Grazing Leases #7021, 7167, 7214

Bids for Private Grazing Leases #7021, 7167 and 7214 closed May 22nd. After reviewing the tenders it was suspected that one of the bidders misunderstood the amount of cattle that could be run on the leases. This was confirmed when contacting the bidder, and they have requested Board approval to withdraw their bids. A short discussion followed.

2013-05-104 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District allow Carey & Lynette Kopp to withdraw their bids on Private Grazing Leases #7021 and #7214. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

These leases are for this year only, from June 1st to October 1st. PGL #7021 is awarded to Nelson Weaver, and 7167 and 7214 to Greg & Kathy Drake.

PGL # 7021		160 acres	30 AUM
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Carey & Lynette Kopp	\$3,714.28	\$185.72	\$3,900.00
Nelson Weaver	\$ 900.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 945.00

PGL # 7167		314 acres	85 AUM
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Greg & Kathy Drake	\$4,396.00	\$219.80	\$4,615.80
Jacob de Jager	\$3,520.00	\$176.00	\$3,696.00
Nelson Weaver	\$3,400.00	\$170.00	\$3,570.00

PGL # 7214		311 acres	52 AUM
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Carey & Lynette Kopp	\$5,075.20	\$253.76	\$5,328.96
Greg & Kathy Drake	\$4,354.00	\$217.70	\$4,571.70
Nelson Weaver	\$2,450.00	\$122.50	\$2,572.50

8.01.3 Request to Transfer Private Grazing Lease #7079 – Jeanette Owen to Darrell Owen

Jeanette Owen is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7079 to Darrell Owen; this landowner meets eligibility requirements.

2013-05-105 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7079 be transferred from Jeanette Owen to Darrell Owen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.01.4 Old Kitsim Flood Land

In 2011 this reseeded grass field was swathed and bales tendered for sale; in 2012 it was tendered as standing hay. Mr. Hale requested to tender it again this year as standing hay.

2013-05-106 Moved by R. Owen that the hay on the Kitsim flood land be tendered for sale by the ton, as standing hay, to be removed by July 31st. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.01.5 Fire in Tilley Grazing Lease

On Monday there was a prairie fire in the Tilley Grazing Lease starting from the rail road tracks, consuming approximately 400 acres. 8 fire trucks responded from in and outside the District.

Access to the fire was slowed considerably due to road conditions. It was requested that a letter be forwarded to the County, drawing their attention to the condition of the old #1 highway in townships 16-11, 17-11 and 17-12, asking that it be maintained so as not to impede emergency access for these types of situations.

[10:53 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

8.02 Results of Bids for Bassano Shop

Offers to purchase for the Bassano Shop property were received, closing May 24th with the following results.

Bassano Shop Property		
Bidder	Amount	Conditions
Kyle Marks / Matrix Electrical Systems Ltd.	\$102,000.00	unconditional
Darval Holding Ltd.	\$75,000.00	4 conditions
Dan Arsenault	\$62,900.00	unconditional

A short discussion followed.

2013-05-107 Moved by R. Owen that Administration approach the high bidder on the Bassano Shop with a firm counteroffer of \$125,000; and if that is not accepted, post for sale at that price. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.03 Request for Use of EID Right-of-Way

8.03.1 Playground – Lake Newell Resort Block 1

A letter was received from the Lake Newell Resort Block One Condominium Association requesting permission to construct a playground beside the current tennis court. This site is partially on municipal reserve and partially on EID right-of-way, but is the most suitable location for the playground. Directors were not opposed to the playground's location as long as the District cannot be held liable for any claims.

2013-05-108 Moved by R. Owen that the District approve Lake Newell Resort Block One Condominium Association's request to construct a playground partially on EID ROW, beside the existing tennis court, with the EID being covered for any liability. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

8.03.2 Newell Sailing Club

A letter was received from the Newell Sailing Club requesting permission to locate a small non-powered sailboat park in White Pelican Park, Lake Newell Resort. The small dingy sailboats would be moved by hand, and there would be minimal development to the park.

2013-05-109 Moved by J. Culligan that the District approve Newell Sailing Club's request for a small sailboat park to be located in White Pelican Park at Lake Newell Resort, to be used at their own risk, and to be reviewed annually by the Board. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.0 EID Historical Museum Video Update

Mr. Wilson advised that the \$70,000 funding committed by the EID for the Carl Anderson film is being forwarded this week. It is planned that preproduction will occur in June and July, with actual filming in August.

10.0 Request for EID Equipment**10.01 Remove Tree Stumps at Cassils Hall**

An email was received from the Cassils Community Centre Board requesting the assistance of equipment work to remove and dispose of tree stumps in the area being cleared for hall construction. The District's Equipment Supervisor has estimated this work to be complete in 1 day.

2013-05-110 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District provide excavation work to remove tree stumps at Cassils Community Centre, and pay 50% of the trucking costs to dispose of the stumps. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.02 Improve Drainage at Tilley Arena & Hall

Mr. Chrumka passed on a request for equipment assistance in correcting the drainage beside the Tilley Hall and Arena.

2013-05-111 Moved by C. Chomistek that the District provide excavation work to improve the drainage at the Tilley Arena and Hall; gravel to be supplied by the community. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.0 AIPA Executive Report

C. Chomistek attended an AIPA Executive Meeting May 27th, noting the following:

- In 2011, Jim Dow of Prismatic Consulting conducted a survey in Calgary on irrigation awareness; another survey was recently completed.
- Another MLA fly over tour is being planned, including a bus tour and BBQ.
- Some districts will be attending the NWIO Tour in Twin Falls, Idaho.
- The AIPA Conference is planned for November 25-27 in Lethbridge.
- Administration has not moved to the new office location as yet.

12.0 County of Newell 2014 Agriculture Service Board Tour

Mr. Wilson is on one of the committees for the County of Newell 2014 ASB Tour, helping to develop tours highlighting irrigated agriculture. He will be attending the 2013 ASB Tour in Bonnyville, July 8th – 11th.

13.0 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen reported that the Prairie Conservation Forum has developed a Grasslands Vegetation Inventory (GVI) and are encouraging municipalities to utilize it; he gave the committee information for a County of Newell contact that may be interested. Mr. Wilson responded that perhaps a native grass presentation would be a good idea as part of one ASB Tour to juxtapose irrigated agriculture.

14.0 Pheasant Release

J. Culligan advised that he was in touch with Ed Houck of the Canadian Pheasant Company and that the hatchery is wanting to liquidate their birds. He quoted that the 8,000 breeding hens are worth \$15/bird, but that the hatchery is willing to sell and release them locally for \$5/bird. Pheasant release would need to be done soon for summer nesting to occur. Mr. Culligan suggested that the EID partner with the County, stating that this would produce beneficial economic spin-offs. Discussion followed.

2013-05-112 Moved by C. Chomistek that if the County of Newell decides to purchase hens from the Canadian Pheasant Company for \$5.00/hen, the District match the County in funding, up to \$20,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

15.0 New Irrigation Council Members

Two new Irrigation Council members have been appointed: Brian Brewin, an irrigation farmer in the Taber area; and Herb Wall, an irrigation producer from the Coaldale area. Peter Schuld and Casey Gouw are leaving Council, as Mr. Schuld has reached the maximum number of years allowed and Mr. Gouw did not seek reappointment.

16.0 Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting – August 14th, EID

Irrigation Council has requested a meeting and tour of the EID on Wednesday, August 14th.

17.0 Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – August 19 – 23, Twin Falls, Idaho

The Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour will be held in Twin Falls, Idaho, August 19th – 23rd. Some Directors expressed interest in attending.

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | Sod Turning Ceremony for
Upland Elementary School | - Thursday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.
[A. Nielsen & B. Chrumka attending] |
| 18.02 | EID Rodeo Breakfast | - Friday, June 7 th , 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., EID Shop |
| 18.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.05 | Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting | - Wednesday, August 14 th |
| 18.06 | Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour | - August 19-23, Twin Falls, ID |
| 18.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:53 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

June 25, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of June, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

- Board In-Camera

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Bassano Dam, Flood Waters

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr. Chrumka thanked E. Wilson and staff for the excellent response to the record level flood waters at the Bassano Dam over the previous weekend. It was commendable how the critical situation was handled, with management and staff putting in extremely long hours working together to avert damage to the District's infrastructure and possible loss of water supply to the area.

During the flood, gates were opened and closed to redirect lodged logs, remnants of houses and other large flood debris through the dam. There was concern that the Crowfoot Ferry 15 km upstream would break free of its 4 cable tethers, but it remained anchored to a dozer by 1 cable. Presently 22 of the 24 gates at the dam are clear and gates 1 and 2 (furthest east) are partially blocked with debris. Gate 1 is also seized, likely from grit on the stem; a picker truck was used to close it. A chain link fence will be dismantled today to enable the long-stick excavator to access the large log jam blocking gates 1 and 2. As well, a large portion of concrete abutment at the west end has broken loose and will need to be repaired. Mr. Wilson replied that the dam will receive a thorough exam once the water levels are low enough for inspection, and advised on some of the major infrastructure repairs expected to upstream users through to the mountains.

[9:28 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting for a phone call from Roger Hohm, Irrigation Secretariat.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.04 Bassano Shop
- 4.0 Visit from Premier Redford and Minister Olson
- 7.01 Bassano Dam
- 8.01.6 Antelope Creek Canal
- 8.01.7 08-A Springhill Pipeline

2013-06-113 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 28, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-06-114 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Marshall Drain Update**

The City of Brooks will be proceeding with their engineering study of storm water entering the Marshall Drain between Young Road and Sec. Hwy #873. In the interim, I. Friesen will be meeting with the City regarding the preliminary design of the project which would allow the District to rehab the drain come construction season. Upon completion of the study, discussions will ensue regarding the extent of work, cost-sharing and timeline.

[9:33 a.m. E. Wilson rejoined the meeting.]

3.02 Old #1 Highway

A letter was received from the County of Newell advising that the old #1 highway will be infrequently graded and crowned to promote watershed and allow for better access for emergency response services.

3.03 Pheasant Release

The County of Newell chose not to purchase pheasants from the Canadian Pheasant Company, consequently the EID will not be putting forth any funding towards the proposal.

3.04 Bassano Shop

K. Bridges advised on the offers and enquiries received thus far on the Bassano shop. Direction was given that no more advertising be made at this time, although the "For Sale" sign is to remain on the property.

4.0 Visit from Premier Redford and Minister Olson

By phone earlier this meeting Roger Hohm, Irrigation Secretariat, informed Mr. Wilson that Premier Alison Redford and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Verlyn Olson will be arriving Wednesday, June 26th to view the Bassano Dam and meet with Administration and Directors. *[This meeting was later canceled by government officials.]*

5.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 May 31, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to May 31, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are about \$28.5 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are about \$14.1 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$14.4 million.

A number of questions were responded to.

2013-06-115 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.02 Letter from Rick McRae

A letter was received from Rick McRae asking to be reimbursed the late fee applied to his Rural Water User Purposes invoice. This request was declined.

[10:03 a.m. – 10:08 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 EIDNet Report

This past month the primary backhaul for the One Tree area failed. Customers did not experience any outage as everything routed through the secondary backhaul while repairs were made. There have been frequency interference problems at a few of the towers over the past weeks. This has caused some connection problems for a few customers, and as issues come to light they have been promptly fixed. It is also that time of year when trouble calls arise from tree growth. These situations usually require antenna relocation or tree cutting by the homeowner.

7.0 Operations Report**7.01 Bassano Dam, Flood Waters cont'd.**

Further to the overview given at the start of the meeting, E. Wilson described the design of the dam and its emergency fuse plug. The dam has a concrete spillway at the east end with 24 gates. It is designed to handle 120,000 cfs at normal water levels on the upstream side of the dam with all gates fully open and no debris. Near the west end of the dam there is a 500 m long section that is constructed with a 3 m deep sand fill with a clay cap in front and on top. It is designed to wash out, creating a second channel at the west end, increasing the capacity and saving the earth dam and concrete spillway from washing out.

The latest dam safety review recommends that in an extreme flood the clay cap should be removed so this fuse plug would start to wash out when the water on the upstream side of the dam was approximately 2 m above normal FSL, and recommended triggering this at a lower elevation if the spillway was thought to be in danger. Clay off this fuse plug was removed and the water level got up to 1.5 m above normal FSL. Management and staff estimated that the peak flow was between 140,000 – 150,000 cfs; the previous high in 2005 was approximately 80,000 cfs. Water levels remained at 1.4 – 1.5 m above FSL for 12 hours. Because the upstream gauges were all washed out, it was hard to estimate whether peak flows were reached or not; more than once the flows appeared to drop and it was thought peak had been reached, only to have them rise again.

The river washed out a dyke near the Carseland Weir and rerouted itself which will make diverting water to the BRID very difficult.

In consideration of the media reports of extreme flooding at Siksika Nation just upstream of the dam, Mr. Wilson suggested we offer to send some equipment to help drain off some of the water. The Board was in full agreement.

7.02 Snowpack Report

Snowpack below the high elevation in the mountains has dropped significantly through the past week's flooding and snow melt is just about done; this is normal for this time of year. That being said, river flow is still expected to be strong through July.

7.03 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

The District has not diverted water since Friday night; reservoirs are at 98% full. Demand is low north of Hwy #1, although there are 141 parcels irrigating in the south with 24 more orders for water. Irrigation is expected to pick up considerably next week; when that occurs aquatic weed treatment and canal dragging will be in full force. Operations will attempt to send the muddy flood water down through the system prior to this.

7.04 Farm Improvements

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvement Grant applications.

7.04.1 Dirk & Alida Drost – Pt. NE 15 & Pt. SE 22-14-14 W4M

Current assessment is 101 acres wheels and 35 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 101 acres wheels and 35 acres flood to pivot.

The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,535 (101 acres wheels x \$35/acre) + \$2,450 (35 acres flood x \$70/acre) = \$5,985. Assessment remains the same.

- 2013-06-116 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dirk & Alida Drost for the conversion of 136 acres wheels and flood to pivot in Pt. NE 15 & Pt. SE 22-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,985. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

7.04.2 Ralph & Liz Retzlaff – Pt. NE 31-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 106 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 92 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,440 (92 acres x \$70/acre). The Water User will be selling 8 of the 14 additional acres outside the pivot area back to the District for a payment of \$5,600 (8 acres x \$700/acre). He has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the remaining 6 acres in the NE corner. If he keeps the 6 acres, there will be a deduction of \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). If he sells the remaining acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$4,200 (6 acres x \$700/acre).

- 2013-06-117 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ralph & Liz Retzlaff for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot in Pt. NE 31-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,440. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

- 2013-06-118 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Ralph & Liz Retzlaff's 14 acres of water rights on Pt. NE 31-20-15 W4M to the District. Payment of 14 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$9,800. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

7.04.3 Chris & Marg Schmidt – NW 26-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 14 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,030 (129 acres x \$70/acre). New assessment is 129 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2013-06-119 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chris & Marg Schmidt for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in NW 26-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,030. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

- 2013-06-120 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of Chris & Marg Schmidt's 14 acres of water rights on NW 26-16-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 14 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$9,800. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

7.04.4 Bob Kennedy – NW 10-17-16 W4M

Current assessment is 128 acres flood; new pivot area is 128 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,960 (128 acres flood x \$70/acre). Assessment remains the same.

- 2013-06-121 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bob Kennedy for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot in NW 10-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,960. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[10:35 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering Report

8.01 Review of Project Design Options being Considered

I. Friesen noted that the following projects will be brought back to the Board in upcoming months for final approval.

8.01.1 County Drain Project – Scandia

R. Gagley gave review on the Scandia County/EID Drainage Project located in the southeast Scandia area, bordering the hamlet itself. Several outstanding landowner issues were reviewed, noting that construction is currently in the southeast corner of this project.

8.01.2 Summit Drain

Mr. Gagley also summarized the Summit Drain rehabilitation project which begins in NW 35-17-14 W4M and continues southeast for roughly 8 km, ending in NW 18-17-13 W4M. This project will consist of trimming and armouring the drain along its existing alignment. The current drain is too shallow and frequently floods the area. There are no current landowner issues although right-of-way agreements are not yet secured.

I. Friesen presented the following two projects on behalf of J. Kabut.

8.01.3 East Bantry Pumps

This project is located 12 km southwest of Tilley and consists of modifying the existing east Bantry pumps to supply priming pressure through a pipeline. There are no landowner issues at this time. A couple of landowners may be applying for Infrastructure Savings Grants if installing pivots at the time of rehab. Discussion focused on providing additional pressure versus just priming pressure, and when surcharges for pumping costs apply. MPE Engineering has been contracted to design the pumps. It is estimated that the cost for pipe alone is \$1,000,000.

