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### January 28, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. 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 9:04 a.m.

#### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2.03 Retreat Summary
- 3.01 TransAlta Tour
- 3.02 Construction Site Tour
- 10.0 AIPA Executive Meeting – Agenda Items
- 12.0 Marshall Drain
- 15.0 Mussel Threat Workshop
- 16.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Webinar: Protecting Alberta's Irrigation Industry
- 18.0 Prairie Conservation Forum – Letter re Draft SSRP
- 19.0 2014 CWRA Alberta Conference – Calgary, March 23-25

**2014-01-001 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

##### **2.01 December 19, 2013**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-01-002 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the December 19, 2013 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

##### **2.02 March 27, 2013 AGM Minutes – Review**

The minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting were reviewed by the Board, are ready for inclusion in the Annual Report Book, and are ready to be taken to the water users at the upcoming AGM.

##### **2.03 Retreat Summary**

A summary of the Board Retreat, held January 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> was received as information.

#### **3.0 Business Arising**

##### **3.01 TransAlta Tour**

The TransAlta Tour previously planned for the Monday afternoon of the Board Retreat was canceled due to heavy snowfall; it will be rescheduled for May or June.

**3.02 Construction Site Tour**

The construction site tour previously planned for December 6<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to inclement weather; it will be rescheduled for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:30 a.m. from the EID Office.

**4.0 Financial Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**4.01 2012/2013 Financial Statements**

The District's auditor, Tyler Mossey was unable to attend January's Board Meeting; Mr. Mossey will be rescheduled for February. The financial records were found to be in order and there were no issues or concerns to report. A variety of matters were discussed and questions answered by administration. For the Annual Report Book, Directors requested that a calculated actual cost of water conveyance be itemized in Note #12 Irrigation Rates, along with the displayed "\$0 water charge" to farmers.

**2014-01-003 Moved by F. George that the Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2013 be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**4.02 2014 Remuneration Bylaw**

The proposed 2014 Remuneration Bylaw was presented. The Director per diems were increased according to the District's cost of living increase for 2014. Mileage was maintained at \$.60/km, with meal reimbursements remaining the same as well.

**2014-01-004 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #896 (2014), be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2014-01-005 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #896 (2014) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2014-01-006 Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #896 (2014) this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2014-01-007 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #896 (2014), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**4.03 2014 Rates Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2014 Rates Bylaw, which is based on a '\$0' water rate.

**2014-01-008 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #895 (2014), be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2014-01-009 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve Bylaw #895 (2014) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2014-01-010 Moved by A. Nielsen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #895 (2014) this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**2014-01-011 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #895 (2014), 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 J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**4.04 2014 Fees Bylaw**

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2014 Fees Bylaw. When reviewing calculations, a correction to the base charge for Country Residential agreements was necessary and resulted in a \$200 increase. A thorough discussion was held.

[10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Short break]

Directors requested that the 2014 Fees Bylaw be revised as follows:

- delete proposed line 12 (a), and
- add a provision to charge an energy component to Farmyards with pressurized water.

**2014-01-012 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #897 (2014), as revised, be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2014-01-013 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board read and approve Bylaw #897 (2014) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

Third reading of the bylaw will be brought back to the February meeting.

**4.05 Capital Assets Bylaw**

The Capital Assets Bylaw, last revised in 2008, was presented for discussion in regards to minimum loan amount, term and interest rate. Through discussion, the Board gave direction for the bylaw to be brought back to the February Board Meeting with the following revisions:

- the minimum loan amount is to be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500; and
- the loan interest rate is to be revised from a fixed rate of 5% per year to 5% or prime plus 2%, whichever is greater. The interest rate will be fixed for the first five years of the loan. For loans with a term of more than 5 years, the interest rate will be reset at the beginning of the 6th year and will be fixed for the balance of the term.

This information will remain in the bylaw, and the interest rate is to be brought forward annually at the District's Budget Meeting for review. A new bylaw will be brought back to the Board if a revision is requested.

**4.06 December 31, 2013 Financial Statements**

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

- YTD revenues are about \$10.5 million.
- YTD net operating expenses are about \$5.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$5.1 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2014-01-014 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2013, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

Inclement weather in December slowed customer installations to some degree. A main switch failed at the Tilley tower and was repaired the same day. A promotional email blitz resulted in 47 customers upgrading their accounts to a higher speed; and the recent change in water user subscription rates will increase discounted accounts from 411 to 560.

**6.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**6.01 Project Status**

This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 31 km of earthworks and 28 km of PVC pipeline.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Summit Drain (8.0 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; cleanup and fencing remain
One Tree (3.0 km)	- earthworks should be complete by the end of January
08-A Spill (5.7 km)	- excavation is complete; armouring has been suspended until spring
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
East Bantry Pumps (10 km)	- pipeline is largely complete; pump station remains
19-00 Rolling Hills (.6 km)	- ready for construction, scheduled for beginning of February, Crew #2
08-A Springhill (14.5 km)	- scheduled to start next week, Crew #1
17 G North Bantry (1.2 km)	- ready for construction, Crew #2
Walde Pipeline (1.4 km)	- ready for construction, Crew #2

<b>IRP PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Antelope Creek (5 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; structures to be installed next week, leaving cleanup and fencing in spring
AH North Bantry (9.5 km)	- construction progressing well; earthworks will be near complete in 2-3 weeks, with the armouring right after

[11:40 a.m. B. McKellar exited the meeting.]

**6.02 03 East Branch Pump Station**

The present system at 03 East Branch consists of two 150 HP vertical turbine pumps, supplying enough pressure to pivot centers so that the landowners do not require pumps. The system is designed to maintain a set pressure, but at times only domestics are drawing water, making for a very inefficient use of the system. It is proposed that an additional 25 HP pump be installed for these low flow requirements, at an estimated project cost of \$53,000.

**2014-01-015 Moved by R. Owen that a 25 HP pump be installed at the 03 East Branch Pump Station at an estimated cost of \$53,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[11:47 a.m. – 12:22 p.m. B. McKellar rejoined the meeting; lunch break.]

**6.03 Drain Relocation Request – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M**

A letter was received from Justin Tateson, requesting that a drain relocation be reconsidered for NW 04-15-15 W4M. The original request came to the Board when this drain was rehabilitated

and was not approved at that time due to a conflicting Cenovus facility and pipeline, making the relocation unfeasible. This request was again denied by the Board.

**6.04 Lake Newell Resort**

A letter was received from the Block 4 Owner’s Condominium Association of Lake Newell Resort requesting consideration be given to controlling the erosion of shoreline in their neighbourhood. A short discussion was held. As a wide District right-of-way is in place for such erosion of the reservoir shoreline, and costs associated with mitigation work were too high, the request for District and/or private modification was denied.

**6.05 Lake Newell Marina Association**

In 2012 the District was approached with the request for erosion control and rehab work of the peninsula housing the lighthouse, SE of the Lake Newell Marina. This peninsula has now eroded to an island and a private landowner has approached the EID to perform rehab work to maintain this island, with the EID providing the rock. The District has placed rock where the shoreline was encroaching past the ROW, but does not have the size of rock needed for the island area. A short discussion was held. The request for District and/or private modification was denied.

**6.06 Extension of 08-A Springhill – Wilf Harder – NE & Pt. NW 33-21-16 W4M**

Wilf Harder is applying to convert 91 terminable acres in NE & Pt. NW 33-21-16 W4M to irrigation acres. The landowner currently has 100 terminable acres and is proposing to install a 91 acre wiper pivot; it will require 430 m of pipe extended off the 01-09 08A Springhill pipeline. The project begins in the SE corner of the quarter directly to the pivot center. The pipeline is on a separate parcel owned by his neighbour, and he has consented to an easement. The total cost of the project is \$33,640 and would be eligible for a cost-share under the Contribution towards Special Infrastructure Policy.