8.01.4 One Tree Canal

The One Tree Canal project continues south from last year's work, approximately 8 km southeast of Duchess, and consists of trimming and armouring the existing alignment of the canal. There are no factors to support a realignment of the canal. The preliminary cost estimate is \$1,250,000.

8.01.5 AH North Bantry

Mr. Friesen summarized that the rehabilitation project of AH North Bantry canal begins at the North Bantry canal just west of Sec. Hwy #876 and ends at Sand Flooded Creek Reservoir. The project consists of trimming and armouring the canal along the existing alignment; there is one landowner. This project may be tendered out, and the preliminary cost estimate is \$6,000,000.

8.01.6 Antelope Creek Canal

R. Summach reviewed the Antelope Creek Canal project which comes off the lower end of East Branch, just west of the Kitsim feeder canal, and runs for the first 5 km. The rehabilitation will consist of rebuilding the existing canal using either armour, gravel on poly, or lined processes.

8.01.7 08-A Springhill Pipeline

R. Summach also presented the 08-A Springhill Pipeline project which begins just south of Sec. Hwy #550 and the West Gem Road, and angles northeast over 9 km. It is proposed to replace the open canal with a closed gravity pipeline enabling an efficient realignment. Several laterals and upgrading a drain to Matzhiwin Creek are planned. The preliminary cost estimate for pipe alone is \$3,200,000.

[11:53 a.m. – 12:27 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

8.02 Project for Approval**8.02.1 19-00 Rolling Hills**

I. Friesen summarized that the 19-00 Rolling Hills project is located 8 km south of Rolling Hills and is slated for the upcoming construction season. The system supplies 416 acres, all of which are sprinkler. There are seepage problems with the current system. The proposed rehabilitation consists of installing 620 m of closed gravity pipeline, to be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$165,000.

2013-06-122 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 19-00 Rolling Hills by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$165,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.03 Conversion from Term to 1st Water – Darcy Walde – NE 03 & SE 10-23-16 W4M

Darcy Walde is applying to convert 58 terminable acres in NE 03 & SE 10-23-16 W4M to irrigation acres. The acres in question are in 2 quarter sections, neither parcel being over 40 acres, and have no potential to increase. These acres are currently being served off a drain that at times has to have a culvert blocked in order to pump, therefore to convert the acres a check structure or an extended pipeline would have to be installed. The pipeline extension would have considerable pressure and could be cost-shared under the Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy. It is estimated to cost \$95,000. Similar conversions were mentioned and discussion followed.

2013-06-123 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the following for Darcy & Marilyn Walde, in NE 03 & SE 10-23-16 W4M as per the Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy based on 50/50 cost share for the first \$30,000; then 75/25 District/Landowner cost share for the remainder; plus the Capital Assets charge:

(\$30,000 x .5) + (\$65,000 x .25) + GST	= \$32,812.50
Capital Assets Charge (58 acres x \$100/acre)	= \$ 5,800.00
Total	\$38,612.50

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[12:48 p.m. N. Fontaine and B. Hale entered the meeting.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Oil & Gas Report**

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas Summary for October 1, 2012 to June 18, 2013, noting that:

- Cenovus and Crew have acquired the majority of the wells to date (Cenovus 44, Crew 22). All acquired wells are for oil exploration.
- Cenovus has started its second quarter drilling program, however the June rains have slowed it down. Cenovus also anticipates another 20 – 30 wells in 2013, while Crew energy anticipates another 20 wells.

Oil & Gas Activity Report	
New Activity – October 1, 2012 to June 18, 2013	
New Locations	41
Twinned Wells	33
Total	74
Pipelines	269.42 acres = 45.4 miles

A. Nielsen requested that AB Transportation be contacted regarding the 50 km slow down, and why vehicles need to be parked on the highway, at the ATCO development south on Hwy #36.

9.02 Grazing

B. Hale gave the following Grazing Report. Directors enquired about persons removing dirt from EID property, quoting an incident in the south. It was requested that the party be invoiced immediately and informed of the proper procedure for this type of request.

9.02.1 Results of Standing Hay Tender

B. Hale presented the bids for the standing hay on the Kitsim flood land; approximately 200 acres in area, and producing approximately 300 ton.

STANDING HAY – OLD KITSIM FLOOD LAND				
Bidder	\$ per Ton	x 300 Ton	GST	Total
Randy Hitchcock	\$62.50	\$18,750.00	\$937.50	\$19,687.50
Duane Hale	\$52.00	\$15,600.00	\$780.00	\$16,380.00
Bruce & Brad Niznik	\$47.00	\$14,100.00	\$705.00	\$14,805.00
Slenders Farms	\$46.50	\$13,950.00	\$697.00	\$14,647.50
Russell Coyne	\$45.00	\$13,500.00	\$675.00	\$14,175.00
Barry Flemming	\$40.60	\$12,180.00	\$609.00	\$12,789.00

The hay was awarded to Randy Hitchcock; it is to be removed by July 31st.

9.02.2 Drake Request to be Refunded for Bid on One Year Leases

Last week Kathy Drake met with E. Wilson and B. Hale and requested to be reimbursed for their bid on Private Grazing Leases #7167 and #7214, citing fencing and AUM disagreements. After a short discussion, the Board declined this request.

9.02.3 Patricia Grazing Association Request for Financing Lease Rider House

A letter was received from the Patricia Grazing Association requesting the approval for a loan of up to \$100,000 to replace the Lease Rider residence. Other options were put forth by Directors such as the Association purchasing a private acreage, or paying the Lease Rider more salary per month and having them secure their own living accommodations. Mr. Wilson also advised that he was just informed by the County that they will not be able to serve the current Patricia Grazing Lease Rider house with the Regional Water project as this location is definitely not feasible. Direction was given for the Association to review these options and limitations, and to come back to the Board with their decision.

[1:19 p.m. B. Hale and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.0 Kiwanis Club Request for Funding Scholarship

A letter was received from Hugh Bevan on behalf of the Kiwanis Armstrong Trust, the Kiwanis' scholarship fund which began with a donation from Carl Anderson in memory of his wife Lelia (Armstrong). The organization is requesting that the EID consider contributing to this fund. As the District has been operating its own scholarship program since 2008, this request was declined.

11.0 Irrigation Districts 2013 Rates & Fees

Information was forwarded to Directors outlining the 2013 rates and fees being charged by all 13 irrigation districts. These included charges for:

- irrigation acres
- acres subject to terminable agreements
- acres subject to annual agreements
- rate surcharges
- household purposes agreements, and
- other fees.

12.0 Bylaw Establishing the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors

E. Wilson presented a subsequent 2013 Remuneration Bylaw which supersedes the bylaw passed in February of this year. The bylaw increases the mileage rate for Directors, and consequently staff, from 57¢ to 60¢/km and will come into effect as of today's meeting day.

2013-06-124 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #893 (2013), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of June, 2013. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2013-06-125 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board read and approve Bylaw #893 (2013) the second time this 25th day of June, 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-06-126 Moved by C. Chomistek that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #893 (2013) this 25th day of June, 2013. Seconded B. McKellar. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-06-127 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #893 (2013), 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

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.02 | Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting | - Wednesday, August 14 th |
| 13.03 | Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour | - August 19-23, Twin Falls, ID |
| 13.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:32 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

July 23, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of July, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Emergency Preparedness
- 7.01 License Amendment Appeal Update
- 9.02 County of Newell Rural Water Project Funding Initiative
- 9.03.2 Letter from Blaine Johnson
- 9.03.3 Power Line Tower Installations
- 12.0 Letter from EID Historical Park
- 13.0 Crawling Valley Campground
- 14.0 EID Social Committee
- 15.0 Board Retreat

2013-07-128 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 25, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-07-129 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the June 25, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. McKellar. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Emergency Preparedness**

Directors requested further discussions on preparedness planning for major events such as what was just experienced with the Bassano Dam, perhaps at the upcoming Board Retreat. Also requested were additional studies, with reporting to be presented at the 2014 AGM. Mr. Wilson advised that safety reviews are already planned for the dam.

4.0 Celebrating Alberta Beef

The City of Brooks, County of Newell, MLA Jason Hale and JBS Food Canada Inc. have organized an "Alberta Beef Celebration BBQ" for September 7th. This event has been planned to recognize the importance of the beef industry as being vital to the economic growth and livelihood

of the local communities. JBS will be donating the beef; a short discussion was held regarding partnering with the City and County for the other expenses.

2013-07-130 Moved by F. George that the District contribute \$4,000 towards the Celebrating Alberta Beef event to be held in Brooks on September 7, 2013. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

5.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 June 30, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to June 30, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are approximately \$31.4 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are approximately \$16.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is approximately \$15.1 million.

A number of questions were responded to.

2013-07-131 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2013, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2013

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2013 is \$5.56 million more than at September 30, 2012. The June total is typically the peak quarterly total for the year. This year the total is higher than typical because the EID is holding more IRP funds than in the recent past, and the District's 2013 revenues, particularly land sales, are also higher than normal. Short term investments totaling \$8.3 million matured and short term investments totaling \$10.9 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$4.0 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$10.7 million matured and long term investments worth \$8.5 million were purchased.

2013-07-132 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2013 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

5.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2013

Various accounts were discussed.

2013-07-133 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2013 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

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

6.0 EIDNet Report

The primary backhaul between Duchess and Rosemary failed this past month. Customers were automatically redirected through the backup link to Cassils without any service interruptions.

7.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 License Amendment Appeal Update

As reported last February, Alberta Environment and the EID won the water license amendment appeal. Mr. Wilson advised that it has recently been announced that neither the appellants nor the EID have been awarded legal costs.

7.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Currently reservoirs contain 264,000 acre feet of live storage, which is 35,000 acre feet below full levels, yet 25,000 acre feet higher than in spring. Parcels irrigating peaked at 906 last Thursday and are down to 590 as of meeting day. As cereal crops are maturing there may be an evident further drop in parcels irrigating.

7.03 Farm Improvements**7.03.1 Bearspaw Management Ltd. – NW 22-21-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 78 acres flood; new pivot area is 112 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 78 acres flood to pivot. 34 additional acres are needed; the Landowner is willing to transfer 14 acres from NW 16-19-14 W4M to this parcel. The remaining 20 acres are gained through efficiencies, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,460 (78 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 112 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2013-07-134 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bearspaw Management Ltd. for the conversion of 78 acres flood to pivot in NW 22-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,460. The capital assets charge is \$6,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-07-135 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 14 irrigation acres from NW 16-19-14 W4M to NW 22-21-14 W4M, lands being owned by Bearspaw Management Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.03.2 Perry & Shelley Green – NE 32-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 141 acres flood; new corner-arm pivot area is 141 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 141 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,870 (141 acres x \$70/acre). Assessment remains the same.

2013-07-136 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Perry & Shelley Green for the conversion of 141 acres flood to pivot in NE 32-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,870. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.03.3 Tom Parker – NW 17-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 114 acres (92 acres flood, 22 acres existing pivot); new wiper pivot area is 92 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,440 (92 acres x \$70/acre). Assessment remains the same. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

2013-07-137 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tom Parker for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot in NW 17-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,440. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.03.4 Shalon Sugden – Pt. NW 33-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 108 acres wheels; new corner-arm pivot area is 101 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 101 acres wheels to pivot. The Landowner 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 \$3,535 (101 acres x \$35/acre) - \$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre) = \$1,435.

2013-07-138 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Shalon Sugden for the conversion of 101 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. NW 33-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,435. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

7.03.5 Shalon Sugden – Pt. SW 10-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 92 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 77 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 77 acres wheels to pivot. The Landowner 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 \$2,695 (77 acres x \$35/acre) - \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing.

2013-07-139 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Shalon Sugden for the conversion of 77 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. SW 10-21-14 W4M. As the Water User is keeping the extra acres outside the pivot area, there is no Farm Improvement Grant payable. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

7.03.6 Peter & Aganetha Wolf – NE 23-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres wheels; new pivot area is 123 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 123 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,305 (123 acres x \$35/acre). The Water User has yet to choose whether he is keeping or selling the extra 20 acres outside the pivot area. If he keeps the 20 acres, there will be a deduction of \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre), and therefore no grant owing. If he sells the remaining acres back to the District, he will get an additional \$14,000 (20 acres x \$700/acre).

2013-07-140 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter & Aganetha Wolf for the conversion of 123 acres wheels to pivot in NE 23-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,305. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2013-07-141 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of Peter & Aganetha Wolf's 20 acres of water rights on NE 23-16-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 20 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$14,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[10:29 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering Report**8.01 Summit Drain**

R. Gagley presented the Summit Drain synopsis. This rehabilitation project begins in NW 35-17-14 W4M and continues southeast for 8 km, ending in NW 18-17-13 W4M. The Drain takes spill and runoff from the Aqueduct all the way south to 12 Mile Coulee. Some of the drain banks have eroded substantially affecting the canal's ability to contain above average flows. The rehabilitation will consist of trimming and armouring a portion of the drain along its existing alignment, at an estimated cost of \$1,150,000 to be funded under the District's 2013/2014 Capital Works budget.

2013-07-142 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Summit Drain by trimming and armouring a portion of the drain along its existing alignment at an estimated cost of \$1,150,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[10:35 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

8.02 AH North Bantry

I. Friesen presented the AH North Bantry synopsis. This rehabilitation project starts at the North Bantry canal and ends at the Sand Flooded Creek Reservoir. The canal serves approximately 5,750 irrigated acres, all of which start 11 km downstream. There is limited potential for increased irrigation acres outside of in-fill on this system. Some main problems that exist in this reach are side slope erosion, bank height, access for operation and maintenance, cattle beaten

areas, and high side drainage issues. The rehabilitation will consist of rebuilding, trimming and armouring portions of the canal, and fencing the total length on both sides at an estimated cost of \$5,600,000 to be funded under the IRP program.

- 2013-07-143 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of AH North Bantry by rebuilding, trimming, armouring and fencing the drain along its existing alignment at an estimated cost of \$5,600,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[10:40 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

9.0 Lands

9.03 Grazing Report

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

9.03.1 Set Round-Up Date

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

- 2013-07-144 Moved by F. George that cattle are to be out of community leases by October 31, 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

9.03.2 Letter from Blaine Johnson

A letter was received from Blaine Johnson, leaseholder of Private Grazing Lease #7050, regarding neighbouring landowner issues of blowing topsoil, fencing, and flooding. A letter will be sent to the adjacent landowner asking that the main fencing issues be rectified.

9.03.3 Power Line Tower Installations

J. Culligan requested that power line tower compensation for private and community grazing leases be reconsidered by the Board; discussion ensued. The length of activity will continue to be monitored, damage will be surveyed, and the number of towers in leases will be tabulated. EID staff will also further pursue requesting that steel plate corners be rounded off. This information will be brought back to the Board for compensation consideration.

[11:08 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

[11:10 a.m. B. Wells, E. Houck and R. Fedorak entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Ducks Unlimited

Representatives from the Brooks Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada were welcomed to the boardroom: Bill Wells, Co-Chairman – Brooks Chapter; Ed Houck, Events & Volunteer Relations Sr. Manager – Brooks Chapter, and Randy Fedorak, Development Manager – Alberta. Mr. Wells thanked the Board for the EID corporate sponsorship for the last 5 years and elaborated on the habitat, livestock, prairie, land stewardship and economic benefits resulting from the various DU projects within the EID. Mr. Fedorak advised that DU Canada now has 6.3 million acres of habitat and 9,112 projects; and in Alberta specifically 1,840 projects connected with 5,395 landowner partners. Within the EID, Ducks operates 37,626 wetland acres and 150,000 upland acres under its 30,000 acre-feet water license, conveyed through District infrastructure. In regards to financial support, Mr. Fedorak advised that funding transfers received from US chapters in the past could no longer be expected due to the economic downturn. When asked about provincial wetland mitigation requirements, it is perceived that a trend may be seen where new DU projects become more concentrated around large urban centers. Mr. Houck reviewed that DU's presence in the area began in the 1940's, and that this area currently has the highest concentration of projects. The DU banquet in Brooks rates 3rd out of 511 events in Canada for

fund raising, and typically generates over \$80,000 per year for conservation. The party enquired if the District would consider being a major sponsor of the annual Brooks DU fundraising event, and thanked the Board for their time and consideration of this request.

[11:40 a.m. B. Wells, E. Houck and R. Fedorak exited the meeting.]

A short discussion was held.

2013-07-145 Moved by J. Culligan that the District give sponsorship of \$12,000 per year for 5 years to Ducks Unlimited for the Brooks Fundraising Dinner. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[11:52 a.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break.]

10.0 Irrigation Development

Mr. Wilson presented 10 possible quarter sections in the SE Rolling Hills area, near 12 Mile Coulee, which could be considered for irrigation development. Three parcels in north Gem have already been approved for development. Soils, drainage and general conditions of the land were reviewed, along with required infrastructure, and which recommended parcels to proceed with. A thorough discussion was held.

2013-07-146 Moved by A. Nielsen that the seven recommended quarter sections near 12 Mile Coulee be developed for irrigation, to be leased beginning in 2014. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

Aspects for both Rolling Hills and Gem parcels, to be confirmed at a following Board Meeting, include:

- lease vs purchase
- length of lease term or lease-to-purchase term
- if leased, bid on first 5 years rent vs bid on right to hold lease agreement
- transferability
- pivot ownership
- possibility of corner-arm development acres
- residency and other eligibility requirements

11.0 Newsletter

A newsletter will be published and mailed to water users in August regarding:

- irrigation development (District parcels and landowner new acre applications)
- EIDNet
- County of Newell Rural Water Project Funding Initiative

12.0 Letter from EID Historical Park

A letter was received from the EID Historical Park Board requesting that the District waive the internet installation fee, reduce or waive the monthly fee, and provide repeaters for the RV park patrons. The Board denied these requests as similar requests have not been approved for other non-profit organizations. A letter will be sent outlining the various options the Park has through EIDNet.

[1:55 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

9.0 Lands cont'd.

M. Redelback was in attendance to give the following reports.

9.01 Assessment Report to June 30, 2013

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 is as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
April 1, 2013	289,573	5,436	295,009
June 30, 2013	289,864	5,408	295,272
Net increase	291	< 28 >	263
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 84 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			375
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			0
Terminable Acres Canceled			< 28 >

9.02 County of Newell Rural Water Project Funding Initiative

Up to this point, only the Duchess area has been hooked up to the County of Newell Rural Water System. Of the approximate 220 hookups, roughly 88 are irrigators eligible for the District's \$2,000 grant. Of these, only 12 have applied so far, with 1 of the applicants proving ineligible. It is expected to see an increase in applications come fall. Application form and eligibility requirements are available on the District's website www.eid.ca under the News tab; completed forms may be mailed or dropped off at the EID office. Further enquiries may be directed to Margo Redelback at 362-1400.

[2:08 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

13.0 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George advised that random camping has been an issue at Crawling Valley, likely due to the reduced camping availability in the mountains and the Crawling Valley Campground redevelopment not being quite complete. Mr. Wilson confirmed that waterlines are being completed this year, with grass to be seeded this fall and trees to be planted next spring.

14.0 EID Social Committee

A Social Committee has been formed, consisting of reps from office and equipment departments; with 2 more reps to be obtained from the operations department. B. Chrumka will attend the next committee meeting. A staff camping weekend will be held at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground after it closes for the season, on September 20th – 22nd. This event is being planned in place of the annual golf tournament.

15.0 Board Retreat

A Board Retreat will be planned in Banff for mid-January.

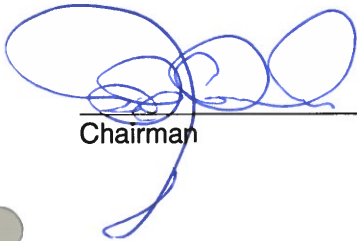
16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Irrigation Council Tour & Meeting | - Wednesday, August 14 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 16.02 | Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour | - August 19 th – 23 rd , Twin Falls, Idaho |
| 16.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.04 | Alberta Beef Celebration BBQ | - Saturday, Sep. 7 th , 4:00 p.m., Lakeside Leisure Centre |
| 16.05 | EID Ducks Unlimited Dinner & Auction | - Friday, September 13 th , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 16.06 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, September 23 rd , EID Office |
| 16.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[2:25 p.m. K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- **Board & General Manager In-Camera**

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:55 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

August 27, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of August, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	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:

- 8.03.4 Farm Improvement – Tom Parker – NW 17-21-15 W4M

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 8.04 Request from JBS Food Canada Inc.

2013-08-147 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 July 23, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-08-148 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the July 23, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Purchase of Excavators**

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

350 EXCAVATOR (75,000 lb Machine)		
Make & Model	Quote	Monthly Rent
Brandt Tractor - JD 350	\$373,090	\$14,000
Wajax - Hitachi 350	\$380,050	\$13,500
Finning - Cat 336	\$424,507	\$14,000

250 EXCAVATOR (55,000 lb Machine)		
Make & Model	Quote	Monthly Rent
Brandt Tractor - JD 250	\$266,700	\$10,000
Wajax - Hitachi 250	\$275,000	\$11,000
Finning - Cat 324	\$280,262	\$11,000

The following motion was formally approved.

2012-08-149 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a John Deere 350 Excavator for \$373,090 and a John Deere 250 Excavator for \$266,700 from Brandt Tractor, Calgary. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

4.0 Report on Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour – Southern Idaho

Allen Nielsen, Floyd George, Carl Chomistek and Bruce McKellar attended the NWIO Southern Idaho Tour August 19th – 23rd. In the areas toured, Directors noticed smaller parcels of land, with intense use of available land, and irrigation systems consisting of small pivots, wheels and hand moves. Some of the crops grown were alfalfa, sugar beets, potatoes and beans; along with dairy and beef operations. The area has experienced drought, and it was evident that some areas would soon be out of water, and without adequate precipitation, next year could be bleak. The most noticeable aspect, when comparing that irrigation area to Alberta's, was the difference in policy whereas every available water supply seemed to be used for irrigation yet Alberta districts send more than adequate water downstream and have drought management plans in place. The tour proved very informative overall.

5.0 Alberta Beef Celebration BBQ

B. Chrumka attended a committee meeting for the Alberta Beef Celebration BBQ planned for Saturday, September 7th, 4:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Lakeside Leisure Centre parking lot, 4H volunteers have been secured, and Brooks Hotel is preparing and delivering the beef-on-a-bun dinner. Numbers for planning are based on 2,500 people. Various dignitaries will be speaking.

6.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 July 31, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to July 31, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues are approximately \$34.2 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses are approximately \$18.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is approximately \$15.9 million.

F. George requested that the number of reclaimed wells be tracked to identify possible trends. A number of other questions were responded to as well.

2013-08-150 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

7.0 EIDNet Report

The main radio equipment provider, Alvarion, has gone into receivership. The District has brought in some equipment from a different manufacturer to be tested and used as required.

8.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Currently the District is diverting 1,500 cfs and spilling 1,600 cfs over the dam. Total diversion to date, which includes Ducks Unlimited, JBS Food Canada Inc. and the City of Brooks, is 298,000 acre feet of the EID's 680,000 acre foot license. Reservoirs are at 88% full, which is still higher than in spring but good for winter levels. Current parcels on total 300, with no systems showing excessive use, although a few individuals are close to the 24" limit.

8.02 Water Shut-Down Date

Staff recommended a water shut-down date of October 11th, the Friday before the long weekend, or if the Board wanted to wait to set the date, to do a fax vote in 2 weeks.

2013-08-151 Moved by F. George that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be October 11, 2013. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

In response to a question, Mr. Wilson confirmed that the District owns and maintains water lines to private landowners whom we convey livestock water for, and if any maintenance issues are noticed to notify Bob Hale. As well, licensing requirements will need to be reviewed to ensure that the District can continue to convey water to these locations.

8.03 Farm Improvements**8.03.1 Earl & Joy Christman – NE 01-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 124 acres wheels; new corner-arm pivot area with shut-off valves is yet to be determined. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,340 (124 acres x \$35/acre) less capital assets charges of \$300/acre for any additional acres required. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

2013-08-152 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Earl & Joy Christman for the conversion of 124 acres wheels to pivot in NE 01-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,340; less capital assets charge for any additional irrigation acres required. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

8.03.2 Don Petersen Farms Ltd. – NW 27-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 135 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 117 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 117 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 18 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,190 (117 acres x \$70/acre) - \$5,400 (18 acres x \$300/acre) = \$2,790.

2013-08-153 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Don Petersen Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 117 acres flood to pivot in NW 27-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,790. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.03.3 Gary Eide – NE 01-22-13 W4M

Current assessment is 101 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 101 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 101 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,535 (101 acres x \$35/acre).

2013-08-154 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gary Eide for the conversion of 101 acres wheels to pivot in NE 01-22-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,535. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.03.4 Tom Parker – NW 17-21-15 W4M

Tom Parker received a Farm Improvement Grant in July for the conversion of flood to pivot irrigation on NW 17-21-15 W4M. The landowner also qualifies for a Farm Improvement Cost-Share Grant for the removal of trees within the pivot circle. The work, which must be carried out or supervised by District staff, is estimated to cost \$2,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50%, up to \$10,000.

2013-08-155 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tom Parker for the removal of trees within the pivot circle in NW 17-21-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[9:41 a.m. – 9:46 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering Report**9.01 East Bantry Pump System**

J. Kabut presented the East Bantry Pump System synopsis. This rehabilitation project is located approximately 12 km SW of Tilley and is slated for the 2013/14 construction year. The current system irrigates 2,128 acres, 64% which are sprinkler; the new system with upcoming irrigation conversions would supply 2,193 acres, 86% which are sprinkler. The proposed rehab consists of modifying the existing pumps to supply priming pressure through a closed pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,717,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

A thorough discussion was held, with Directors requesting that pressurized systems and associated power bills be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat; that Directors continue to be invited to attend all Project Farmer Meetings within their division; and that the installation of a waterline to a Private Grazing Lease be brought back to September's meeting for further discussion.

2013-08-156 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of the East Bantry Pump System by modifying the existing pumps to supply priming pressure through a closed pipeline at an estimated cost of \$2,717,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

Earl Skriver is installing a pivot in NE 17-16-13 W4M with the delivery point being in the NE part of the quarter. As a result, the District would save \$100,000 downsizing the pipe, of which Mr. Skriver is eligible to receive \$20,000 for his one quarter involved.

2013-08-157 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Earl & Colleen Skriver, NE 17-16-13 W4M, for installing a pivot and agreeing to move the delivery point, allowing the District to downsize the pipe saving the District \$100,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

Erik Christensen is installing a section wiper pivot covering N ½ 16 and SE 21-16-13 W4M with the delivery point being in the NW corner of NE 16. As a result, the District would save \$87,000 downsizing the pipe, of which Mr. Christensen is eligible to receive \$43,500.

- 2013-08-158 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Erik & Christy Christensen, N ½ 16-16-13 W4M and Pt. SE 21-16-13 W4M, for installing a pivot and agreeing to move the delivery point allowing the District to downsize the pipe saving the District \$87,000 in pipe alone; grant being subject to all terminable acres being converted to irrigation acres. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$43,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

An Irrigable Unit for all 3 quarters is required.

- 2013-08-159 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NW 16-16-13 W4M and Pt. SW 21-16-13 W4M, lands being owned by Erik & Christy Christensen. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

- 2013-08-160 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit for N ½ 16-16-13 W4M and Pt. S ½ 21-16-13 W4M, lands being owned by Erik & Christy Christensen. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Mr. Christensen's 94 terminable acres in Pt. SE 21-16-13 W4M will be converted to irrigation acres at a capital assets charge of \$100/acre. New assessment on this quarter is 129 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

9.02 Antelope Creek Canal

R. Summach presented the Antelope Creek Canal synopsis. This rehabilitation project begins on the East Branch Canal and runs south 5.1 km. The full canal and its laterals irrigate 4,020 acres of which 3,347 is under pivot irrigation. The proposed rehab consists of installing gravel on poly where there is alkaline soil near the canal, and trimming and armouring the remainder at an estimated cost of \$1,120,000 to be funded under the IRP program.

- 2013-08-161 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Antelope Creek Canal by lining 1.5 km, and trimming and armouring the remainder of the canal at an estimated cost of \$1,120,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

9.03 One Tree Canal

J. Kabut also presented the One Tree Canal synopsis. This rehabilitation project is located approximately 8 km SE of Duchess and is slated for the 2013/14 construction year. The proposed rehab consists of trimming and armouring the existing canal at an estimated cost of \$1,221,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

- 2013-08-162 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of One Tree Canal by trimming and armouring the existing canal at an estimated cost of \$1,221,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

9.04 AH North Bantry Relocation

I. Friesen presented a proposed relocation for the AH North Bantry rehabilitation project, which was approved in July. At the request of the landowner several relocations were investigated, of which one in Sec. 28 and one in Sec. 29-19-12 W4M are being proposed. These relocations straighten out the canal reducing overall length by 1,500 m, and increases the bed slope slightly. If the landowner approves of these relocations additional borrow will need to be acquired from him. The Board was in agreement with the 2 proposed canal relocation segments.

[11:10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

10.0 Lands**10.01 Irrigation Development**

E. Wilson presented a template on the two options being considered for the proposed irrigation development parcels outlining compensation, eligibility, transferability, maximum allotted acres, minimum bid, rate review, pivots, mainline and corner systems. Option A) "Lease to Purchase", and Option B) "20 Year Lease with No Option to Purchase" were examined with regards to input received by Directors and revenue comparisons as delineated by Mr. Wilson. A thorough discussion followed.

[11:47 a.m. – 12:26 p.m. Lunch break.]

Discussion continued, and Directors were each given opportunity for summary.

2013-08-163 Moved by B. McKellar that the proposed irrigation development parcels be auctioned as 20 Year Leases with No Option to Purchase. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

Parameters for the 20 Year Leases were scrutinized; each item being discussed and brought to consensus. A draft agreement as per the following requirements will be brought to the September 25th Board Meeting; information packages will be available after that date. The Irrigation Development Auction has been set for Thursday, October 17th.

2013-08-164 Moved by A. Nielsen that the 20 year irrigated leases:

- have no option to purchase
- have eligibility requirements of:
 - owning land within the EID with irrigation acres (1st water rights); residency within the District is not required
 - maintaining eligibility throughout the term of the lease
 - allowing a maximum of up to 640 irrigation acres for all irrigation leases held, this includes current long term leases and irrigation development parcels that are lease-to-purchase
- be transferable to any eligible water user
- be bid per irrigated acre, on a 130 acre pivot
- be reviewed every 5 years for lease rate
- not allow review rates to go below the initial bid rate
- allow corner systems, with additional irrigation acres having the current rate applied per acre
- not have a charge for dry acres (dry acres cannot be broken)
- allow subletting with District approval
- have the Lessee install the mainline; at end of lease the District will offer to purchase the mainline from the Lessee

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-08-165 Moved by J. Culligan that the District install power to the pump site for each proposed irrigation development parcel, with the Lessee paying for all power consumption charges. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2013-08-166 Moved by A. Nielsen that the minimum bid for the proposed irrigation development parcels be \$75/acre. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

10.02 Power Line Towers on District Land

A listing of Community Grazing Associations and Private Grazing Leases with newly located transmission towers was reviewed. It was agreed that a one-time payment of \$200, which is equivalent to half of an oil or gas well compensation payment, be paid out to the associated

lessees. \$11,800 in combined payments will be allocated to 3 Grazing Associations, and \$6,600 in combined payments will be allocated to 6 Private Grazing Lessees.

- 2013-08-167 Moved by A. Nielsen that Private Grazing Leaseholders and Community Grazing Associations be granted a one-time payment of \$200/new power line tower installed on their lease land. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

10.03 County of Newell Water Project – Patricia Lease Camp

A letter was received from Geoff Tiffin, Manager of Engineering Services, regarding the County of Newell Water Project's estimate for delivery to the Patricia Grazing Lease residence. The location and elevation of this residence creates a design that is not feasible due to the necessity of adding a booster pump, and the County has respectfully requested that the EID re-evaluate their CNWP application. In discussion, the Board referred to 1 or 2 other applications that they originally thought were doubtful in being served potable water from the CNWP, but had been encouraged by the County to apply. It was agreed to withdraw the Patricia Grazing Lease application.

11.0 Crawling Valley Campground Agreement

The EID entered into an agreement with the Crawling Valley Recreation Society in 2008 to operate the Crawling Valley Campground under similar rules to the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. The formal agreement corresponded with the 3 year redevelopment of the campground, and is now due for renewal.