**2014-01-016 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the following for Wilf Harder, in NE & Pt. NW 33-21-16 W4M as per the Contribution towards Special Infrastructure Policy based on a 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) + (\$3,640 x .25) + GST	= \$16,705.50
Capital Assets Charge (91 acres x \$100/acre)	= \$ 9,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,805.50</b>

**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**6.07 Pivot Encroachment – Potential Policy**

Administration gave explanation to occurrences of landowner pivots encroaching on EID works, particularly drain rehabilitations. In some cases the last tower on the pivot runs right up to the inside shoulder, giving no room to make improvements to District infrastructure. In other situations the ROW needs to be widened (ex. 5 m wider for County road allowance), and is forcing a pivot shortening. Where possible, Engineering designs the canal or drain away from the pivot, but cannot always accommodate this. Quotes for pivot shortenings can range from under \$10,000 for the newer pivots, to well over \$25,000 for the older ones, in which case the landowners would likely choose to apply money to a new pivot rather than shortening an old one.

Mr. Friesen asked for direction in drafting a proposed policy on offering landowners compensation to shorten their pivots. Considerable discussion was held, with the request that a draft policy be developed and brought back to the Board, based on the following:

- 100% funding vs cost-share
- capped at \$10,000 or \$15,000
- estimate to be obtained on cheapest solution
- redesign considered before pivot shortening request
- delineation to be made between existing vs new ROW, and landowner vs EID titled land
- where associated with the County/EID Drainage Program, to be funded from that program

- all encroachments to be brought to the Board at first, while testing policy
- further encroachments being brought to the Board only when above approved cap

Proposed draft policy parameters will be discussed with the County at the upcoming Joint Meeting.

**7.0 Lands**

**7.01 Assessment Report to December 31, 2013**

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

<b>EID WATER ROLL</b>			
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
October 1, 2013	291,305	5,294	296,599
December 31, 2013	291,415	5,294	296,709
Net increase	110	0	110
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 9 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			119
<b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>			0
<b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>			0

**7.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Dirk & Alida Drost – SE 22 & NE 15-14-14 W4M**

A condition of the Farm Improvement for this parcel was the registration of an Irrigable Unit; the landowners have consented.

**2014-01-017 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 22 & NE 15-14-14 W4M, lands being owned by Dirk & Alida Drost. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**7.03 ATCO Electric Power Line – Access Update**

J. Culligan enquired if the EID is having any difficulties with ATCO Electric power line tower installations on District land, citing incidences causing concern on his and neighbours lands and difficulty contacting the company. Mr. Wilson responded that N. Fontaine has been monitoring the sites and any discrepancies have been minor and easily resolved.

**8.0 Operations**

**8.01 Farm Improvements**

E. Wilson presented the following Farm Improvements.

**8.01.1 Erik Versteegen – SE 16-15-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 150 acres flood; new pivot with corner arm is 153 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 150 acres flood to pivot. 3 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User

is \$10,500 (150 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 153 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-01-018 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik Versteegen for the conversion of 150 acres flood to pivot in SE 16-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,600. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**8.01.2 Erik Versteegen – SW 16-15-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 144 acres flood; new pivot with corner arm is 146 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 144 acres flood to pivot. 2 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,080 (144 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 146 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-01-019 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik Versteegen for the conversion of 144 acres flood to pivot in SW 16-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,480. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**9.0 Equipment**

Mr. Wilson advised that one of the District's excavators had a crank shaft break and is needing a new motor replacement which will cost approximately \$40,000. The plan is to replace the motor on this machine, which is 3 ½ years old, and switch the long stick arm from its current machine to the rebuilt one, selling the older 7-8 year excavator.

**10.0 AIPA Executive Meeting – Agenda Items**

C. Chomistek will be attending an AIPA Executive Meeting on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and asked if any Directors had agenda items. It was suggested that AIPA consider a PR advertisement in the Report on SE Alberta magazine which is printed in Medicine Hat.

**11.0 Flood Mitigation Meetings**

E. Wilson recounted a number of meetings he had last week in Calgary. On the 21<sup>st</sup> a Flood Mitigation Study Meeting was called for General Managers from the WID, EID and BRID to meet with AMEC, an engineering and project management consulting firm, to discuss how each irrigation district coped with the flood in June. It was relayed to the firm that though the 2013 flood volume was twice as much and had serious imminent ramifications, the actual cost for repairs to the EID's infrastructure was much higher in the 2010 flood because of different circumstances.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Working Session #2 for the Bow Basin Flood Mitigation and Watershed Management Project was held, where headway was made with the modelling group in seeing the need for building on-stream storage in addition to flood control. Another meeting will be held in February.

Prior to the evening meeting, Mr. Wilson was asked to meet with engineering staff and representatives from the Town of High River regarding their proposed flood mitigation plans of a large diversion channel and the projected downstream impact to the EID.

The evening meeting was another Water Collaborative Meeting, attended by roughly 50 people representing the many affected parties, and the mitigation plans for the City of Calgary. A bypass tunnel for downtown Calgary is still being heavily lobbied from several supporters.

The topic of Flood Mitigation and the Bassano Dam will be discussed with the County at the upcoming Joint Meeting.



**12.0 Marshall Drain**

Given differing possible outcomes from the discussions on Marshall Drain at the Joint City/EID Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Wilson enquired of the District's response. Discussion ensued; commitment to the extent of rehab work will need to be confirmed by both parties, and further discussions and planning be held once final reports become available.

[2:07 p.m. – 2:14 p.m. Short break.]

**13.0 Newell Regional Economic Development Committee Update**

J. Culligan attended a recent meeting for the Newell Regional Economic Development Committee. Direction and progress are concerns for some of the reps. This committee will be discussed with the County at the upcoming Joint Meeting.

**14.0 Bassano Dam Safety Review**

Mr. Wilson is expecting a report in the next week or so outlining the safety review on the Bassano Dam. He has been informed that the report will recommend the construction of a second spillway between the existing fuse plug and the dam itself. The inclusion of a second spillway would allow for capacity to accommodate floods larger than what was experienced in 2013. Negotiations with Siksika Nation would be necessary to secure the land and floodway. Additional information will be presented at the February meeting.

**15.0 Mussel Threat Workshop**

The Mussel Threat Workshop will be held Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 – 5:00 p.m. at the Chestermere City Hall, with B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attending. Nicole Seitz – Water Research Specialist, Agriculture & Rural Development, has been confirmed to also present at the EID's AGM.

**16.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Webinar: Protecting Alberta's Irrigation Industry**

The above webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Directors or administration interested in this webinar are to preregister.

**17.0 Joint County / EID Meeting – Agenda Topics**

The following agenda items have been suggested by the County:

- County/EID Drainage Project
- Highway #873 Paving
- The lease/sale of grasslands to be developed into cultivated acres
- Crawling Valley and Kinbrook Island parks

The following agenda items will be added by the District:

- Shortening of Pivots to Accommodate Widened Drains
- Mussels / Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop
- Bassano Dam / Flood Mitigation
- County Economic Development Committee
- Ag Service Board Tour

**18.0 Prairie Conservation Forum – Letter re Draft SSRP**

R. Owen presented as information the Prairie Conservation Forum response letter to the draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