- 2013-08-168 Moved by F. George that the District renew the Crawling Valley Campground Agreement for a further 5 years. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

12.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Research Projects

Two projects available for funding have been forwarded from the University of Alberta Rangeland Research Institute:

- Performance of RFI Selected Cattle Under Extensive Cow/Calf Production Systems
- The Effect of Reduced Precipitation on Ecosystem Services Provided by Western Canadian Rangelands

This item is to be brought back to the September Board Meeting for consideration.

13.0 Kent Bullock Retirement

A retirement party for Kent Bullock, Manager of the Taber Irrigation District will be held Saturday, September 7th, 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn in Taber. E. Wilson and C. Chomistek will attend.

14.0 September Board Meeting Date

The September Board Meeting will be moved to Wednesday, September 25th.

15.0 Social Committee Meeting Update

B. Chrumka gave an update on the Staff Social Committee; additional information will be provided in the September board package. Directors are to RSVP to W. Enns regarding the Campout dinner on Saturday, September 21st, 5:30 p.m.

16.0 Upcoming Events

- 16.01 Alberta Beef Celebration BBQ - Saturday, September 7th, 4:00 p.m., Lakeside Leisure Centre
[Bob attending]
- 16.02 Kent Bullock Retirement - Saturday, September 7th, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn, Taber
[Earl & Carl attending]
- 16.03 Ducks Unlimited Banquet - Friday, September 13th, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn
[Allen, Floyd, Jim, Carl, & wives attending]
- 16.04 EID Staff & Board Campout - September 20th – 22nd, Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground
[Allen & Donna attending]
- 16.05 AIPA Directors Meeting - Monday, September 23, EID Office
- 16.06 Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 25th, 9:00 a.m.
- 16.07 Irrigation Development Auction - Thursday, October 17th
- 16.08 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
- 16.09 Scholarship Committee Meeting - TBA
- 16.10 AIPA Conference - Mon-Wed, November 25th – 27th, Lethbridge
- 16.11 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, November 28th, 9:00 a.m.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:05 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

September 25, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of September, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Crawling Valley Campground Agreement
- 8.01 Water Measurement Workshop
- 8.03.2 Infrastructure Savings Grant – John Pokorney – SW 15-16-13 W4M

2013-09-169 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 August 27, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-09-170 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the August 27, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Crawling Valley Campground Agreement**

F. George advised that the Crawling Valley Recreation Society is in favour of renewing their agreement with the EID.

4.0 AIPA Update

An AIPA Directors Meeting was hosted by the EID on Monday, September 23rd.

4.01 Revised Rate

The AIPA levy for irrigation districts has been raised from 25¢ to 30¢ per irrigated acre. This rate covers office rent, 2 salaries, administration expenses, PR, etc. PR such as AIPA flyover tours for MLA's and deputies have been well received.

B. Chrumka advised that the Agriculture Minister and new Deputy Minister have been invited to meet with representatives of the EID Board; a meeting is hoped to be set up this fall.

4.02 Nominations for AIPA Awards

Nominations of the administrative/representative type are being taken once again for outstanding contributions towards irrigated agriculture.

4.03 “Alberta’s Irrigation – A Strategy for the Future” Document

This document was reviewed; Directors and Administration commented on a few minor revisions.

5.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 August 31, 2013 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to August 31, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues total about \$37.5 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses total about \$20.5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$17.0 million.

A number of questions were responded to.

2013-09-171 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

[9:48 a.m. – 10:56 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 EIDNet Report

Customer accounts currently total 1,329. No major issues have occurred in the last month.

7.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Total diversion to date is 365,000 acre feet, just over half of the District’s license. Reservoirs are close to winter levels, with Snake Lake, Lake Newell and Rolling Hills Reservoir needing to be drawn down yet. Water use is dropping each day; down in numbers already from Friday’s print-out.

High water use areas were discussed, with a couple parcels being displayed on-line with iDaRS. It is the intent to discuss the 24” irrigation maximum amount abuse as a retreat topic for January.

7.02 Farm Improvements**7.02.1 John & Amy Buday – SW 08-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 134 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 117 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 117 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to sell the 17 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre = \$11,900. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,190. New assessment on this quarter is 117 acres.

2013-09-172 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Amy Buday for the conversion of 117 acres flood to pivot in SW 08-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,190. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

- 2013-09-173** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the purchase of John & Amy Buday's 17 acres of water rights on SW 08-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 17 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$11,900. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

As this quarter is split into 2 parcels, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered.

- 2013-09-174** Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in SW 08-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by John & Amy Buday. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.02.2 Gordon Frank – Pt. NE 26 & Pt. NW 25-17-14 W4M

New pivot area covers 39 acres, 2 of which are on the road allowance. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 11 acres flood and 26 acres wheels to wiper pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$770 (11 acres x \$70/acre) + \$910 (26 acres x \$35/acre) = \$1,680. Assessment remains the same.

- 2013-09-175** Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon & Wendy Frank for the conversion of 11 acres flood and 26 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. NE 26 & Pt. NW 25-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,680. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

7.02.3 Tateson Ranching Ltd. (Scott Tateson) – Pt. Sec. 19-16-12 W4M

New pivot area covers 50 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 47 acres flood to wiper pivot. 3 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,290 (47 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 50 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2013-09-176** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tateson Ranching Ltd. (Scott Tateson) for the conversion of 47 acres flood to pivot in Pt. Sec. 19-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,290. The capital assets charge is \$900. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

An Irrigable Unit is required on all 4 quarters, therefore the current Irrigable Unit needs to be discharged and a new one registered that covers all 4 quarters.

- 2013-09-177** Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on E ½ 19-16-12 W4M, lands being owned by Tateson Ranching Ltd. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

- 2013-09-178** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. Sec. 19-16-12 W4M, lands being owned by Tateson Ranching Ltd. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

7.02.4 Warren Henry – NE 07-20-12 W4M – Discussion

Warren Henry's method of filling a small slough to ensure adequate livestock water throughout winter was discussed. He is proposing to dig a dugout, which would save the District a good amount of water as the area servicing the cattle is much more contained, and wondered if there was an incentive grant for this type of conversion. Discussion ensued; the prevalence of this practice in certain areas, measuring water savings, and possible Growing Forward grants were key issues. It was requested that possible grants for converting from sloughs filled with irrigation water for livestock watering to contained dugouts be discussed at the upcoming retreat.

[10:49 a.m. R. Summach entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering Report

8.01 Water Measurement Workshop

In response to a Director query, R. Summach reported that the Water Measurement Workshop he attended in Lethbridge in August was informative though not overly technical, with a number of topics being presented over 1 ½ days. He would have liked to have seen reliability studies presented on some water measurement devices. The EID uses a number of different meters in various settings, with some he has found needing repair more than others.

Directors requested that information on the District's water measurement instruments, flow rates, calculations, etc. be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

8.02 Project Status

I. Friesen presented the Project Status for the new construction year. This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 31 km of earthworks and 23 km of PVC pipeline. The County Drainage Program is progressing in Scandia with approximately 24 km of 28 km complete this summer. The total length of the Scandia project is 34 km (some was constructed last fall/winter). It is anticipated to be near complete by water shut-down.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Summit Drain - 8.0 km	√	√	80%	- start-up mid-October
One Tree - 3.0 km	√	100%	100%	- start-up end of November
08-A Spill - 5.7 km	-	75%	-	- start-up mid-October
PIPELINE				
East Bantry Pumps - 8.0 km	√	50%	50%	
19-00 Rolling Hills - .6 km	√	100%	100%	
08-A Springhill - 14.5 km	-	75%	-	- start-up mid-November

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Antelope Creek - 5 km	√	√	-	- 2 landowners - start-up mid-October
AH North Bantry - 9.5 km	√	√	-	- 1 landowner - start-up mid-October

8.03 East Bantry Rehab Project

The East Bantry Rehab Project was approved at the August 27th meeting; Mr. Friesen presented additional information on a proposed pipeline to service a private grazing lease, and a landowner eligible for an Infrastructure Savings Grant.

8.03.1 Extension to East Bantry Pump Pipeline & Service to Private Grazing Lease

A .8 km pipeline extension is being proposed to be installed from the center of Sec. 15-16-13 W4M to the east boundary, to service livestock watering needs for Private Grazing Lease #7098. A farmyard is located along this line, but the owner has relocated and is not interested in supplying water to the yard. Materials and installation costs for 4" and 2" lines were presented, cost-sharing and added value to the PGL discussed.

2013-09-179 Moved by A. Nielsen that, upon agreement of the leaseholder for Private Grazing Lease #7098, a 2" pipeline extension be installed from the center to the east boundary of Sec. 15-16-13 W4M for livestock watering purposes, on a 50/50 EID/Leaseholder cost-share basis. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

8.03.2 Infrastructure Savings Grant – John Pokorney – SW 15-16-13 W4M

John Pokorney will be moving his delivery 280 m upstream in SW 15-16-13 W4M. As a result, the District can reduce the pipe size needed and in total save \$5,000, of which Mr. Pokorney would receive \$2,500.

2013-09-180 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for John Pokorney, SW 15-16-13 W4M, for moving his delivery 280 m upstream, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$5,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$2,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.04 08-A Springhill Canal

R. Summach presented the 08-A Springhill Canal rehabilitation synopsis. The project begins just south of Sec. Hwy #550 and the West Gem Road, and angles northeast over 9 km. It is proposed to replace the 12.8 km open canal with a 9.8 km closed gravity pipeline enabling an efficient realignment. 4.5 km of laterals and upgrading a 5.7 km drain to Matzhiwin Creek are proposed as well, for a total cost estimate of \$5.9 million, to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2013-09-181 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 08-A Springhill Canal by installing a main pipeline and laterals, and upgrading the drain at an estimated cost of \$5,900,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.04.1 Domestic Pipeline Cost-Shares

The following resolutions were approved under the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy. Due to the pipeline realignment, all 4 landowners require 4" laterals to bring domestic water back to their properties.

2013-09-182 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share for Peter Bergen in NE 19-21-16 W4M for the installation of a 4" domestic pipeline. With the District's contribution of \$4,125 the amount owing by the landowner will be \$1,375. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-09-183 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share for Craig Dyck in NW 20-21-16 W4M for the installation of a 4" domestic pipeline. With the District's contribution of \$2,600 the amount owing by the landowner will be \$875. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2013-09-184 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share for Vern Dyck in SW 28-21-16 W4M for the installation of a 4" domestic pipeline. With the District's

contribution of \$2,810 the amount owing by the landowner will be \$940. Seconded by F. George. **CARRIED**

- 2013-09-185** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share for Ron Wiebe in SE 29-21-16 W4M for the installation of a 4" domestic pipeline. With the District's contribution of \$6,780 the amount owing by the landowner will be \$2,260. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

8.04.2 Irrigable Unit Discharge

The Irrigable Unit on S ½ 28-21-16 W4M is no longer needed as there are pivots with deliveries on both quarters and the landowner's ditch is no longer in use.

- 2013-09-186** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on S ½ 28-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Vern & Janet Dyck. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

8.04.3 Farm Improvement

Andrew Janzen will be installing a pipeline to his pump site in SW 33-21-16 W4M, replacing the open ditch he currently uses. The 1,000 m pipeline will eliminate flow past his pump, thus making him eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant of \$10,000.

- 2013-09-187** Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Grant for Andrew Janzen for eliminating flow past his pump in SW 33-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the landowner is \$10,000. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

[11:50 a.m. W. Enns exited the meeting.]

8.04.4 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants

The following resolutions were approved under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. These landowners have agreed to move their delivery points, allowing the District to downsize the pipe needed.

- 2013-09-188** Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Vern Dyck, SE 20-21-16 W4M, for moving his delivery from the NE corner to the NW corner, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$79,075. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

- 2013-09-189** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grant for Ron Wiebe, NE 20-21-16 W4M, for moving his delivery from the east boundary to the pivot center, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$33,585. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$16,792. Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

This landowner will be converting 2 quarters from flood to pivot, also allowing the District to downsize required pipe, with the landowner becoming eligible for an Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant on each quarter.

- 2013-09-190** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Savings Grants for Andrew Janzen, SE 33 & SW 34-21-16 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$80,000. The Infrastructure Savings Grant payable to the landowner for SE 33 is \$20,000 and for SW 34 is \$20,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

[11:55 a.m. R. Summach exited the meeting.]

[12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m. Lunch break]

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Bids on Used Gravel Truck & Pup

E. Wilson advised the following bids were received on the District's used gravel truck and pup trailer.

2006 Kenworth Gravel Truck with 2001 Pup	
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$77,055
George Miller Excavating	\$66,000
Canadian Public Auction Ltd.	\$64,000
Elliott Cats Ltd.	\$58,000
Maxim Services	\$50,928
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$42,800
Bow Slope Shipping Association	\$21,000

2013-09-191 Moved by J. Culligan that the District sell the 2006 Kenworth Gravel Truck with 2001 Pup to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers for \$77,055. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 Lands

10.01 Irrigation Development

10.01.1 20 Year Lease Bid Package

E. Wilson reviewed the irrigated lease information package; a thorough discussion was held. Directors requested the following revisions be made to clarify the sample agreement:

- the installation of power to each parcel will be the responsibility of the EID
- utility consumption costs are the lessee's responsibility
- along with current, the EID will retain future oil & gas lease compensation
- the Lease will be canceled if not paid in full by the 31st day of January next following the due date for payment

[1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Short break, N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

10.02 Oil & Gas Lease Compensation

E. Wilson advised that the District is 3 years into the Area Development & Operation Agreement (AD&OA) with Cenovus, therefore the compensation rates are being reviewed and set for years 2014, 2015 and 2016. Current comparative rates were discussed, along with the offer from Cenovus. Direction was given to Administration for a counteroffer.

[2:10 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.03 Star Tech Automotive & Flex It Fitness

K. Bridges advised that the lease for the space occupied by Flex It Fitness will expire at the end of 2013 and that the Star Tech Automotive lease makes provision for rent to be adjusted for 2014. A background report from Administration was reviewed. Due to the local rental market still being soft, the following motion was carried.

2013-09-192 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board offer:

- to Star Tech Automotive a 0% increase for 2014; and
- to Flex It Fitness a 0% increase for 2014.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Research Projects

In follow up to August's Board meeting, additional information was provided on the U of A Rangeland Research Institute's research projects being given funding consideration by the EID:

- Performance of RFI Selected Cattle Under Extensive Cow/Calf Production Systems
- The Effect of Reduced Precipitation on Ecosystem Services Provided by Western Canadian Rangelands

A lengthy discussion followed whereby GAC involvement and input is to be requested; and if financial support is offered, community grazing partnership should be considered. U of A reps are to be invited to present additional information on the proposed research projects to the Board and GAC. As well, additional information is to be gathered on the carbon credit program for no-till farming and how applicable that program is to pasture land.

[2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

12.0 LAPP (Local Authority Pension Plan)

Mr. Wilson outlined the recent changes announced by Minister of Finance, Doug Horner which affect 2 government employee pension plans and the Local Authority Pension Plan of which the EID employees subscribe to. These changes have been made to keep the plans sustainable, and are planning to be enacted in spring.

13.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Wilson advised that Rod Svenson, Safety & Environmental Tech, and Rex Tryhorn, Water District Supervisor, will be retiring at the end of the year. Kevin Tebo, North Division Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of July, 2014. Allan Olson, South Division Superintendent, and Pat Shepherd, Equipment Construction Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of August, 2014. Josey Brodoway, Excavator Operator, has recently resigned.

14.0 CRWUA Conference – December 11th – 13th, Las Vegas

The Colorado River Water Users Association annual conference is being held December 11th – 13th in Las Vegas.

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 Southern AB PCAA Fall Harvest | - Thursday, October 10 th , Medicine Hat
<i>[table of 8 reserved: Bob, Allen, Floyd, Jim, Carl, Earl confirmed]</i> |
| 15.02 Water Shut Down | - Friday, October 11 th |
| 15.03 Irrigation Development Auction | - Thursday, October 17 th , 2:00 p.m., EID Office |
| 15.04 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.05 Thank You Reception for
Peter Schuld & Brent Paterson | - Thursday, October 24 th , 4:00 p.m., Lethbridge
<i>[attending: Bob, Allen, Carl, Earl]</i> |
| 15.06 Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Friday, November 1 st , 10:00 a.m.
<i>[attending: Bob, Floyd, Ross, Jim, Bruce, Earl]</i> |
| 15.07 AIPA Conference | - Mon-Wed, November 25 th – 27 th , Lethbridge
<i>[all Directors attending]</i> |
| 15.08 Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, November 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:17 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

October 22, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of October, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

- Board In-Camera

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.01.3 Infrastructure Savings Grant – Wes Harder – SE 19-21-16 W4M
- 16.0 County of Newell 2014 Agriculture Service Board Tour

2013-10-193 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 September 25, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-10-194 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Minutes of the September 25, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Sale of Bassano Shop**

K. Bridges advised that the Bassano Shop lot has been sold at the approved minimum amount of \$120,000 after negotiations with two serious bidders.

2013-10-195 Moved by J. Culligan that the sale of the EID's Bassano shop property, legally described as Lot 12, Block 34, Plan 0611348, to Dan Arsenault for \$120,000 be ratified. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

4.0 EID 1st Calls – Charge to Farmers

A discussion was held to clarify invoicing procedures for the District in regards to hydro-vac services and land sweeping, when work is being carried out on private farmland. The following guidelines were upheld and further clarified:

- On EID projects when hydro-vac services and sweeping are required, whether done by the EID or by a company hired by the EID, the EID will pay for the entire cost; it is not invoiced to the farmer.

- On farmer requested projects that the EID is performing where hydro-vac services and sweeping are required, the EID will pay for the entire cost, whether done by the EID or by a company hired by the EID.
- On farmer requested projects where all the work is performed by private contractors, the farmer pays for any hydro-vac services or sweeping; unless the EID is called in to locate District lines then the EID will pay for required hydro-vac services or sweeping of their lines whether done by the EID or by a company hired by the EID.

5.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 September 30, 2013 Financial Statements

The preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD total revenues total about \$38.2 million.
- YTD total net operating expenses total about \$21.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$16.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to.

2013-10-196 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to September 30, 2013, as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

5.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2013

The market value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2013 is \$6.34 million more than at September 30, 2012. The total is higher than typical because the District is holding more IRP funds than in the recent past, and 2013 revenues, particularly from land sales, are also higher than normal.

Short term investments totaling \$9.96 million matured and short term investments totaling \$6.0 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$3.37 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$8.9 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$14.04 million were purchased.

2013-10-197 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2013 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

Current customer accounts consist of the following:

• Rate Payer Accounts	533
• Residential Accounts	557
• Business Accounts	225
• EID Automation	<u>25</u>
Total	1,340

There have been no major issues since the last report.

7.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

The County Drainage Program is progressing in Scandia with approximately 26.5 km of 28 km complete this summer. The remaining 1.5 km requires a Telus relocate before the District can complete.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Summit Drain - 8.0 km	√	√	√	- start construction Oct 21
One Tree - 3.0 km	√	√	√	- start-up end of November
08-A Spill - 5.7 km	√	90%	50%	
PIPELINE				
East Bantry Pumps - 8.0 km	√	80%	√	
19-00 Rolling Hills - .6 km	√	√	√	
08-A Springhill - 14.5 km	√	80%	75%	- start-up mid-November

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
Antelope Creek - 5 km	√	√	50%	- 2 landowners - start-up October 21
AH North Bantry - 9.5 km	√	√	√	- tender to close Oct 25

8.0 Operations

8.01 Farm Improvements

I. Friesen presented the following 2 Farm Improvements.

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

A request was received from Irv Lepp to relocate his drain in SW 23-21-16 W4M; currently the drain runs on the outer edge of the pivot, in which there are several crossings. The landowner would like the drain realigned along the east boundary to eliminate the crossings. Total cost for the 2 portions of realignments would be \$32,500, of which if approved under the Farm Improvement Policy the EID would pay 75% up to \$30,000. Discussion ensued whether this relocation request fits policy.

2013-10-198 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Irv & Wanda Lepp in SW 23-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$40,000 District contribution. Seconded by B. McKellar.

2013-10-199 Moved by R. Owen that Motion 2013-10-198 be Tabled to the November Directors Meeting. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

Administration to bring further information back to the November Board Meeting, specifically whether a corner-arm system is being planned for the pivot.

8.01.2 Leveling of Ditches, etc. – Ralph & Liz Retzlaff – NE 31-20-15 W4M

A flood to pivot Farm Improvement was granted in June on this parcel; the landowner is now applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant to level the old head ditch and terrace for the pivot. This work is estimated to cost \$4,000, of which by policy the EID will pay 50% up to \$10,000.

2013-10-200 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ralph & Liz Retzlaff in NE 31-20-15 W4M for leveling an old head ditch and terrace to accommodate the pivot; to be funded on a 50/50 cost share basis, up to a \$10,000 District contribution. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Wes Harder – SE 19-21-16 W4M

Under the 08-A Springhill Canal Rehab Project, Wes Harder is willing to move his delivery from the north boundary of the quarter to the pivot center, allowing the District to downsize the pipe needed and save \$9,700. Mr. Harder will need to run a gas line to his pivot center. It is recommended that the cost of this relocation be deducted from the \$9,700, with the balance of savings being split 50/50.

2013-10-201 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Wes Harder in SE 19-21-16 W4M, for moving his delivery from the north boundary to the pivot center, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$9,700. The Grant payable will be \$9,700 less the cost of moving the gas line, shared on a 50/50 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

9.0 Equipment**9.01 Quotes on Trucks**

E. Wilson presented quotes from 6 dealerships for the purchase of six ½ ton 4x4 trucks, three ¾ ton trucks and two 550 diesel trucks. The lowest quote was approved for purchase.

Company	½ Ton 4x4	¾ Ton	550 Diesel
Martin Chrysler Ltd.	\$25,293.00	\$27,044.00	\$37,882.00
Brooks Motor Products	\$25,961.25	\$29,231.00	
Davis GMC Buick	\$26,460.00	\$27,685.00	
Rodeo Ford Sales Ltd.	\$26,547.00	\$31,752.00	\$39,262.00
Harwood Ford Sales	\$26,642.00	\$32,767.00	\$39,805.00
Hanna Motor Products	\$30,711.25		

2013-10-202 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase six ½ ton 4x4s, three ¾ tons and two 550 diesel Dodge trucks from Martin Chrysler Ltd., Brooks, for \$25,293.00, \$27,044.00, and \$37,882.00 each respectively. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.0 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres

E. Wilson presented the following transfer requests.

12.01 Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff - NE 17-20-15 W4M to NW 16-20-15 W4M

Arnold Retzlaff is requesting to transfer a pivot corner that is currently irrigated with wheels in the NE corner of NE 17-20-15 W4M to the SW corner of NW 16-20-15 W4M, to be irrigated by wheels as it is much easier to get the water to this location without spilling past the pump.

2013-10-203 Moved by J. Culligan that Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from the NE corner of NE 17-20-15 W4M to the SW corner of NW 16-20-15 W4M. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[J. Culligan abstained from discussion and voting on the following item.]

12.02 Bob & Judy McKnight – NE 14-21-14 W4M to NE 09-21-13 W4M

Bob McKnight is requesting to:

- put up a pivot in NE 14-21-14 W4M and transfer the remaining assessment (19 – 22 acres) to NE 09-21-13 W4M;
- transfer his 2nd water (wild flood) in E ½ 09 & S ½ 10-21-13 W4M to NE 09 & NW 10-21-13 W4M, and put up a pivot and convert these acres to 1st water; and
- receive financial consideration on the pipeline that he is paying for that feeds the 2nd water.

Mr. Wilson explained that terminable acres are not transferable, gave background on the pipeline extension, and advised that the proposed pivots are good improvement projects. Discussion followed.

2013-10-204 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 22 irrigation acres from NE 14-21-14 W4M to NE 09-21-13 W4M. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2013-10-205 Moved by F. George that 156 terminable acres be canceled in Pt. E ½ 09 and Pt. S ½ 10-21-13 W4M; and that 156 irrigation acres be granted in NE 09, Pt. SE 09 and Pt. NW 10-21-13 W4M at a Capital Assets Charge of \$100/acre. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED

2013-10-206 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit in NE 09, Pt. SE 09 and Pt. NW 10-21-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert & Judy McKnight. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:50 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break; M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

10.0 Assessment Report to September 30, 2013

M. Redelback presented the Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013 as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
July 1, 2013	289,864	5,408	295,272
September 30, 2013	291,305	5,294	296,599
Net increase	1,441	< 114 >	1,327
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 50 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			1,348
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			143
Terminable Acres Added (mistakenly removed in 2009)			29
Terminable Acres Canceled			< 0 >

11.0 Irrigation Applications for 2014

E. Wilson presented the 73 irrigation applications received, in order of rating, reviewing rating sheets, applications and maps. Of the 7,745 irrigation acres applied for, 2,685 are disqualified because soils fail or cannot be served through the District's infrastructure. An additional 1,550 acres are disqualified because the applicant has already been given their maximum number of acres, or they applied for more than the maximum allowed. As well, numerous other parcels have been applied for without soil tests and some of them will fail.

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 new acres is \$700/acre.

It was requested that the minimum rating for irrigation applications approvals be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

The following irrigation applications were given consideration for 2014:

11.01 1184989 AB Ltd. (Barry Flemming) – Pt. Sec. 06-17-15 & Pt. N ½ 31-16-15 W4M

The applicant currently has a 317 acre pivot and would like to install a booster pump; 10 acres are needed to cover the end gun.

11.02 Tyler Flemming & 1184989 AB Ltd. (Barry Flemming) – Pt. N ½ 06 & Pt. S ½ 07-17-15 W4M

The applicants currently have a 158 acre pivot and would like to install a booster pump; 8 acres are needed to cover the end gun.

11.03 Tod Andrus (Estate of C. Andrus) – SW 17-21-13 W4M

The applicant would like to convert 58 acres of flood irrigation to a 75 acre wiper pivot; 17 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on being limited to 17 additional acres, the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014, and the pivot being hooked directly to the turnout with no spill going past the pump. The conversion acres would be eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

11.04 Laurus De Jager – SE 30-14-13 W4M

The applicant currently has a 136 acre pivot and would like to install a corner-arm system; 16 acres are needed to cover the corners. Approval is conditional on the corner system being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.05 Ben Nickel – NW 33-21-16 W4M

The applicant currently has an 88 acre wiper pivot and would like to increase the acres covered to a maximum of 114 acres. Approval is conditional on the flood acres in the corners being moved under the pivot or deducted from the 114 total.

11.06 Albert Snyders Holdings – SW 05-20-13 W4M

The applicant would like to install a 133 acre pivot on a dry quarter, the majority being L5R soils. 97 acres would be transferred in; 36 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on soils being tested in 5 years and improving to Class 4 or better. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available for twinning the pipeline back 400 m, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. During the 5 years the 97 acres would be transferred annually and the 36 acres would be terminable. If soils improve, the 97 conversion acres would become permanent and be eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant.

11.07 Musgrove Enterprises Ltd. (Eric Musgrove) – NW 09-20-13 W4M

The applicant currently has a 146 acre pivot and would like to install a corner-arm system; 18 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the corner system being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.08 Grusendorf & McLafferty (Mark Hironaka) – NW 16-21-15 W4M

The applicant would like to convert 107 acres of flood irrigation to pivot; 20 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the landowner applying, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014. The conversion acres would be eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

11.09 Slenders Family – SW 03-15-15 W4M and SE 09-15-15 W4M

The applicants currently have a 149 acre pivot on SW 03-15-15 W4M and would like to install a corner-arm system; 11 acres are needed. The applicants also have a 140 acre pivot in SE 09-15-15 W4M and would like to install a corner-arm system as well; 13 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the corner systems being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.10 C.O. Johnson & Sons – NW 25-15-15 W4M and W ½ 36-15-15 W4M

The applicants would like to develop 284 acres of irrigation under 2 pivots. Approval is conditional on the delivery location being off the canal in NW 36-15-15 W4M, and the pivots being installed by September 30, 2014. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available for the installation of a new turnout and check structure, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge.

11.11 Jerry Thacker – E ½ 10-14-12 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 268 acres of irrigation under a wiper pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to construct any required new pipeline from the District's works to the edge of the property, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge.

11.12 Jake Harder – Pt. S ½ 13-15-16 W4M

The applicant would like to develop an additional 26 acres of wheel move irrigation off the south end of his existing field. Approval is subject to soils passing, and the wheels must be on site by September 30, 2014.

11.13 Lea Milne – SE 07-24-15 W4M

The applicant has reclaimed a low area in the center of his flood field and is requesting 9 irrigation acres to complete the flooding. The applicant has indicated that he wishes to put up a pivot in the future; he would be eligible to apply for a Farm Improvement grant at that time.

11.14 Afar Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) – S ½ & Pt. NE 09-21-15 W4M

The applicant would like to convert 180 acres of wheel move irrigation to a smaller pivot and larger wiper pivot; 36 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on an Irrigable Unit being registered, and the pivots being installed by September 30, 2014. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

11.15 Joe Bandura – SW 33 & Pt. NW 28-20-13 W4M, and Pt. Sec. 34-20-13 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 140 acres of irrigation under pivot in SW 33, and 224 acres of irrigation under pivot in Sec. 34. Approval is conditional on the pivots being installed by September 30, 2014, the legal delivery being a turnout off One Tree Canal in the SE corner of NE 27-20-13 W4M, and an Irrigable Unit being registered.

11.16 Neil Douglass – N ½ 25 & S ½ 36-24-16 W4M

The applicant has 2 existing pivots that he would like to replace with 1 large wiper pivot; 32 acres are needed. He is hoping to retest the wedge after some time farming and apply for additional acres if soils pass. Approval for the wiper pivot is conditional on an Irrigable Unit being registered, permanent pivot stops being installed, the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014, and the legal delivery remaining the same.

11.17 Hutterian Brethren of Springview – W ½ 13-24-16 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 197 acres of irrigation under wiper pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing, the total development acres applied for not exceeding 300 acres, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to construct any required turnouts or check structures, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. An Irrigable Unit will be required.

11.18 Tyler Flemming – SW 07-17-15 W4M

The applicant would like to install a 57 acre wiper pivot; 11 acres exist, 46 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the delivery being the same as the existing pivot, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.19 Hutterian Brethren of Springview – NW 01 & Pt. NE 02-24-16 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 134 acres of irrigation under pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing, the total development acres applied for not exceeding 300 acres, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to construct any required turnouts or check structures, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. An Irrigable Unit will be required.

11.20 Jake Veenstra – SW 09-18-14 W4M

The applicant would like to replace a linear pivot with a conventional pivot; 27 acres are needed. Approval is subject to soils passing, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.21 Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. – NE 31-20-17 W4M

The applicant would like to transfer 35 acres from NW 32-20-17 W4M and develop 98 acres of irrigation under pivot. Approval is subject to soil tests being completed by September 30, 2014 and passing, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.22 Lea Milne – SW 08-24-15 W4M

The applicant has leveled an additional 10 acres of flood land and would like to incorporate this into his existing field.

11.23 Tammie Eastman – SE 23-21-16 W4M

The applicant would like to install a small 3 tower pivot in the wedge of the current pivot; 5 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.24 Richard Wiens – SW 11-21-16 W4M

The applicant would like to develop a corner wedge of the parcel with a small 3 tower wiper pivot; 5 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on being connected directly to the District's pipeline with no spill past the pump, the landowner being responsible for all costs to install the required turnout, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.25 Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 03-21-16 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 151 acres of irrigation under pivot. Approval is subject to the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to install the required turnout, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. An Irrigable Unit will be required.

11.26 Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 08-21-18 W4M

Two applications have been submitted. The applicant would like to develop 347 acres of irrigation under wiper pivot. Approval is subject to only 1 of the locations being approved, soils being completed by August 31, 2014 and passing, the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015, and the total development acres applied for not exceeding 150 acres. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to install the required turnout, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. An Irrigable Unit may be required, depending on pivot placement.

11.27 Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 35-20-18 W4M

Two applications have been submitted. The applicant would like to develop 254 acres of irrigation under wiper pivot. Approval is subject to only 1 of the locations being approved, soils being completed by August 31, 2014 and passing, the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015, and the total development acres applied for not exceeding 150 acres. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to install the required turnout, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. An Irrigable Unit may be required, depending on pivot placement.

11.28 Ike & Eileen Schroeder – SE 35-16-13 W4M

The applicant would like to develop a corner wedge of the parcel with a small wiper pivot; 27 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on using the existing delivery in the NW corner of the quarter section, and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2014.

11.29 Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 107 acres of irrigation under wiper pivot. The pivot is already up as an alternate parcel for these irrigation acres had been approved for the 2013 irrigating season. Approval is conditional on the Capital Assets charge being paid by April 30, 2014.

[2:48 p.m. – 2:53 p.m. Short break.]

The following irrigation applications were given consideration for 2015, subject to soil tests passing:

11.30 Afar Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) – SE 08-21-15 W4M

The applicant would like to convert 80 acres of wheel move irrigation to pivot; 49 acres are needed. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to soils being completed and passing by September 30, 2014, and the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015. The conversion acres would be eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

11.31 Joe Bandura – SE 33-20-13 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 93 acres of irrigation under a small pivot. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to soils passing and the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015.