**19.0 2014 CWRA Alberta Conference – Calgary, March 23-25**

The 2014 CWRA Alberta Conference “2013 Alberta Floods: The Rains, Response, Recovery & Resiliency” will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> in Calgary. E. Wilson, I. Friesen and some Directors are planning to attend. The March Regular Board Meeting will be moved to Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**20.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 20.01 | Aquatic Invasive Species Webinar       | - Wednesday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m.<br>[ <i>B. Chrumka registered</i> ]  |
| 20.02 | Inv. to Unveiling of Livestock ER Unit | - Thursday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00 p.m., Silver Sage Corral<br>[ <i>B. Chrumka attending</i> ]  |
| 20.03 | Construction Site Tour                 | - Tuesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m.  |
| 20.04 | Joint Meeting with County              | - Thursday, February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 p.m., EID Office   |
| 20.05 | Mussel Threat Workshop                 | - Monday, Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 12:15 p.m., Chestermere Town Hall<br>[ <i>B. Chrumka &amp; E. Wilson attending</i> ]                             |
| 20.06 | NWIO Conference                        | - February 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> , Boise, Idaho<br>[ <i>C. Chomistek attending</i> ]  |
| 20.07 | Regular Board Meeting                  | - Monday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 20.08 | 2014 Lower Colorado River Tour         | - February 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> , Las Vegas, NV to Ontario, CA<br>[ <i>B. Chrumka, F. George, E. Wilson, I. Friesen attending</i> ] |
| 20.09 | Regular Board Meeting                  | - Friday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 20.10 | 2014 CWRA Alberta Conference           | - March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary  |
| 20.11 | Annual General Meeting                 | - Wednesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn  |
| 20.12 | Nominations Close                      | - Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.   |
| 20.13 | Elections (if necessary)               | - Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:08 p.m.**

- **Board In-Camera** [3:08 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.]

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 Chairman

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 General Manager

## **February 24, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014. 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 9:05 a.m.

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9.07 Shortening of Pivots
- 12.05.4 PGL #7169 / #7279

**2014-02-020 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 January 28, 2014**

The following item was noted for correction:

- 6.06 Change 100 acres Capital Assets Charge to 91 acres = \$9,100, and total cost being \$25,805.50.

**2014-02-021 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the January 28, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented as corrected. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

[9:15 a.m. Tyler Mossey entered the meeting.]

#### **9:15 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2012/2013 Year End Statements**

B. Chrumka welcomed Tyler Mossey, District Auditor, to the meeting. Mr. Mossey confirmed that the requested note regarding the actual cost of water conveyance for farmers, \$21.00/irrigation acre, is now recorded along with the current “0” water rate charge. As well, the 2013 standards for reporting investments have now returned back to a cost basis system. A few other items were discussed. 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.

[9:32 a.m. T. Mossey exited the meeting.]

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

Mr. Chrumka gave the following Chairman's Report.

**4.01 Mussel Threat Workshop**

E. Wilson and B. Chrumka attended The Mussel Threat Workshop in Chestermere on February 10<sup>th</sup> regarding aquatic invasive species and the danger of migration of this serious problem to Alberta's lakes and waterways. This meeting was set up for senior board and administration reps from irrigation districts and municipalities, with the intention of disseminating this information to staff and the public at further meetings. Practical discussions were held with good suggestions on moving forward with legislation, and with educating the public at a grass roots level.

**4.02 Request for Letter – Prairie Thunder Female Hockey**

A letter from Prairie Thunder Female Hockey was received requesting a letter of welcome from the District for their Provincials tournament program. A letter will be forwarded from the Board.

**4.03 Request to Mow Tilley Canal Backslopes through Tilley**

The Tilley Hamlet Advisory Committee is enquiring whether the EID could mow the backslopes of the Tilley Canal that runs through the hamlet. The Board was in agreement to conduct the extra mowing for fire prevention.

**5.0 Medicine Hat College – Brooks Campus Awards**

A. Nielsen attended the Brooks Campus Awards February 11<sup>th</sup>. Amongst other course lines, the college has a large nursing program, and also includes a welding apprenticeship program. The District was thanked for the scholarship program it has been running since 2008.

**6.0 NWIO Conference – Boise, Idaho**

C. Chomistek attended the Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference in Boise, Idaho February 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Attendance seemed low, but speakers and topics were informative such as water quality demands and hydro power legislation. Ron McMullin also presented a good report on irrigation in Alberta.

[10:03 a.m. – 10:07 a.m. Short break; Sergeant McNulty entered the meeting.]

**10:00 a.m. RCMP Staff Sergeant Tom McNulty**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed RCMP Staff Sergeant Tom McNulty to the meeting. Short overviews were given, and a collaborative discussion was held regarding land base, areas of concern, emergency response, and contacts and communication. Thanks were extended to Sergeant McNulty for attending the meeting, and to his staff for their assistance when needed. A contact list from the EID will be updated and forwarded to the detachment.

[10:38 a.m. Sergeant McNulty exited the meeting.]

**7.0 Financial Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**7.01 January 31, 2014 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements to January 31, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$12.9 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.1 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$5.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2014-02-022 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**7.02 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2013**

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2013 is \$1.5 million more than book value was at September 30, 2013. A fluctuation of this amount is considered normal. Short term investments totaling \$12.3 million matured and short term investments totaling \$9.3 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$9.3 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$8.2 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$2.3 million were purchased.

**2014-02-023 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2013 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**7.03 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2013**

Various accounts were discussed.

**2014-02-024 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2013 as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and Micheal Samis entered the meeting.]

**11:00 a.m. Micheal Samis, Great Plains Environmental Management Inc.**

B. Chrumka welcomed Micheal Samis to the meeting. Mr. Samis was in attendance to give a presentation on the life cycle of oil and gas wells, focusing on inactive or abandoned wells and the implications thereof. Notification, reclamation, closure and warranty were reviewed, along with the responsibilities of the Province's orphan well program. Mr. Samis concluded his presentation with the offer of his consultation services. A number of questions were responded to, and Mr. Chrumka thanked Mr. Samis for his time.

[11:32 a.m. M. Samis exited the meeting.]

A discussion was held on past and current District practices with relation to well closures.

[11:49 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

**7.0 Financial Report con'td.**

**7.04 2014 Fees Bylaw – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

The 2014 Fees Bylaw was presented for third reading; a short discussion was held.

**2014-02-025 Moved by A. Nielsen that Bylaw #897 (2014), 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**

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

**7.05 Capital Assets Bylaw**

The Capital Assets Bylaw was presented with revisions requested at the January meeting. Further discussion was held and additional requests were made regarding financing requirements. The bylaw will be brought back to the March meeting.

**7.06 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2014 Rates**

A review was given of 2013's camping rate increases and season extension. Directors were in favour of keeping the rates the same, and adjusting the last day for camping to the Thursday after the long weekend, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2014-02-026 Moved by A. Nielsen that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2014 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 to Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2014-02-027 Moved by A. Nielsen that the boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2014 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**

**8.0 EIDNet Report**

The cold weather at the start of February slowed equipment installations, but there have been no major issues to report.

**9.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**9.01 Project Status**

This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 31 km of earthworks and 28 km of PVC pipeline.

Generally, construction is progressing well. Crews shut down for a few days due to cold weather this past month, but there is no threat of not finishing. There is approximately 15 km of pipe remaining to be installed between the 2 crews. The District should be substantially completed all projects by the first week of April.

Preliminary drawings were received of the siltation bay and storm water retention berm for Marshall Drain. These will be reviewed and incorporated into the District's design. Volumes and cost estimates will be finalized and be available for review by the Board and City Council next month.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Summit Drain (8.0 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
One Tree (3.0 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
08-A Spill (5.7 km)	- excavation is complete; armouring has been suspended until spring

<b>PIPELINE</b>	
East Bantry Pumps (10 km)	- pipeline is largely complete; pump station remains
19-00 Rolling Hills (.6 km)	- pipeline complete
08-A Springhill (14.5 km)	- approximately 2.5 km of 16 km complete
17-G North Bantry (1.2 km)	- should be complete by February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Walde Pipeline (1.4 km)	- scheduled to start immediately after 17-G North Bantry

<b>IRP PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Antelope Creek (5 km)	- earthworks, armouring and structures complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
AH North Bantry (9.5 km)	- earthworks and armouring near complete; installing structures/turnouts, toe drains ongoing

#### **9.02 County / EID Drainage Program – Rainier Project**

A preliminary meeting was held February 21<sup>st</sup> at the EID office for landowners affected by the proposed Rainier project of the County / EID Drainage Program; a small turnout attended. The project consists of approximately 55 km of dirt work – 35 km are road borrow ditches and 20 km are EID drains. Landowners put forward several drain relocation requests; 2 that were previously investigated were presented to the Board. A discussion was held on both requests. It was requested that further information on SW 27-16-16 W4M be brought back to the Board.