11.32 826167 Alberta Ltd. (Fermin De Clercq) – 4 of 10 in 19-12 W4M

The applicant would like to develop up to 4 parcels of 10 proposed. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to soils being completed by September 30, 2014 and passing, and the pivots being installed by May 1, 2015. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available for costs of any irrigation works specifically required for any new parcel, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge.

11.33 Nelson Weaver – SW 02-18-14 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 134 acres of irrigation under corner-arm pivot. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to the delivery being in the NE corner of the quarter, soils being tested by September 30, 2014 and passing, bridges being installed over the drain, and the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to construct any required new pipeline from the District's works to the edge of the property, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge.

11.34 Pan & Denh Lau – NE 28-20-13 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 119 acres of irrigation under pivot. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to soils being tested by September 30, 2014 and passing, and the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available for costs of any irrigation works specifically required for any new parcel, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge.

11.35 Travis Lyzenga – NE 24-20-16 W4M

The applicant would like to convert 13 acres of wheel move irrigation to small wiper pivot; 22 acres are needed. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to the soils being tested by August 31, 2014 and passing, and the pivot being installed by May 1, 2015. A 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share grant is available to modify the existing turnout, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge. The conversion acres would be eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

11.36 Giles Family – NE 13-19-16 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 112 acres of irrigation under pivot. Conditional approval for 2015 is subject to the delivery being in the SE corner of SE 13-19-16 W4M, an Irrigable Unit

being registered, and the pivot being installed with permanent pivot stops or variable rate irrigation shut-offs, by May 1, 2015.

The following Irrigation Applications were requested to have soil tests done, and if they pass give conditional consideration for 2015 or 2016:

11.37 Dean Martin – N ½ 12-18-15 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 150 acres of irrigation under pivot. The applicant will be requested to have soil testing done, and once results are in the application will be re-evaluated for 2015 or 2016.

11.38 Springside Hutterian Brethren – NW 34-21-13 & SW 03-22-13 W4M

The applicant would like to develop 150 acres of irrigation under pivot. The applicant will be requested to have soil testing done, and once results are in the application will be re-evaluated for 2015 or 2016.

2013-10-207 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board:

Approve the following Irrigation Applications for 2014, based on a minimum rating of 49 points:

- 1184989 AB Ltd. (Barry Flemming) – Pt. Sec. 06-17-15 & Pt. N ½ 31-16-15 W4M
- Tyler Flemming & 1184989 AB Ltd. (Barry Flemming) – Pt. N ½ 06 & Pt. S ½ 07-17-15 W4M
- Tod Andrus (Estate of C. Andrus) – SW 17-21-13 W4M
- Laurus De Jager – SE 30-14-13 W4M
- Ben Nickel – NW 33-21-16 W4M
- Albert Snyders Holdings – SW 05-20-13 W4M
- Musgrove Enterprises Ltd. (Eric Musgrove) – NW 09-20-13 W4M
- Grusendorf & McLafferty (Mark Hironaka) – NW 16-21-15 W4M
- Slenders Family – SW 03-15-15 W4M and SE 09-15-15 W4M
- C.O. Johnson & Sons – NW 25-15-15 W4M and W ½ 36-15-15 W4M
- Jerry Thacker – E ½ 10-14-12 W4M
- Jake Harder – Pt. S ½ 13-15-16 W4M
- Lea Milne – SE 07-24-15 W4M
- Afar Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) – S ½ & Pt. NE 09-21-15 W4M
- Joe Bandura – SW 33 & Pt. NW 28-20-13 W4M, and Pt. Sec. 34-20-13 W4M
- Neil Douglass – N ½ 25 & S ½ 36-24-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Springview – W ½ 13-24-16 W4M
- Tyler Flemming – SW 07-17-15 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Springview – NW 01 & Pt. NE 02-24-16 W4M
- Jake Veenstra – SW 09-18-14 W4M
- Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. – NE 31-20-17 W4M
- Lea Milne – SW 08-24-15 W4M
- Tammie Eastman – SE 23-21-16 W4M
- Richard Wiens – SW 11-21-16 W4M
- Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 03-21-16 W4M
- Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 08-21-18 W4M
- Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 35-20-18 W4M
- Ike & Eileen Schroeder – SE 35-16-13 W4M
- Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M; and

Approve the following Irrigation Applications for 2015, subject to soil tests passing:

- Afar Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) – SE 08-21-15 W4M
- Joe Bandura – SE 33-20-13 W4M

- **826167 Alberta Ltd. (Fermin De Clercq) – 4 of 10 in 19-12 W4M**
- **Nelson Weaver – SW 02-18-14 W4M**
- **Pan & Denh Lau – NE 28-20-13 W4M**
- **Travis Lyzenga – NE 24-20-16 W4M**
- **Giles Family – NE 13-19-16 W4M; and**

Request soil testing be done for the following Irrigation Applications rated above 43, and if passing give consideration for 2015 or 2016 approval:

- **Dean Martin – N ½ 12-18-15 W4M**
- **Springside Hutterian Brethren – NW 34-21-13 & SW 03-22-13 W4M**

Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the maximum new acres per water user limit had already been met
- the 2,500 acre District maximum expansion limit had already been met for 2014, (Bylaw 840)
- did not meet “land classification” requirements
- did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- did not meet overall minimum rating requirements

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. – SE 32-20-17 W4M
- Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. – SE 01-21-18 W4M
- 7P Farms Ltd. – Sec. 04-21-16 W4M
- Mike Hale – SE 24-21-17 W4M
- Carl Kern – S ½ 17-21-15 W4M
- Cross Coulee Ranching Ltd. (A. Beasley) – N ½ 28 & S ½ 33-21-14 W4M
- Dennis Dyck – NE 35-21-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 34-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 27-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 29-17-17 W4M
- Jamie Buteau – NW 20-18-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – Sec. 13-20-17 W4M
- Bob Bildersheim – Sec. 02-19-15 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – SW 29-19-16 W4M
- Bearspaw Management – NW 16-21-14 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Springview – SE 11 & SW 12-24-16 W4M
- Alfred Klassen – NW 36-21-17 W4M
- Alfred Klassen – E ½ 25-21-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – W ½ 18-19-16 W4M
- Monfred Haag – SE 32-16-15 W4M
- WTT Livestock – E ½ 06-15-15 W4M
- Carl Kern – SW 19-21-16 W4M
- Viktor Petker – SE 22-20-16 W4M
- Brennan Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M
- Jamie Buteau & Joanne Buteau – Sec. 27-18-16 W4M
- Anthony & Tara Brummelhuis – NE 10-16-15 W4M
- Anthony & Tara Brummelhuis – SE 15-16-15 W4M
- Richard & Viola Pearson – SE 26-17-17 W4M
- Dick Dick – S ½ 26-19-14 W4M
- W.E.R. Farms Ltd. – N ½ 36 & Pt. S ½ 36-20-14 W4M
- Hubert & Patti Farms Ltd. – Pt. S ½ 36 & N ½ 25-20-14 W4M
- 66 Ranch Ltd. – SE 11-22-15 W4M

- Tsuyoshi Hironaka & Mariko Hironaka – SE 29-21-15 W4M
- Dick Dick – N ½ 26, SE 26 & SE 35-19-14 W4M
- D.V. Butch Martin Farming Inc. – NW 05-19-14 W4M

[3:17 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

13.0 Land

13.01 Surface Lease Compensation Rates with Cenovus

Mr. Wilson confirmed that Cenovus has agreed to the counteroffer rates proposed by the EID after last month's Board Meeting. The new rates apply to the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 of the Area Development & Operation Agreement.

13.02 Request to Purchase Land Adjacent to Storage Compound

A letter was received from 1672691 Alberta Ltd. (Tom & Amelda Mossing), owners of the storage compound at Lake Newell Resort. They are requesting to purchase the area between their lot and the road. It is approximately 1.4 acres and has not been subdivided from the balance of the property. A registered access road leads to the compound and is not part of the 1.4 acres.

2013-10-208 Moved by A. Nielsen that the parcel adjacent to the storage compound at Lake Newell Resort be offered for sale to the storage compound owners for \$25,000/acre. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

13.03 Results of 20 Year Irrigated Lease Auction

An auction for the 20 Year Irrigated Leases was held October 17th at the EID Office. 7 parcels were proposed for the southeast Rolling Hills area, and 3 parcels for the north Gem area, with no option to purchase at the end of the lease. The minimum bid for all parcels was \$75.00/irrigated acre, and the rent can never go below the bid price. Average \$/acre for parcels in Rolling Hills was \$94.43, and Gem was \$148.33. The parcels were auctioned in the following order.

Lease #	Land Location	Irrigated Acres	High Bid	Awarded To
Rolling Hills Parcels				
8367	NE 25-14-13 W4M	133	\$75.00/acre	Erik Versteegen
8368	NE 24-14-13 W4M	126	\$89.00/acre	Erik Versteegen
8369	NW 19-14-12 W4M	133	\$101.00/acre	Erik Versteegen
8370	NE 19-14-12 W4M	133	\$91.00/acre	Erik Versteegen
8371	SE 24-14-13 W4M	126	\$99.00/acre	Willem Klessens
8372	NW 13-14-13 W4M	129	\$104.00/acre	Willem Klessens
8373	NE 13-14-13 W4M	133	\$102.00/acre	Willem Klessens
Gem Parcels				
8374	SW 32-23-15 W4M	122	\$132.00/acre	John Douglass
8375	Pt SE 23 & Pt SW 24-24-16 W4M	127	\$157.00/acre	Adam Douglass
8376	Pt NW 23 & Pt NW 24-24-16 W4M	128	\$156.00/acre	Adam Douglass

13.04 Brooks Gymnastics Club

B. Chrumka summarized correspondence from the new board of the Brooks Gymnastics Club. Various options were discussed and will be reviewed at a later date.

13.05 Request from Peter Wolf

B. Chrumka brought forward a request from Peter Wolf, lessee of 2 lease-to-purchase parcels in the Rolling Hills Reservoir development area, to break, level and seed his corners to alfalfa. His request was denied as the agreement specifically requires lessees to leave the corners untouched.

14.0 South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

Alberta Environment is holding stakeholder and public feedback meetings in southern Alberta. E. Wilson and B. Chrumka have been invited to attend an SSRP review meeting for the irrigation sector in Lethbridge on October 29th. The regular stakeholder and public meetings for Brooks are being held November 27th.

15.0 CAP Program

The Classroom Agriculture Program, in existence since 1985, is now close to becoming a stand-alone not-for-profit organization. CAP volunteers visit grade 4 classrooms to promote the importance of agriculture and help students understand where their food comes from. 11 member organizations, of which the EID is one, have been joined by 2 additional supporting partners. Presently, the EID contributes \$4,000 per year and Rick Martin as rep attends 2 – 4 meetings per year and gives presentations to 6 – 10 classes each spring. Ag for Life is contributing \$150,000 per year for the next 3 years to move the program forward with hiring a half time general manager, updating the classroom video, and setting goals of a minimum 30,000 students per year with a goal of obtaining 100,000 students in the future.

16.0 County of Newell 2014 Agriculture Service Board Tour

As part of the County ASB Tour Committee, Mr. Wilson enquired if the Board would like to participate in sponsorship as PR. Direction was given to request approximate expenses from the County for the 2 main meals of the tour.

17.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Wilson advised that 2 Excavator Operators have been hired and will start the following Monday, a Safety & Environmental Tech has been hired and will start early November, but the Patricia WDS position is still vacant.

18.0 Upcoming Events

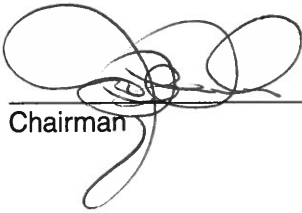
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| 18.01 | Thank You Reception for
Peter Schuld & Brent Paterson | - Thursday, October 24 th , 4:00 p.m., Lethbridge
<i>[attending: Bob, Allen, Carl, Earl]</i> |
| 18.02 | Invitation to Discuss S SK Reg Plan | - Tuesday, October 29 th , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge
<i>[attending: Bob, Earl]</i> |
| 18.03 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, November 5 th , 2:00 p.m.
<i>[attending: Bob, Floyd, Ross, Jim, Bruce, Earl]</i> |
| 18.04 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Monday, November 11 th , Griffin Park, 10:30 a.m.
<i>[J. Culligan laying wreath]</i> |
| 18.05 | AIPA Conference | - Mon-Wed, November 25 th – 27 th , Lethbridge
<i>[attending: all Directors]</i> |
| 18.06 | S SK Regional Plan Consultation | - Wednesday, November 27 th , Heritage Inn,
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Stakeholder Session |
| 18.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, November 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.08 | Budget Meeting | - TBA |
| 18.09 | CRWUA Conference | - Dec 11 th – 13 th , Las Vegas |

- 18.10 Regular Board Meeting
- 18.11 Scholarship Awards & Reception
- 18.12 Board Retreat

[attending: Bob, Allen, Floyd, Carl, Bruce]

- Thursday, December 19th, 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, December 20th, 5:00 p.m.
- January 12th – 15th

F. George moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:30 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

November 28, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of November, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

- Board In-Camera

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.02 AIPA Conference Report – Aquatic Invasive Species
- 4.09 2014 Irrigated Crop Production Update Conference
- 12.01.4 Stockpiling Manure on Irrigated Lease Corners
- 12.02.5 Canfax Cattle Market Forum
- 12.02.9 Fencing Charges for Swingfields
- 16.0 Retreat Topics
- 17.0 SSRP Stakeholder & Public Meetings - Brooks

2013-11-209 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 22, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-11-210 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Chairman's Report

B. Chrumka presented the following items under the Chairman's Report.

4.01 Alberta Government Consideration of Water Holdback for IRP Funded Projects

At the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan consultation in Lethbridge October 29th that B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attended, the concept of the province collecting on a proportional basis water efficiencies gained from future rehabilitation projects funded by the IRP cost-share grants was discussed. The current funding formula would see the transfer of 25% of these water savings to the province to increase in-stream flows. The concept was strongly rejected by all district representatives in attendance and was only a discussion item and not currently included in the draft SSRP document.

4.02 AIPA Conference Report: Aquatic Invasive Species – Kate Wilson, ESRD

Stemming from the AIPA Conference held November 26th & 27th in Lethbridge, it was requested that a letter be sent to government stressing the urgency of proactive approaches in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, specifically Quagga and Zebra mussels, into southern Alberta.

4.03 Brooks Fire Station Emergency Rescue Boat – Contributor Signage

As per request of the District, the City of Brooks will add the EID's logo as contributor signage on the emergency rescue boat purchased in 2009.

4.04 Request for Funding – Brooks Food Bank

A letter was received from the Brooks Food Bank requesting funding for their children's lunch program. The request was denied.

4.05 Commercial Use of Newell Regional Water

In response to J. Culligan's query, E. Wilson advised that oil and gas companies are allowed to haul water out of municipalities for fracking purposes. The EID conveys water to municipalities under their licenses; the municipalities have to operate within the parameter of these licenses which may allow the hauling of water for fracking.

4.06 Farm Credit Canada "Outstanding in the Field" Event

A local agriculture day for kids was held this fall at the Silver Sage Community Corral. This one day event is geared towards grade 4 students, with various presenters being invited. It was requested that more information be obtained for next year's event.

4.07 Flood Mitigation Update

Along with Richard Phillips of the BRID, Mr. Wilson was invited to meet with representatives from High River, City of Calgary, Alberta Water Smart, and flood victims to discuss flood mitigation strategies and report back to the Flood Mitigation Committee. Concerns of ramifications to downstream water users and irrigation districts will be presented. Funding has been assigned and an engineering firm contracted to develop a model which would address flood issues from the mountain watershed through to Medicine Hat.

4.08 AIPA Economic Study

The principal of an updated economic study has the support of Roger Hohm, Branch Head of the Irrigation Secretariat. This study would be a valuable tool when meeting with government representation and lobbying for support of irrigated agriculture.

4.09 2014 Irrigated Crop Production Update Conference

This conference will be held January 21st & 22nd in Lethbridge. It is aimed at producers and the wider agricultural industry, and was considered a worthwhile conference by those who attended last year.

[10:17 a.m. – 10:22 a.m. Short break; Tyler Mossey entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the Financial Statements and Investment Report following the meeting with the auditor.

5.01 Meeting with the Auditor – Presentation of Letters

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Tyler Mossey, CA to the meeting. The firm of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, has been appointed to complete the audit of the EID's 2013 financial statements. Three letters were presented to the Board, one dated November 4, 2013 outlining Audit Planning, a second letter dated September 30, 2013 confirming the firm's independence

from the District, and lastly the audit engagement letter, also dated September 30, 2013. New reporting standards were discussed, one being a not-for-profit category that allows reporting of investments to return to book value, eliminating reporting market value swings in gains and losses prior to maturity. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Mossey and District administration, with Mr. Mossey inviting the Directors to contact him if they have any further queries.

[10:42 a.m. T. Mossey exited the meeting.]

- 2013-11-211 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board receive as information, the Audit Planning, the Auditor's Independence and the Audit Engagement Letters from the firm of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

The Board will meet with Mr. Mossey upon completion of the audit, likely in January. Mr. Chrumka asked administration to enquire if the presentation of letters should occur earlier in the fiscal year.

5.02 October 31, 2013 Financial Statements

The preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2013 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$3.7 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$780,000.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$2.9 million.
- The above amounts will change as a result of completion of the 2013 year end and 2014 revenue billings.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

- 2013-11-212 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

5.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2013

Various accounts were discussed. In response to an earlier question during the Financial Statements, the last page of the Accounts Receivable Report was reviewed, showing total amounts owing for reclassification agreements and construction loans.

- 2013-11-213 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2013 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

6.0 EIDNet Report

Short, intermittent outages have been experienced on some of the Brooks sectors that seem to be caused by extreme interference. This specific time related occurrence is being tracked down and is hoped to be resolved shortly. There has also been an issue with the equipment at the Patricia tower locking up. Parts were replaced and service restored within a couple of hours.

7.0 Annual Meeting Date

The District's Annual General Meeting is to be set for Wednesday, March 26th at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. Nominations will cease the following day, Thursday, March 27th. An Election, if necessary, will be planned for Tuesday, April 22nd.

8.0 2014 Election Date Bylaw

Bylaw 894 (2013) was presented to the Board for the 2014 Election of Directors for Division 1 – Gem, and Division 5 – Scandia / Rainier. Floyd George and Allen Nielsen, respectively, will be completing their terms in the spring of 2014.

- 2013-11-214** Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw 894 (2013), 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 J. Culligan. CARRIED
- 2013-11-215** Moved by B. McKellar that Bylaw 894 (2013), be read the second time. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED
- 2013-11-216** Moved by A. Nielsen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 894 (2013) this 28th day of November, 2013. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2013-11-217** Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw 894 (2013), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.0 EID Financing Pivots - Discussion

J. Culligan enquired whether the District could provide loans to farmers for purchasing pivots. Mr. Wilson responded that it was doubtful the District could legally provide the service and if doing so through a financial institution would not be feasible to water users. In addition, the administration of the service could bring its own difficulties.

10.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

10.01 Project Status

This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 31 km of earthworks and 25 km of PVC pipeline. A new request to line 1.6 km of the Antelope Canal will add \$175,000 to the project. Due to IPEX shutting down their plant early to complete upgrades, pipe larger than 24" cannot be supplied prior to Christmas. This has caused some scheduling difficulties with some of the projects. IPEX has offered financial consideration for this inconvenience.

Regarding the City portion of the Marshall Drain, MPE was put on hold until the municipal elections were complete. This past week they have been given the go ahead to complete the work. Mr. Friesen anticipates meeting with the City in the next couple of weeks to review preliminary plans.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Summit Drain 8.0 km	- started the 3 rd week of October; roughly ½ of the excavation portion is completed; EID excavation should be complete by Christmas - armouring will start prior to Christmas, with the majority completed after Christmas - conditions have been good.
One Tree 3.0 km	- to start 1 st week of December
08-A Spill 5.7 km	- excavation is approx. ¾ complete; should be done by the end of November - until the recent freezing temperatures, the conditions have been soft making it difficult for trucking in the salvaged armour for 08-A Springhill Canal

PIPELINE	
East Bantry Pumps 10 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - existing ditch has largely been pushed in and site ready for pipe installation - first loads of pipe arrived on November 21; construction will start on November 25; should be better than ½ complete the pipe by Christmas - pumps have been ordered; design of the building, mechanical, electrical is proceeding
19-00 Rolling Hills .6 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ready for construction; scheduled for mid-January start but is one that can be pushed to the end of construction year
08-A Springhill 14.5 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stripping is largely complete; pushing in the existing canal, removal of rock is ongoing - projected start of this project is last week of January

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Antelope Creek 5 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - landowner negotiation difficulties forced shut down of crews - <i>Irrigation Districts Act</i> used in mediation; construction resumed - will be lining the last 1.6 km
AH North Bantry 9.5 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - contracted construction begun and in process of bringing in more equipment - existing canal is mainly stripped; building bank to grade on the lower 3 km and will start trimming this section November 25 - have started building the large fill

10.02 17-G North Bantry Pipeline Extension

This pipeline extension begins just west of Millicent and continues NE for 1.5 km. It will tie into a pivot center point and supply water to 67 irrigation acres, then continue west to the One Tree Drain to drain out. This extension should have been completed when the pipeline was installed 4 years ago but dealing with the landowner (Crown Land) proved very difficult. The existing ditch is in constant need of attention because of beavers and overgrown vegetation. It is recommended to extend the 17-G pipeline at an estimated cost of \$170,000 to be funded under the District's 2013/2014 Capital Works Budget.

2013-11-218 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 17-G North Bantry Canal by installing a 1.5 km pipeline, at an estimated cost of \$170,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRID

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

This drain relocation proposal was brought back from October's meeting. Mr. Friesen indicated that the landowners are not at this time planning a corner-arm system for their pivot, are in agreement with the installation of a culvert, and that the request does not fit policy.

2013-11-219 Moved by F. George to lift Motion 2013-10-198 from the Table. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2013-10-198 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Irv & Wanda Lepp in SW 23-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$40,000 District contribution. Seconded by B. McKellar. DEFEATED

11.0 Operations Report

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvement application.

11.01 Farm Improvement – Critters & Crops Ltd. (Rod Dyck) – Pt. SW 06-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 57 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 57 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,990 (57 acres x \$70/acre). Assessment remains the same.

2013-11-220 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Critters & Crops Ltd. (Rod Dyck) for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot in Pt. SW 06-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,990. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[11:55 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch break; M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Irrigation**

M. Redelback presented the following Irrigable Unit discharge and registrations.

12.01.1 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Neil Douglass – Pt. Sec's 25 & 36-24-16 W4M

The landowner has installed a new pivot replacing the previous 2, which crosses into all quarters of the section.

2013-11-221 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE 25-24-16 W4M and Pt. SW & Pt. SE 36-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by Neil Douglass. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2013-11-222 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 25 & Pt. NW 25-24-16 W4M and Pt. SW & Pt. SE 36-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by Neil Douglass. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.01.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – Jozef Versteegen – NW 27 & SW 34-14-13 W4M

An Irrigable Unit needs to be registered as the delivery for NW 27-14-13 W4M is located in SW 34-14-13 W4M.

2013-11-223 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 27 and SW 34-14-13 W4M, lands being owned by Jozef Versteegen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.01.3 Irrigation Application for 2014 – Carl Kern – S ½ 17-21-15 W4M

With the Board's direction of allowing small infill pivots to be classified as intensification, ratings for certain applications were modified; this application was missed in the adjustment.

The applicant would like to develop wedges of 2 pivots, one with a small 4 tower wiper pivot, and the other by allowing the pivot to run full circle; 28 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on soils passing and the pivots being installed by September 2014.

2013-11-224 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Carl Kern – S ½ 17-21-15 W4M Irrigation Application, for 2015, subject to soil tests passing. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.01.4 Stockpiling Manure on Irrigated Lease Corners

In order to preserve the natural grassland of pivot corners on irrigated leases, J. Culligan requested that irrigated leases be monitored, and if necessary, letters be sent to leaseholders advising that any stockpiled manure must be dispersed in a timely manner.

[1:00 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting; C. Chomistek exited.]

12.02 Grazing

12.02.1 Private Grazing Leases – Review of Convenience Factor Charge

E. Wilson advised that the Convenience Factor charge for private grazing leases was in need of review for the years 2014 through 2018. Private grazing lease annual rent includes a Convenience Factor charge (reviewed and set every 5 years by the Board) and a Carrying Capacity charge (the same as community pastures), and they are responsible for all fencing costs. The current Convenience Factor charge is \$3.00/acre for the first 160 acres + \$4.00/AUM on the balance of the land. Discussion was held, with input from Mr. Hale.

2013-11-225 Moved by R. Owen that the Private Grazing Lease Convenience Factor of:

- **(\$3.00/acre for 1st 160 acres) + (\$4.00 x remaining AUM)**

be increased to:

- **(\$4.00/acre for 1st 160 acres) + (\$4.00 x remaining AUM)**

for years 2014 through 2018. Seconded by J. Culligan.

The full calculation for Private Grazing Lease charges is now:

Convenience Factor
(\$4.00/acre for 1st 160 acres) + (\$4.00 x remaining AUM) + **Carrying Capacity Factor**
(Comm. Grazing Rate)(full AUM)

Private Grazing Leaseholders will receive letters with their invoices in spring, explaining the increase in the Convenience Factor charge.

[1:20 p.m. C. Chomistek rejoined the meeting.]

12.02.2 Irrigation/Grazing Lease #7247 Rent Review – Will & Shauna Henrickson

E. Wilson also advised that the combination Irrigation/Grazing Lease #7247 is due for a rental rate review on the farmed irrigation acres. This lease is unique as it combines irrigation and grazing; it ends in 2023 with no option to purchase, and the water supply is double-pumped. In light of these points and the recent irrigated lease auction, the following motion was carried.

2013-11-226 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the five year rental rate for the irrigated portion of Lease #7247 – Will & Shauna Henrickson, at \$60/acre on 431 wetted acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2014 through 2018. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[1:29 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

12.02.3 Application to Transfer 50% Share of PGL #7037 – Douglass to Douglass

Neil Douglass is applying to transfer his 50% share of Private Grazing Lease #7037 to John Douglass, current holder of the other 50% share. This transfer would be allowed under District policy and the water user meets eligibility requirements.

2013-11-227 Moved by F. George that the Board approve Neil Douglass' 50% share of Private Grazing Lease #7037 be transferred to John Douglass. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.4 Summary of 2013 Grazing Season

Mr. Hale reported that the 2013 grazing season received some timely rains, with areas SE of Hwy #1 receiving approximately 6" - 7", and north and west areas receiving between 9" and 10", creating again some of the best grass ever. Even with the rains, some of the SE areas are in need of water supply. Installation of waterlines would be much more cost efficient than pumping, and will be considered in the upcoming budget.

12.02.5 Canfax Cattle Market Forum

B. Hale attended the Canfax Cattle Market Forum in Calgary November 26th & 27th, and found the conference to be well attended and included interesting topics.

12.02.6 Set Total Number of Cattle

For the 2014 grazing season, Mr. Hale recommended to set the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases at 85,000 AUM, which translates to 17,000 head over 5 months. It is expected that numbers will be around 80 head per full member.

2013-11-228 Moved by F. George that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2014 grazing season. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.7 Set AUM Grazing Rate

E. Wilson recommended a rate of \$10.50/AUM to balance the 2013 grazing expenses over a total allotment in 2014 of approximately 17,000 head.

2013-11-229 Moved by B. McKellar that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2014 season be set at \$10.50/AUM. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.02.8 Late Entry Calculations

Mr. Wilson advised that Community Grazing Association members running cattle under the June 15th or August 1st entry dates have this year been charged the same total cost as those entering May 15th to the October 15th period. Previous years, charges were calculated based on the increased late head number multiplied by the shortened season, which did not equal the same amount paid if the corresponding head were turned out early. Board members agreed late entry members should pay the same amount as recalculated back to the early entry equivalent as follows:

June 15th – October 15th (# cattle grazed ÷ 1.15) x (5 months) x (\$10.50/AUM) = \$4,200

August 1st – October 15th (# cattle grazed ÷ 1.87) x (5 months) x (\$10.50/AUM) = \$4,200

If the season is extended by 2 weeks, as it often is, then the total number of cattle on the lease would be billed the extra \$5.25 (\$10.50 x .5 month).

12.02.9 Fencing Charges for Swingfields

F. George enquired why the EID does not pay swingfield fencing expenses, but charges them to the associations. E. Wilson responded that the District pays for the large capital expenses, but the maintenance is billed out to associations; members are then billed by their associations for their share of the fencing maintenance costs.

[2:38 p.m. – 2:44 p.m. Short break; B. Hale exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

12.03 Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine presented the following Oil & Gas Report.

12.03.1 Report on Meeting with CNRL

Negotiated compensation rates were set at the last Board Meeting for Cenovus; these rates were forwarded to CNRL. At the first meeting, CNRL was very insistent on a 0% increase based on their activity being primarily shallow gas drilling. A short discussion was held and administration was given direction from the Board.

12.03.2 Construction of AltaLink Transmission Line – Update

An incident of a gate being left open and fence posts pulled had occurred in the Duchess Community Pasture just south of Rock Lake on the west side of Hwy #36. Approximately 100 cows had found their way through this opening and were close to entering the highway when an

adjacent landowner driving by intervened. A meeting was held with AltaLink's ROW Coordinators and a penalty invoice has been forwarded for the negligence and trespassing.

12.03.3 Oil & Gas Wellsite Reclamation – Request for Presentation

J. Culligan enquired whether the Board would be interested in hearing from a local oil and gas consultant in regards to wellsite reclamation. The Board was in agreement to inviting the consultant to the January Board Meeting.

[3:11 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

13.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Research Projects

F. George will present information on the proposed U of A Research Projects at the GAC Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th, 1:30 p.m. Project summaries will be forwarded to GAC reps prior to the meeting.

14.0 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen presented a draft letter of the Prairie Conservation Forum addressing the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. Directors and administration are to review and bring comments back to next week's Budget Meeting.

15.0 Funding Request from Alberta Water Council

A funding request was received from Alberta Water Council for an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention initiative. As of meeting day, their funding has been fully provided. The EID is in full support of this initiative and will meet with the Council at a later date.

16.0 Retreat Topics

Possible topics for the upcoming Board Retreat were discussed. Directors and administration are to bring any further suggestions to next week's Budget Meeting. Suggestions noted from meetings throughout the year are:

- emergency preparedness
- pressurized systems and associated power bills
- 24" irrigation abuse
- possible grants for converting from sloughs to dugouts for livestock watering
- community projects (yearly budget or defined criteria for funding)
- minimum rating for irrigation applications approvals

Mentioned this meeting were:

- Grazing discussion on Renters
- Board of Directors and Management Relationship Policy

17.0 SSRP Stakeholder/Public Meeting

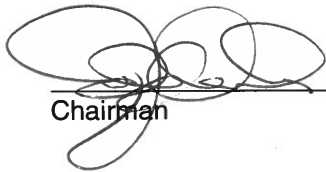
Mr. Wilson attended the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan consultation session in Brooks on November 27th. Committee members encouraged comments on the plan be forwarded from the District rather than from individual Directors; a response will be drafted by administration.

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | Budget Meeting | - Thursday, December 5 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 18.02 | Construction Site Tour | - Friday, December 6 th (weather permitting) |

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| 18.03 | CRWUA Conference | - Dec 11 th – 13 th , Las Vegas
[attending: Bob, Allen, Floyd, Carl, Bruce, Earl] |
| 18.04 | GAC Meeting | - Tuesday, December 17 th , 1:30 p.m.
[attending: F. George, Earl, Bob H.] |
| 18.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 19 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.06 | Staff Christmas Lunch & Retirements | - Friday, December 20 th , 12:00 noon, EID Shop |
| 18.07 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Friday, December 20 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 18.08 | Board Retreat | - January 12 th – 15 th , 2014, Banff Park Lodge |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:43 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

December 5, 2013 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 5th day of December, 2013. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Allen Nielsen	Vice-Chair	[Division 5] [10:38]	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] [11:35]		
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7] [10:21]		

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1.0 2013/2014 Budget Discussion

E. Wilson presented the preliminary budget, welcoming comment and questions from Directors. An overview of last year's revenues and expenses was given. For the 2013/2014 Budget, each department was reviewed and pertinent items highlighted. Through discussion, the following requests were made by Directors:

- "Special Project" designation for some projects so they are highlighted in the Annual Report Book
- tracking of staff hours under external promotions
- increased budget line and encouragement of staff development courses
- follow up to information/reminder sticker to be placed on water users' turnouts

[11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break.]