#### **9.03 02 Scott Canal – SW 35-17-14 W4M**

02 Scott Canal is located about 11 km west of Tilley and provides irrigation water for 277 1<sup>st</sup> water acres. There is a sump at the end of the ditch that the landowner pumps to 2 different pivots. The canal severs the SW 35-17-14 W4M parcel of land, isolating the acres on the south side and leaves the landowner no access to them. This canal self-levels and sits full of water most of the year, creating seepage on the adjacent land. It is recommended to pipe 02 Scott Canal at an estimated cost of \$115,000 to be funded under the District's 2013/2014 Capital Works Budget.

**2014-02-028 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 02 Scott Canal by installing a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$115,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### **9.04 Lonny Trapp – NE 13-21-17 W4M**

In follow up to the December Directors Meeting and the January Board Retreat whereby a letter was discussed from Lonny Trapp regarding the District's reclamation practices of abandoned canals, further discussion was held with the following motion being proposed and defeated.

**2014-02-029 Moved by F. George that the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy be revised with the inclusion of the following:**

##### **Abandoned Canals**

- 1.0 Where the District has relocated a canal, or replaced it with a pipeline, the District will reclaim the old canal in the following manner:**
- **Canal in-fill will be leveled off with a dozer. If this results in a hump in the field and the landowner would like it feathered out in his field the District will do this.**

- If the canal or drain is in-cut, the canal banks will be pushed in to create a swale. If the landowner wishes, the District will strip the topsoil off the field adjacent and push material in to lessen the swale, then push the topsoil back over the area.
- A 50/50 cost-share grant per quarter section, up to \$10,000 District maximum, is available to the landowner for any material to be hauled away or hauled in to reclaim abandoned canals:
  - landowner must supply fill;
  - project must have Board approval prior to work being done; and
  - work must be carried out or supervised by District staff.

**Seconded by B. McKellar. DEFEATED**

#### **9.05 Letter from Lake Newell Marina Association**

A letter was received from the Lake Newell Marina Association requesting again the assistance and permission of the EID to prevent further erosion of 300 feet of shoreline in front of the lighthouse. A short discussion was held. The District was not in favour of rehabbing this area due to feasibility and durability issues. Mr. Friesen will speak to the letter writer, Ron Remus, and reiterate the Board's original decision.

[2:17 p.m. – 2:22 p.m. Short break.]

#### **9.06 Bassano Dam**

E. Wilson reviewed a power point on the Bassano Dam and June 2013 floods that will be presented to water users at the AGM, and at the upcoming Flood Mitigation Meeting. The complete Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Feasibility Study was received. Preliminary discussion centered on the 2 options of either a Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) Spillway or a Concrete Gated Spillway, and projected costs.

#### **9.07 Shortening of Pivots**

At the Joint EID / County Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> the issue of shortening pivots where encroachment is problematic was discussed. In development of a policy for the EID, 2 instances were presented to the Board for review.

**2014-02-030 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Pivot Shortening Grant on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$10,000 EID share for:**

- Jim & Rhoda Miller in NE 24-17-14 W4M; and
- Paul & Irene Hansen in W ½ of SW 25 and E ½ of SE 26-17-14 W4M.

**Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

It was requested that additional instances be brought to the Board for review prior to establishing an official policy.

### **10.0 Operations**

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

#### **10.01 Snowpack Report**

Overall, snowpack is below average but closer to average than as reports read last week.

#### **10.02 Farm Improvements**

##### **10.02.1 James & Dorothy Andrew – SW 16-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 139 acres flood; new pivot with corner arm is 145 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot. 6 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User



is \$9,730 (139 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 145 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2014-02-031 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for James & Dorothy Andrew for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot in SW 16-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,730. The capital assets charge is \$1,800. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**10.02.2 Doug Barg – SE 05-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 133 acres wheels; new wiper pivot is 103 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 103 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 30 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,605 (103 acres x \$35/acre) - \$9,000 (30 acres x \$300/acre); therefore there is no grant owing.

- 2014-02-032 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Doug Barg for the conversion of 103 acres wheels to pivot in SE 05-20-14 W4M. As the Water User is keeping the extra acres, there is no Farm Improvement Grant payable. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**10.02.3 Ed Buday – NE 07-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 125 acres; new pivot is 100 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 72 acres wheels and 28 acres flood to pivot. The Water User has not decided if he will be keeping or selling the additional acres outside the pivot area. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,520 (72 acres x \$35/acre) + \$1,960 (28 acres x \$70/acre) = \$4,480.

- 2014-02-033 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Edward Buday for the conversion of 72 acres wheels and 28 acres flood to pivot in NE 07-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,480 less a deduction of \$300/acre for any extra acres kept in the corners. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**10.02.4 Rasmussen Holdings Inc. – W ½ of SW 12-19-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 66 acres flood; new wiper pivot is 65 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 65 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 1 acre outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,550 (65 acres x \$70/acre) - \$300 (1 acre at \$300/acre) = \$4,250.

- 2014-02-034 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rasmussen Holdings Inc. for the conversion of 65 acres flood to pivot in W ½ of SW 12-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,250. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**10.02.5 Gerwin Vandenhoek – W ½ 12-16-16 W4M**

The landowner is installing a 62 acre wiper pivot on the N ½ of SW 12-16-16 W4M, and adding a corner system to the current pivot in the NW of 12, which will cover an additional 8 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 45 acres flood to pivot, 10 acres term to 1<sup>st</sup>, and the purchase of 7 additional acres in the SW; and the purchase of 8 additional acres in the NW. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,150 (45 acres x \$70/acre) - \$1,000 (10 acres term to 1<sup>st</sup>) - \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre) = <\$2,350>

- 2014-02-035 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erwin Vanderhook for the conversion of 45 acres flood to pivot in W ½ 12-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,150. The Capital Assets Charge for 15 new acres and 10 acres converted from Term to 1<sup>st</sup> is \$5,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**10.02.6 Wilhelmus & Jaceline Klessens – Pt. SW 32 & SE 32-14-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 150 acres flood; new corner arm pivot is 140 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 140 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 10 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,800 (140 acres x \$70/acre) - \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre) = \$6,800.

**2014-02-036 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wilhelmus & Jaceline Klessens for the conversion of 140 acres flood to pivot in Pt. SW 32 & SE 32-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,800. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**11.0 Equipment**

Mr. Wilson presented the following equipment purchase quotes, giving comment on each piece.

**11.01 Quotes for the Purchase of a Gravel Truck & Pup**

Gravel Truck & Pup			
Make	Truck	Renn Box & Pup	Total
Western Star	\$137,350	\$60,792	\$198,142
Mac	\$137,372	\$62,396	\$199,768
Kenworth	\$157,445	\$60,792	\$218,237

**2014-02-037 Moved by F. George that the District purchase a Mac Gravel Truck, Renn Box and Pup Trailer from Mac Truck Sales, Calgary for \$199,768. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**11.02 Quote for the Purchase of a Kellough Disc**

**2014-02-038 Moved by R. Owen that the District purchase a Kellough 17' 6", 36" Disc from Kellough Enterprises Inc., Red Deer for \$69,060. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**11.03 Quote for the Purchase of a Gooseneck Trailer**

**2014-02-039 Moved by A. Nielsen that the District purchase a Gooseneck Trailer from Desert Sales for \$13,027. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[3:42 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**12.0 Lands**

M. Redelback presented the following Land Reports.

**12.01 Alternate Parcel Applications**

**12.01.1 John Miller to Bow City Hutterian Brethren**

For the 2014 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.

**2014-02-040 Moved by F. George 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 R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **12.01.2 Ray & Ruth Braun to J. & S. Vanstone**

For the 2014 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.

- 2014-02-041 Moved by F. George 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 B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **12.02 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

##### **12.02.1 Erik Versteegen – SE & SW 16-15-13 W4M**

The landowner was approved for a Farm Improvement Grant for converting from flood irrigation to pivot irrigation on the 2 parcels at the January Board Meeting. He has since decided that he requires only one delivery off of 12-A Rolling Hills Canal to serve both pivots. As such, an Irrigable Unit must be registered.

- 2014-02-042 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on the S ½ of 16-15-13 W4M, lands being owned by Erik Versteegen. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

##### **12.02.2 Darcy & Marilyn Walde – NE 03 & SE 10-23-16 W4M**

In June 2013 the landowners were approved for conversion of the 58 terminable acres on the parcels in conjunction with the construction of a pipeline extension. As neither parcel is above 40 acres in size an Irrigable Unit must be registered prior to the acres being converted.

- 2014-02-043 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 03 and SE 10-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Darcy & Marilyn Walde. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **12.03 Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club Lease**

Approximately 13 acres in NE 18-19-14 W4M, between Hwy #1 and Cann Lake has been leased to the Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club since 1999 for \$250 per year. Their current lease expires on April 30, 2014 and they wish to renew for a further 5 year term.

- 2014-02-044 Moved by F. George that the Board approve to renew the lease with Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club on the NE 18-19-14 W4M for a further 5 year term at the rate of \$250 per year. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[3:46 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

#### **12.04 Brooks Motocross Club – Request to Lease Additional Land**

The Brooks Motocross Club has leased a parcel of land from the EID in SW 29-18-14 W4M, across from the Silver Sage Corral, since 1993 which has increased to 32.3 current acres at \$550 per year. The current lease expires on April 30, 2014 and they wish to renew their term and obtain additional acres for a beginner and novice trail, as well as for an extension of the endure track. A short discussion was held. The Board was not in agreement to leasing a portion of the lands, but was in agreement to lease the full remainder of the quarter section to the Club, with the option that the District could remove portions of the land for development purposes.

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**2014-02-045 Moved by R. Owen that the Brooks Motocross Club be offered a 3 year lease on the current lands and additional lands for \$1,200/year, with the inclusion of a land removal clause. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[4:03 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**12.05 Grazing**

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

**12.05.1 PGL Leases Turned Back to the EID – #7068 & #7219 (Nathan Maldaner)**

Private Grazing Leases #7068 and #7219 have been turned back to the EID. The Board was in agreement to bid them out as long term grazing leases, to expire December 31, 2023 with the right to renew for a further 15 years.

**2014-02-046 Moved by A. Nielsen that Private Grazing Leases #7068 and #7219 be tendered out as 10 year + 15 year long term, “transferable to any eligible water user” leases. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**12.05.2 Request to Transfer Annual PGL #7057 – Irwin to Irwin**

Annual Private Grazing Lease #7057 is a unique lease consisting of 128 acres bordering the Dinosaur Provincial Park and the Patricia Grazing Association, and is only accessible via government owned connecting lands. The current lessee is unable to continue with the lease; the lands are not advantageous to the Patricia Grazing Association due to the coulees.

**2014-02-047 Moved by R. Owen that Annual Private Grazing Lease #7056 be offered to John Irwin. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**12.05.3 PGL #7021 – SW 35-14-13 W4M**

Of the 3 private grazing leases bid out last year for a 1 year agreement, only PGL #7021 will be leased for 2014. All 3 leases are still being considered for potential irrigation development.

**2014-02-048 Moved by F. George that 1 Year Private Grazing Lease #7021 be offered back to Nelson Weaver for 2014 at the same rate which was paid for 2013. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**12.05.4 PGL #7169 / #7279**

These private grazing leases just south of the EID Office have been put up for tender as a package each year. Upon execution of an agreement, PGL #7279 will be discontinued as a grazing lease and combined with the Brooks Motocross Club's lease.

Administration suggested that PGL #7169 alone be bid out for a 5 year lease, with the option that the District could remove portions of the land for development purposes.

**2014-02-049 Moved by R. Owen that Annual Private Grazing Lease #7169 / #7279 be tendered out for a 5 year term, with the inclusion of a land removal clause. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**12.05.5 Potential Change in Cross Fencing**

The District has been requested by the Bantry Grazing Association to consider paying for cross fences. The EID currently pays for the materials, with the associations providing the labour to install or maintain. A short discussion was held reviewing other association's upkeep of fences and the availability of water in the field under question. The Board agreed that waterlines will be installed in this field instead.

[3:02 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|--------------------------------|---|
| 13.01 | 2014 Lower Colorado River Tour | - February 25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> [Bob, Floyd, Earl, Ivan] |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting          | - Friday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                            |
| 13.03 | 2014 CWRA Conference           | - March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary                   |
| 13.04 | Annual General Meeting         | - Wednesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn           |
| 13.05 | Nominations Close              | - Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.                          |
| 13.06 | AIPA Directors Meeting         | - Monday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 10:00 a.m., Vauxhall                 |
| 13.07 | Elections (if necessary)       | - Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                       |
| 13.08 | Regular Board Meeting          | - April, TBA  |

**F. George moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:08 p.m.**

- **Board In-Camera**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**March 21, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014. 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 9:05 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Abandoned Canals
- 8.03 Spring Flooding
- 12.0 Crawling Valley Campground

The following items were deleted from the agenda:

- 10.02 Bantry Grazing & Rolling Hills Grazing Water Lines
- 10.03 Report on Native Prairie Restoration / Reclamation Workshop
- 12.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- 13.0 Gymnastics Club

**2014-03-050 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 January 28, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-03-051 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Abandoned Canals**

Ross Owen, who voted against motion 2014-02-029 at last month's meeting, requested that the District's reclamation practices of abandoned canals be reconsidered. It was discussed that to help the farmer best look after his land, the option of equipment to be used in the reclamation portion of the project be given to the landowner. Considerable discussion was held.

**2014-03-052 Moved by F. George that when the District is reclaiming abandoned canals:**

- the reclamation project cost estimate be given to the landowner; and
- the landowner be given the option of requesting the type of District equipment to be used.

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**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

This revision will be reflected in all future construction agreements.

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

B. Chrumka gave the following Chairman's Report.

**4.01 Conference Call from Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

A recent conference call to all irrigation districts from Minister Olson announced that no cuts will be made in this year's Provincial budget for IRP funding, rather \$2 million of the \$3 million cut last year will be restored.

**4.02 Meeting with Flood Mitigation Staff, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

B. Chrumka, J. Culligan and E. Wilson attended the government requested Flood Mitigation Meeting held at the EID on March 19<sup>th</sup>, along with representatives of the WID and BRID. Mr. Wilson gave a presentation on the Bassano Dam and spillway options for flood mitigation. Presentations were well received, and letters for Provincial assistance were requested by the following week.

**4.03 Report on Lower Colorado River Tour**

B. Chrumka, F. George, E. Wilson and I. Friesen participated in a Lower Colorado River Tour February 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The tour was very informative and well planned, with stops at Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Central Arizona / canal main pump station, California aqueduct main pump station, Imperial Irrigation District and the Salton Sea. Water allocation, conservation and management were prominent themes throughout the tour. Most of the area toured had very heavy mussel infestation.

[10:28 a.m. – 10:33 a.m. L. Smith entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Report on AIPA's Meeting with Robin Campbell, Minister of Environment & Sustain. Res. Develop.**

C. Chomistek advised that he and Ron McMullin, AIPA Executive Director, attended a recent group meeting with Minister Campbell. During their allotted time, AIPA mostly discussed aquatic invasive species as it is of utmost concern. Minister Campbell assured them that the government was aware, legislation was being worked on, and some of the practical measures had begun. Issues discussed by other groups included elk population control, land use incentives for carbon offsetting, protection of endangered species, etc.

**6.0 Financial Report**

Mr. Bridges introduced Lorna Smith, Senior Accounting Administrator who was in attendance to observe, and presented the following Financial Report.

**6.01 February 28, 2014 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements to February 28, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$16.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$8.9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$7.3 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2014-03-053 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2014, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[10:57 a.m. L. Smith exited the meeting, Dan Fieldburg entered.]

**11:00 a.m. Dan Fieldburg – Elk Population just East of EID**

Dan Fieldburg, a rancher in the Bindloss area, was in attendance to offer some insight on the elk population problem at Suffield Base. Since being introduced on the Base in the late 1990's, the population of elk has exploded; and as they migrate to neighbouring ranches and farms are causing considerable economic damage to crops and fences. A number of landowner and government meetings have been used to draw attention to the urgency of this issue. Mr. Fieldburg was thanked for attending the meeting. This issue will be brought up by the EID at the upcoming meeting with the Ministers of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Environment & Sustainable Resource Development as elk migration into the eastern grazing lands of the EID would be very detrimental.

[11:28 a.m. B. Hale and D. Fieldburg exited the meeting; R. Phillips and H. Unruh entered.]

**11:30 a.m. Richard Phillips & Harold Unruh – BRID License Application**

Richard Phillips, General Manager, and Harold Unruh, Chairman of the Bow River Irrigation District were in attendance to discuss an old water license application which is now being reviewed by Environment & SRD. Because of its 1992 priority, this license, if granted, would affect the EID's subsequent license granted in 2000. The affects of this possibility were discussed between the districts.

[12:05 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break; M. Van Ham and M. Kelly entered the meeting.]

**1:00 p.m. Alberta WaterSMART – Modeling Work done on some of the Flood Mitigation Ideas**

Megan Van Ham and Mike Kelly of Alberta WaterSMART were invited to the meeting to review the WaterSMART flood mitigation model for the Calgary area and the projected impact it would have on downstream users. This model, which was developed by a number of vested parties, was presented to the Bow River Basin Council last week, and is still in the collaborative stage. In overview of the model M. Van Ham explained that 7 approaches emerged: 1) relocation, 2) dry dams, 3) diversion, 4) change existing operations, 5) wetland storage, 6) natural river functions, and 7) land management. Running lists and existing data prior to the flood were utilized in the model. A complete run-through of mitigation proposals was given, with projected impacts down river based on identified possible variances resulting from upstream mitigation. A full discussion was held, with comments given for suggested revisions to the report. Discussions reinforced the need for a secondary spillway at the Bassano Dam. A final draft of the report will be presented to the Flood Mitigation Task Force, shared publicly and ultimately presented to the Government of Alberta Flood Symposium in late April. M. Van Ham and M. Kelly were thanked for their presentation to the Board, and for the work on the model.

[2:44 p.m. – 2:49 p.m. Short break; M. Van Ham and M. Kelly exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued; the EID and BRID will request a meeting with Medicine Hat officials regarding the possibility of an Eyremore dam.

[2:55 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. Short break; R. Phillips and H. Unruh exited the meeting.]

**6.0 Financial Report con'td.****6.02 Capital Assets Bylaw**

The Capital Assets Bylaw, last revised in 2008, was presented for initial discussion at the January Board Meeting in regards to minimum loan amount, term of loans and interest rate. Through discussion, the Board gave direction for a draft bylaw to be prepared with the following revisions:

- the minimum loan amount is to be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500; and



- the loan interest rate is to be revised from a fixed rate of 5% per year for the full term of any loan to a mechanism whereby the loan interest rate will be reviewed and set annually by resolution and where the interest rate on loans with a term of more than 5 years can be reset at the beginning of the 6th year and the new interest rate will be fixed for the balance of the term.

**2014-03-054** Moved by F. George that Bylaw #898 (2014), be introduced and read the first time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**2014-03-055** Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board read and approve Bylaw #898 (2014) the second time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**2014-03-056** Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #898 (2014) this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2014-03-057** Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #898 (2014), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

#### **6.02.1 Financing Resolution**

In correlation with the Capital Assets Bylaw, it was requested that loan financing rates will be reviewed by the Board in August of each year.

**2014-03-058** Moved by F. George that the following interest rates be approved for Capital Assets Charge and Financing Agreements and for Capital Construction Charge and Financing Agreements:

- for agreements executed on or after March 21, 2014, the interest rate applicable during the first 5 years of the term of the Loan, as the first 5 years of the term of the Loan is defined in the applicable agreement, shall be 5% per annum;
- where an existing agreement has a term of more than 5 years, as the term of a Loan is defined in such agreement, and where the agreement makes provision for the interest rate to change, the interest rate applicable effective the first day of the sixth year of the term and for the balance of the term shall be 5% per annum.

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

#### **6.03 Group Benefits Underwriting**

The EID purchases its employee health and dental benefits coverage through a 9 employer group called the AIPA Group Benefits Committee. The Committee recently reviewed and compared 3 underwriting methods for this type of coverage, being Fully Insured; Refund Accounting and Administrative Services Only (ASO). The Committee concluded that the cost of the monthly contributions can be reduced by approximately 3% and that the group of employers will retain any surplus or be responsible for any deficit under ASO. The Committee believes that costs can be reduced by changing to ASO and is therefore recommending such a change to each of the 9 employers. The Committee is also recommending that an initial claims fluctuation reserve in the amount of \$88,000.00 be established to cover any periods when the amount of claims exceeds the amount of contributions.

**2014-03-059** Moved by F. George that approval be granted to change the AIPA health and dental benefits coverage from fully insured to administrative services only, which approval includes authorization for the EID to contribute its portion of the reserve fund. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

Cold weather once again slowed installs and repairs but with the warmer weather in the past 2 weeks staff has been able to catch up. A public meeting will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Scandia Hall regarding the installation of an internet tower. Once the meeting and any public concerns are dealt with, Fortis will bring power to the site within 6-10 weeks, making the tower completion date at the end of June or beginning of July.

**8.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**8.01 Project Status**

Crews have been hit with unseasonably cold conditions and warm conditions within a 2-3 week period, making construction difficult. Roughly 7.5 km of 08-A Springhill still remains between the 2 crews. The remainder of this project should take approximately 3 weeks to complete. With the exception of the pipeline tie-ins on East Bantry pumps and all the cleanup, this should complete the construction year.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Summit Drain (8.0 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
One Tree (3.0 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
08-A Spill (5.7 km)	- excavation is complete; armouring has been suspended until spring
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
East Bantry Pumps (10 km)	- pipeline is largely complete; pump station remains
19-00 Rolling Hills (.6 km)	- pipeline complete
08-A Springhill (14.5 km)	- approximately 8.5 km of 16 km complete
17-G North Bantry (1.2 km)	- pipeline complete
Walde Pipeline (1.4 km)	- pipeline complete

<b>IRP PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Antelope Creek (5 km)	- earthworks, armouring and structures complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
AH North Bantry (9.5 km)	- earthworks and armouring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain

A summary of 2013/2014 project costs to date, with totals vs projected estimates was presented as additional information.

**8.02 Marshall Drain Update**

A rehab in the 2014/2015 construction season is planned for the portion of the Marshall Drain extending from Young Road east to Sec. Hwy #873. This drain is owned by the EID with a

guarantee that the City would maintain it. As silting in is a major issue, the rehabilitation project is proposing a siltation trap as well as a peak flow reservoir just west of #873; and the replacement of the culvert under Young Road. Additional surveying, and land acquisition have yet to be completed. The rehabilitation project is estimated to cost \$1.841 million; this does not include land acquisition costs. Direction was given for Administration negotiations with the City.

### **8.03 Spring Flooding**

A. Nielsen enquired about flooding issues in his area and the District's insurance policy on such matters. Mr. Wilson cited examples in other areas that would need to be investigated as well.

## **9.0 Operations**

### **9.01 Snowpack Report**

E. Wilson summarized that the overall snowpack is close to average at this point in time.

### **9.02 Set Water Delivery Date**

Administration advised that the District could start delivering water in the first full week of May.

**2014-03-060 Moved by J. Culligan that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 7, 2014. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[3:37 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

## **10.0 Grazing Report**

B. Hale gave the following Grazing Report.

### **10.01 Set Turn-Out Date**

Normally scheduled turn-out dates were once again recommended.

**2014-03-061 Moved by F. George that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 1<sup>st</sup> and for Native Pasture May 15, 2014. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

### **10.02 Request to Transfer 50% Share of PGL #7034 – Bob Deschamps to Brad Deschamps**

Bob Deschamps has requested to transfer his 50% share of Private Grazing Lease #7034 to Brad Deschamps, who would then become the full leaseholder.

**2014-03-062 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve Bob Deschamps' 50% share of Private Grazing Lease #7034 be transferred to Brad Deschamps. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[3:46 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

## **11.0 Equipment**

E. Wilson gave the following Equipment Report.

### **11.01 Quotes on Sale of Excavators**

The following bids were received for the 350 and 250 Excavators.

2007 – 350 Excavator	
Company	Bid
Canadian Public Auction	\$101,600
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$ 75,325
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$ 58,888

2010 – 240 Excavator	
Company	Bid
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$101,150
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$ 90,888
Canadian Public Auction	\$ 80,600

**2014-03-063** Moved by R. Owen that the District sell the 2007 350 Excavator for \$101,600 to Canadian Public Auction, and the 2010 240 Excavator for \$101,150 to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

**11.02 Quotes on Sale of ½ Ton Trucks**

The following bids were received for the ½ Ton Trucks.

4 – ½ Ton Trucks, 4 ¾ Ton Trucks	
Company	Bid
Michener Allen Auctioneering	- propose to sell on a 6% commission, plus they want \$15/unit administration fee, and \$200/unit to transport to Calgary
Annett Auction Services	- outright purchase for \$36,770.40; or sell by auction for 10% commission

**2014-03-064** Moved by A. Nielsen that the District sell the following used trucks through Annett Auction Services Ltd. at 10% commission:

- four ½ ton trucks, and
- four ¾ ton trucks.

Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

**12.0 Crawling Valley Campground**

F. George advised that at the last Crawling Valley Campground meeting, a request was put forward to designate administrative camping sites, for executive use to act as backup to campground managing staff. The Board was in agreement to this request.

**13.0 Annual General Meeting**

E. Wilson will add the Bassano Dam to his report at next week’s AGM.

**14.0 April Directors Meeting**

The April Regular Directors Meeting will be moved to Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to accommodate the scheduled Director elections.

**15.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 15.01 | 2014 CWRA Conference     | - March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary<br><i>[Allen, Floyd, Ross, Jim, Carl, Bruce, Ivan, Ryan S.]</i> |
| 15.02 | Annual General Meeting   | - Wednesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn   |
| 15.03 | Nominations Close        | - Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.  |
| 15.04 | AIPA Directors Meeting   | - Monday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 10:00 a.m., Vauxhall   |
| 15.05 | Meeting with Ag Minister | - Wednesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00 p.m., Edmonton<br><i>[Bob, Earl]</i>  |
| 15.06 | Aggie Days               | - Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary Stampede Park<br><i>[Carl, Ross, Margo, Wendy; Jim as alternate]</i>     |
| 15.07 | Elections (if necessary) | - Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| 15.08 | Regular Board Meeting    | - Monday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>  |

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:13 p.m.**

- **Board and E. Wilson In-Camera**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**April 1, 2014 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014. 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 10:30 a.m.

[10:30 a.m. Jack Wolf, Pat Gummesson and Brian Sexton entered the meeting.]

**10:30 a.m. Meeting with JBS Food Canada Inc.**

B. Chrumka welcomed Jack Wolf, General Manager – JBS Food Canada Inc.; Pat Gummesson, Manager of Farm Operations – JBS Food Canada Inc.; and Brian Sexton, Industry Approvals Engineer – Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, to the meeting. Dialing into the conference call, Mark Ritsema, General Manager of Environment – JBS USA; and Tom McDonald, Vice President of Environmental Affairs – JBS Five Rivers were also welcomed to the meeting.

JBS' emergency discharge request was presented and E. Wilson gave background and displayed locations of the lagoons and downstream canal system. JBS is using more water in the plant to meet the packing plant requirements and this has caused lagoon levels to be near maximum capacity; and without the ability to irrigate in the immediate future, JBS is requesting to discharge their treated industrial wastewater from their lagoons into the C Springhill Canal prior to the irrigation season. This measure would lower their lagoon levels and allow them to continue normal processing capacity. If granted, they would like to discharge as soon as possible and it would take 12-14 days to release.

A lengthy discussion was held. C Springhill Canal flows through the One Tree Reservoir and north out the One Tree Creek to the Red Deer River. Issues of snow and ice buildup in the canal, not being able to run water prior to flushing the industrial water, an inevitable increase in aquatic weeds, settling ponds and pipelines coming off the canal, a dense population along this system, and the reaction to the 2010 discharge were all debated. The amount of land currently contracted for irrigating, construction of additional lagoons, winter storage capacity, recycling and reducing water usage, follow through on Environment's earlier requirements, and the same request being granted in June 2010 with several conditions, were all discussed. In conclusion, surface irrigating additional District grassland west of Hwy #36 was presented as a possible solution to JBS' current situation.

[11:25 a.m. Jack Wolf and Pat Gummesson exited the meeting; conference call with Mark Ritsema and Tom McDonald ended.]

Dialogue continued with Brian Sexton involving the granted discharge in 2010, fulfilment of conditions, and the dynamics of emergency irrigating District grassland or discharging into the canal system.

[12:08 p.m. – 12:13 p.m. Short break; Brian Sexton exited the meeting.]

Further Board discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with representatives of the Duchess Grazing Association to update them on the situation; and if Environment & SRD is able to grant an emergency amendment to irrigate District grassland with effluent, present this to JBS as an option.

**C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:32 p.m.**

[12:32 p.m. W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- **In-Camera**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**April 14, 2014 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014. 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 – Admin. <i>[apologies]</i>
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 1:00 p.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.0 Aquatic Invasive Species
- 6.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 15.03 Rolling Hills Curling Facility

**2014-04-065 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2.0 Report on Meeting with Duchess Grazing Association**

A meeting was held April 3<sup>rd</sup> with members of the Duchess Grazing Association executive, E. Wilson, B. Hale, J. Culligan, B. McKellar and A. Nielsen to advise them of the JBS Food Canada Inc. situation. In reviewing that an emergency discharge was being requested and the option of irrigating District grassland was presented, Duchess Grazing Association had no objections to Pt. Sec. 02 & 03-20-15 W4M north of the irrigated pasture, and west of Hwy #36, being irrigated with the lagoon wastewater. The area is fenced off and the Association was not planning on utilizing the grass until August 1<sup>st</sup>. JBS will likely irrigate with wheels, and begin within 2 weeks; with all costs being born by JBS.

**3.0 Report on Meeting with Ministers of ARD and ENV & SRD**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attended a meeting in Edmonton on April 9<sup>th</sup> with Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Robin Campbell, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. The District requested the meeting to review issues related to irrigated agriculture and specifically to the EID. Flood mitigation, aquatic invasive species and the elk population increase in Suffield Base were also discussed. The meeting was a worthwhile venture.

**4.0 Report on Meeting with Medicine Hat**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson also attended a meeting in Medicine Hat, along with Richard Phillips, General Manager, and Harold Unruh, Chairman of the BRID. The two districts met with representatives of the City of Medicine Hat to present and discuss the option of the Eyremore dam and the possible benefits to the three parties. The meeting was well received.

**5.0 Aquatic Invasive Species**

In follow up to a discussion at the last AIPA Directors Meeting, whereby AIPA was considering contributing \$100,000 to Environment & SRD's AIS public signage and education program, B.



Chrumka proposed that the EID contribute its portion of the funding now, so as not to delay the launch of the program. Further discussion was held regarding what the District could do locally as well. Mr. Wilson suggested that a seminar for local businesses and organizations be requested of Kate Wilson, AIS Program Coordinator – Fish & Wildlife Policy Branch, along with training Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Campground staff.

**2014-04-066 Moved by B. McKellar that the District contribute \$20,000 in funding now to the AIS signage and education program, governed by Kate Wilson, AIS Program Coordinator; and to request an educational seminar for the local public and EID Staff. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### 6.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting

C. Chomistek attended the recent AIPA Executive Meeting, citing that proposals are being received to conduct the irrigation economic study; and that a Conservative Party MLA tour is not being planned this year, but there may be a Wildrose Party MLA Tour. As well, AIPA and the Calgary Farmer's Market will be teaming up for possible publicity ventures.

[1:45 p.m. B. Hale and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

#### 7.0 Report on Aggie Days

C. Chomistek, R. Owen, M. Redelback and W. Enns manned the AIPA booth at Aggie Days, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Calgary Stampede Park. Over 1,000 grades 4-6 students attended the booth, receiving a tactile experience and education regarding irrigated agriculture in southeastern Alberta; bags with further information and a promotional item were handed out as well.

#### 8.0 Report on Native Prairie Restoration / Reclamation Workshop

B. Hale and M. Redelback attended a Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop held in Regina January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan. Participation of the two provinces was evident both in attendees and speakers. The biggest challenge facing the reclamation industry in both provinces is the lack of viable native seed. Few guidelines and loose certification has resulted in non-local, contaminated, or mislabeled seed which has a direct impact on the success of reclamation projects. An increase in sourcing of native seed on large tracts of land in southern Alberta is to be expected.

#### 9.0 Results of Tenders for Private Grazing Leases #7219 and #7169

Bids for the right to hold an agreement on long term Private Grazing Lease #7219 closed April 14<sup>th</sup> with the following results:

<b>10 + 15 Years Private Grazing Lease #7219 – Tender Results</b>			
<b>590 acres      125 AUM</b>			
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>Total</b>
Willem Klessens	\$31,255.00	\$1,562.75	\$32,817.75
Carey & Lynette Kopp	\$12,500.00	\$625.00	\$13,125.00
Jacob de Jager	\$10,100.00	\$505.00	\$10,605.00
Larry Hirsch	\$7,287.00	\$364.35	\$7,651.35
H. & C. Krause	\$2,600.00	\$130.00	\$2,730.00

This 10 year lease consists of 590 acres, supports 125 AUM, and is transferable to any eligible water user, with the right to renew for a further 15 years. The lease was awarded to Willem Klessens.

Bids for 5 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169, based on an annual lease payment, closed April 14<sup>th</sup> with the following results:

<b>5 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169 – Tender Results</b>				
<b>783 acres      150 AUM</b>				
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount per AUM</b>	<b>x 150 AUM</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>Total</b>
Harry Philipsen	\$46.06	\$6,910.00	\$345.50	\$7,255.50
Devon Buteau	\$31.50	\$4,725.00	\$236.25	\$4,961.25

This lease consists of 783 acres, supports 150 AUM, and is a nontransferable 5 year lease. The lease was awarded to Harry Philipsen.

#### **10.0 Bantry & Rolling Hills Grazing Waterlines**

B. Hale presented a waterline proposal for the Bantry and Rolling Hills Community Grazing Leases, reaching 4 areas south of Bantry 1 & 2 Reservoirs, at a cost estimate of \$340,000. The waterline will aid in cattle utilizing this otherwise dry area.

**2014-04-067 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the installation of a waterline south of Bantry 1 & 2 Reservoirs at a cost estimate of \$340,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[2:10 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

#### **11.0 Irrigable Units**

M. Redelback presented the following Irrigable Unit Registrations.

##### **11.01 Irrigable Unit Registration – Estate of James Stevens – Pt. SW 25, Pt. SE 26-17-13 W4M**

These 2 small parcels, less than 40 acres each, are served by the same turn-out, thus an Irrigable Unit is required to be registered.

**2014-04-068 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW 25 & Pt. SE 26-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by the Estate of James Stevens. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

##### **11.02 Irrigable Unit Registration – Wilf Harder – Pt. E ½ 33-21-16 W4M**

A wiper pivot in NE 33 extending into Pt. SE 33 is served from one turn-out, thus an Irrigable Unit is required to be registered.

**2014-04-069 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. E ½ 33-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Wilf Harder Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

#### **12.0 Assessment Report to March 31, 2014**

M. Redelback presented the Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 as follows:

<b>EID WATER ROLL</b>			
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
January 1, 2014	291,415	5,294	296,709
March 31, 2014	291,721	5,126	296,847
Net increase	138	< 168 >	138
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 15 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			172
<b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>			149
<b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>			19

[2:12 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

### 13.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

Representatives of Alberta Parks, for Kinbrook Provincial Island, met with Mr. Wilson to revisit a request for additional land to provide for a proposed rehabilitation and expansion of the park. This request was first entertained in 2009, with the EID and County collaborating on a response that would include the paving of Sec. Hwy 873 from the Kinbrook Island turnoff through to Hwy #36. A short discussion was held regarding the park, the value of the District's land, and the County's position on the proposal. The Board gave direction to obtain additional information on Parks' request, and to uphold the original offer.

### 14.0 Vandalism of District Structures

Mr. Wilson advised that there has been an excessive amount of vandalism to local oil & gas facilities, commercial equipment, farm equipment, and District infrastructure; including some cattle being shot and killed. The damage could be in excess of \$1 million, with the District tally being approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000. The RCMP is very involved in looking for the perpetrators. Directors requested that the RCMP be contacted about the EID offering a reward which leads to an arrest; and to look into a possible partnering with other companies for this reward.

### 15.0 Requests for In-Kind Work / Equipment Work

#### 15.01 Cassils Community Centre

The EID's assistance has been requested in tearing down the old Cassils Community Centre when scheduled. They are also asking for a written estimate for the in-kind work, to be used for grant applications.

#### 15.02 Duchess Rec Centre

The EID was approached for the possibility of any assistance in cleaning up the site of the old soccer centre, to ready the area for the new proposed multi-purpose rec centre.

#### 15.03 Rolling Hills Curling Facility

The building housing the old Rolling Hills Curling Club needs to be torn down and the community would be open to any assistance from the EID.

**2014-04-070 Moved by B. McKellar that the District donate excavator work for the teardown of the Cassils Community Centre, the removal of dirt at the Duchess Rec Centre area, and the teardown of the Rolling Hills Curling Facility. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

The request for a written estimate for in-kind work was not granted.

[2:52 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Short break. R. Martin and P. Christensen entered the meeting.]

**3:00 p.m. Presentation by Paul Christensen, Area Fisheries Biologist – ENV & SRD**

Paul Christensen, Area Fisheries Biologist – Resource Management Program of Environment and SRD was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Christensen gave a presentation centering on Lake Newell commenting on the estimated fish stock (population, size and maturity) of various species, supported by past studies of index netting, angler surveys, and commercial fishing records. Walleye and Lake Whitefish appear to be in adequate numbers, though Northern Pike are not. A 5-10 year rebuilding process includes drastically reducing commercial fishing, decreasing the bag limit for anglers, and possibly imposing a tag