- purchase of pumps to replace rentals used in community leases
- reminder be given to GAC reps to encourage their Lease Riders to communicate directly with Rick Severtson when an emergency water repair is needed
- adequate campgrounds signs informing patrons that dogs must be on leash to be installed at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground
- a "dog deposit" to be implemented for campers bringing dogs to encourage proper cleanup by patrons prior to exiting the campground
- a \$10/month discount be implemented on all internet accounts held by water users

The final budget will be brought to the Board for approval at the December 19th meeting; Directors were encouraged to contact administration if they had any further questions.

2.0 Other

In response to Mr. Owen's question, Mr. Wilson advised that it is scheduled for all dams within the EID to receive a thorough safety review this winter, not just the Bassano Dam.

Directors will tour the Gymnastics Club building following the meeting. The engineer's estimate is to be brought to the next Board Meeting for discussion.


Joint meetings are to be scheduled separately with the County of Newell and the City of Brooks for early in the New Year.

Comments were given to R. Owen regarding the draft letter to SSRP from the Prairie Conservation Forum.

The City of Brooks Fire Department has enquired if the EID is willing to contribute towards an emergency response cattle trailer and equipment to aid in rounding up of live cattle when accidents occur within the District.

2013-12-230 Moved by B. McKellar that the EID donate up to \$2,500 to the City of Brooks Fire Department for the purchase of an emergency response cattle trailer and equipment. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

December 19, 2013 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 19th day of December, 2013. 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. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

- Board In-Camera

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.0 Report on AIPA / Irrigation Council Joint Meeting
- 7.0 Report on CRWUA Conference
- 10.01.4 Penalty Payment from AltaLink

2013-12-231 Moved by F. George that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 November 28, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-12-232 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the November 28, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.02 December 5, 2013

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2013-12-233 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the December 5, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Report on AIPA / Irrigation Council Joint Meeting

C. Chomistek reported on the annual AIPA / Irrigation Council Joint Meeting held December 12th, noting the following:

- AIPA will be going ahead with the economic study; it also has the support of Roger Hohm, Irrigation Secretariat Branch Head. It is anticipated that partnerships with industry, municipalities and SouthGrow Regional Initiative will be obtained.
- It was recommended that irrigation districts draft bylaws to back up the districts' right to stop delivery of water to a parcel when an irrigator is irrigating acres that are not on the assessment roll of the district.

It was the consensus of the group that a new bylaw be drafted regarding stopping delivery of water to irrigators, and legal advice be sought in this matter.

5.0 Integrated Resource Management Strategy

It was concluded that the Eastern Irrigation District Integrated Resource Management Strategy, a study prepared in partnership by the EID and the Alberta Government published in 1995, will not be attached to the proposed South Saskatchewan Regional Plan as some of the information is now outdated.

6.0 Aquatic Invasive Species – Mussels Workshop

An AIS – Mussels Workshop will be hosted by the WID and attended by Directors/admin/staff in early February. It was requested that representatives from the County be invited to attend as well.

7.0 Report on CRWUA Conference

B. Chrumka, A. Nielsen, F. George, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar and E. Wilson attended the Colorado River Water Users Association annual conference in Las Vegas, December 10th – 13th. Some of the themes of interest in relation to the EID were:

- “Working together” or “collaboration before litigation” being promoted in some of the governance discussions.
- Irrigation districts off the Colorado River experiencing significant senior staff retirements.
- Districts constantly adjusting strategies and infrastructure to a reduced volume of water.

8.0 Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop – Request for Sponsorship

An email was received from the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan who is hosting the Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop in Regina on January 29th and 30th, requesting that the EID consider partial sponsorship of the workshop. Sponsorship was declined; more information is to be gathered, with the possibility of sending some staff to this workshop.

9.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

9.01 Project Status

Construction has been delayed approximately 1 week due to snow, and a lot of re-digging will have to occur with startup in the New Year as canals have blown in considerably.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Summit Drain 8.0 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - started the 3rd week of October - roughly 7 km of the excavation portion is completed - EID excavation should be complete by Christmas - approx. 5 km of the armouring is complete
One Tree 3.0 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - started the 1st week of December - approx. .5 km of the excavation is complete
08-A Spill 5.7 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - excavation is complete; armouring has been suspended until spring

PIPELINE	
East Bantry Pumps 10 km	- approx. 3 km of pipe has been installed
19-00 Rolling Hills .6 km	- ready for construction - scheduled for mid-January start but is one that can be pushed to the end of construction year
08-A Springhill 14.5 km	- stripping is complete - 2 km of the existing canal and rock removal will be completed in spring - projected start of pipelining this project is the last week of January

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
EARTHWORKS	
Antelope Creek 5 km	- earthwork excavation is complete - lining and armouring is ongoing and will be completed in the New Year
AH North Bantry 9.5 km	- construction has been progressing well - contractor is hoping to have the bottom half of the earthworks complete by Christmas break

Mr. Friesen has met with MPE and Charmar regarding repair work at the Bassano Dam. It appears that damage from the flood in June has only impacted the concrete abutment on the west apron. Rock, concrete and dowel work will begin in February. The safety reviews for 6 of the District's smaller dams will be received in the New Year, with the rest expected in the spring.

9.02 Letter from Lonny Trapp – NE 13-21-17 W4M

A letter was received from Lonny Trapp regarding the District's reclamation practices when abandoning canals. The 08-A Springhill rehab project runs through Mr. Trapp's land in NE 13-21-17 W4M. The District's current policy for backfilling abandoned canals as stated in the construction agreement is:

The EID agrees to push the banks into the middle of the canal with earth materials available within the immediate vicinity. The ground will be shaped with a slight crown over the center whenever possible to provide room for settlement. Further reclamation will be solely at the expense of the landowner(s).

Mr. Friesen advised that this policy has been in practice for many years, has been working well, and is very similar to 4 of the other larger irrigation districts' practices. Directors requested that a policy discussion be held at the Board Retreat regarding a possible capped cost-share grant for hauling material to backfill abandoned canals.

9.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2014/15 to 2016/17

The District's IRP 3-Year Plan for the construction years 2014/15 to 2016/17 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 - 2014/15	J West Bantry	\$7,500,000
	21 North Branch	\$2,000,000
	25 North Branch	\$1,250,000
Proposed Year 2 - 2015/16	01 Bow Slope	\$11,000,000
Proposed Year 3 - 2016/17	Secondary A Rolling Hills	\$11,500,000

2013-12-234 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2014/15 to 2016/17. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[11:03 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and B. Hale entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Oil & Gas Report

N. Fontaine presented the following Oil & Gas Report.

10.01.1 CNRL Negotiations

Mr. Fontaine updated Directors in regards to correspondence with CNRL on negotiated rates. Administration received further direction from the Board.

10.01.2 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas Summary for October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013, noting that:

- Crew and Cenovus did the bulk of the surface acquisitions and pipelines.
- Cenovus anticipates another 30-40 wells for 2013-2014 with the current commodity prices.
- Most of the drilling has been horizontal oil wells as natural gas prices are still too low to do any new exploration.
- Since September 30, 2013, there have been 23 surface requests, 15 for Cenovus and 8 for Crew Energy.

Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary	
New Activity – October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012	
New Locations	48
Twinned Wells	30
Total	78
Pipelines	173.86 acres = 28.98 miles
Seismic	3 permits = 162.84 miles
Total payouts for all oil & gas activity on EID land	\$26,168.50

R. Owen requested that the number of abandoned wells, with additional information, be included in future reports as this is the current trend. A number of other questions were responded to by administration.

10.01.3 Oil & Gas Rates – Dirt, Landspraying, Seismic

N. Fontaine recommended keeping the land spraying, dirt and seismic rates the same as last year. A short discussion was held.

2013-12-235 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the following Oil & Gas rates for 2014:

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

10.01.4 Penalty Payment from AltaLink

J. Culligan requested an update on the negligence and trespassing incident that occurred in the Duchess Community Pasture, suggesting that all the money to be paid by AltaLink be forwarded to the Duchess Grazing Association. Mr. Wilson advised that AltaLink has agreed to pay the penalty invoice, a portion already being given to the Duchess Grazing Association by the District, and clarified that the invoiced amount was meant as a penalty to deter future similar incidents, and not a reimbursement of incident expenses. Further discussion was held.

2013-12-236 Moved by J. Culligan that the \$2,000 Duchess Grazing portion of the \$10,000 penalty payment from AltaLink be increased to \$5,000. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED

2013-12-237 Moved by C. Chomistek that the \$8,000 remainder of the \$10,000 penalty payment from AltaLink be applied to the Community Pasture Development fund. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[11:41 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.02 Grazing Report

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

10.02.1 Report on GAC Meeting

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held December 17th to discuss the 2013 grazing season, applications and improvements for 2014, proposed U of A research projects, and any other concerns. Applications are detailed in the next agenda item, and there were no declined grazing applications to discuss. Due to declining members in the area, the same arrangement will likely take place in 2014 as in 2013, whereby a portion of the Rolling Hills lease was used as a temporary swingfield. F. George summarized the U of A proposed research projects, a lengthy discussion was held and a majority was in favour (with a minority undecided) to proceed with the District funding a portion of one or both of the proposed studies. Confirmation was given that associations using swingfields are charged for fencing maintenance. A request to reopen the renter issue was received from a new GAC member; with a response given that only if substantive solutions can be proposed will new discussion be considered. The correction to late entry billing was explained and discussed. The District Grazing budget, outlining previous, actual and proposed amounts was presented by Mr. Wilson. Lastly, the following motions were put forward at the GAC Meeting:

GAC13-07 Moved by D. Vossepoel that the maximum Lease Rider allotment be increased from 25 head to 2/3rds of the maximum full membership. Seconded by E. Christensen. CARRIED

GAC13-08 Moved by R. Crapo that the June 15th late turn-out rate be revised from 1.15 to 1.2, effective for the 2014 grazing season. Seconded by L. Pickett. CARRIED

Discussion ensued, and a number of questions were responded to by Mr. Hale.

- 2013-12-238 Moved by R. Owen that the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures be revised to include the following:**
- The maximum allocation a Lease Rider can hold is 2/3rds of the full member allotment; there is no minimum restriction.
- Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

- 2013-12-239 Moved by F. George that the June 15th turn-out rate for community grazing be revised from 1.15 to 1.20 beginning in the 2014 grazing season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

The issue of renter members of Community Grazing Associations being phased out by 2018 may be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

10.02.2 2014 Cattle Listing

Membership in community grazing associations is down by 13, having an effect on total cattle numbers being approximately 700 below last year.

2014 Cattle Numbers Summary as of November 30, 2013				
Association	2013	2014	Difference	Members
Bantry	569	504	-65	8
Bassano	1,226	1,289	+63	17
Duchess	1,329	1,232	-97	20
Eyremore	1,866	1,866	0	24
Gem	2,630	2,469	-161	36
Newell	2,390	2,261	-129	33
Patricia	2,994	2,730	-264	42
Rolling Hills	1,355	1,237	-118	21
Rosemary	1,597	1,636	+39	25
Tilley	1,221	1,262	+41	21
Total	17,177	16,486	-691	247
Members	9 new, 22 drop out			

10.02.3 Set Grazing Number Per Member

Total head of cattle are sitting at 16,486, based on an 80 head maximum per member allocation. Mr. Hale advised that the GAC was in agreement with leaving the maximum the same as the 2013 grazing season, at 80 head per member.

- 2013-12-240 Moved by A. Nielsen that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2014 grazing season be set at 80 for full members, 53 for 2nd year members, and 27 for 1st year members. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[12:00 noon – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break; B. Hale exited the meeting.]

11.0 Operations**11.01 Farm Improvements**

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvement applications.

11.01.1 Bill Martin – NW 28 & SW 33-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 81 acres wheels; 2 new wiper pivot areas total 76 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 76 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 5 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,660 (76 acres x \$35/acre) - \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre) = \$1,160. An Irrigable Unit registration is required.

2013-12-241 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bill Martin for the conversion of 76 acres wheels to pivot in NW 28 & SW 33-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,160. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2013-12-242 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 28 & SW 33-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Bill Martin. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.01.2 Larry Wiens – NE 14-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 147 acres flood; new wiper 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 20 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,890 (127 acres x \$70/acre) - \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre) = \$2,890.

2013-12-243 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Larry & Susan Wiens for the conversion of 127 acres flood to pivot in NE 14-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,890. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.01.3 Larry Wiens – SW 13-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 84 acres flood, of which 16 are considered a separate field; new pivot area is 60 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 60 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep 8 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,200 (60 acres x \$70/acre) - \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre) = \$1,800.

2013-12-244 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Larry & Susan Wiens for the conversion of 60 acres flood to pivot in SW 13-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,800. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.0 EIDNet Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A few questions were responded to by Mr. Bridges.

13.0 2013/2014 Budget Approval

Mr. Wilson updated the Directors as to the two adjustments made resulting from December 5th's Budget Meeting. A lengthy discussion was held covering a number of items, with the Board giving further direction on a few specific budget lines.

2013-12-245 Moved by F. George that the EID fund \$50,000 per year for 4 years towards the U of A Rangeland Research Institute Carbon Sequestering Research Project, with the

requirement of adequate reporting back to the District. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2013-12-246 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board of Directors approve the 2013/2014 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. E. Wilson, K. Bridges, I. Friesen and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

14.0 Gymnastics Club Building

Mr. Wilson gave an overview of MPE's renovation estimate for the Gymnastics Club building; a thorough discussion followed. The Board requested that when the Joint City / EID Meeting is held, various options for the EID's building and the Club's non-fixed improvement needs be discussed.

[2:45 p.m. R. Martin entered the meeting.]

15.0 PHD Report – Year End Summary

R. Martin presented the Partners in Habitat Development Year End Summary for 2013, noting that this year:

- 18 landowners participated in the program;
- 21,243 tree and shrub seedlings were planted; and
- 2.3 km of fencing material was provided for new sites.

For 2014:

- 22,000 tree and shrub seedlings have been ordered for new sites and replacements;
- 9 new project sites are planned; and
- 6 summer students will be hired.

With the Agroforestry Development Centre in Indian head, SK shutting down in 2013, seedlings are now purchased wholesale from a private supplier. Select Seedling Nursery Ltd. in Saskatoon will be providing seedlings to the District at an average price of 95¢/per; product purchased from this supplier last year looked good and had a survival rate of 81%. There is ongoing considerable interest in the PHD program from local landowners, within planning going into 2015. Grants and additional funding opportunities continue to be pursued to supplement the District's allotment. The Brooks & District Fish & Game Association, through the Brooks Pheasant Festival, has confirmed funding support of \$25,000 for 2014 for the EID PHD program.

16.0 Public Access Report – Year End Summary

R. Martin presented the Public Access Year End Summary for 2013, noting that:

- The Shared Community Peace Officer (CPO) Service Agreement resulted in:
 - a number of field tours being conducted for the new officers;
 - investigations of 38 incidents of which 4 tickets were issued and 22 warnings given for such things as driving off trails (20), liquor offences, illegal parking, littering, dogs at large in campgrounds and disobeying of park rules;
 - approximately 70 hunters being checked, with 3 noncompliance notices given;
 - issuing liquor offences tickets at 12 Mile Coulee and the east side of Rolling Hills Reservoir, in conjunction with the RCMP; and
 - performing 183 hours of patrolling of EID lands.

- Through the cooperation of the EID staff, CPO's, Fish & Wildlife Officers and Dinosaur Park Conservation Officers:
 - an emphasis for spring and summer was placed on monitoring areas of concern for random camping, dirt bikers, parties, and parking at the Crawling Valley Reservoir dam; and
 - community pastures were patrolled during fall hunting season, seeing an approximate 95% compliance rate (approximately 200 hunters contacted the District in advance of accessing EID lands).
- With the assistance of the RCMP, the houseboat and squatter were removed from Lake Newell in spring, and has since left the area.

[2:56 p.m. R. Martin exited the meeting.]

17.0 Upcoming Events

17.01	Staff Christmas Lunch & Retirements	- Friday, December 20 th , 12:00 noon, EID Shop
17.02	Scholarship Awards & Reception	- Friday, December 20 th , 5:00 p.m.
17.03	Office Closed	- December 24 th through January 1 st
17.04	Board Retreat	- January 12 th – 15 th , 2014, Banff Park Lodge
17.05	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, January 28 th , 9:00 a.m.
17.06	Joint Meeting with City	- Monday, January 20 th
17.07	Joint Meeting with County	- Thursday, February 6 th

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:04 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager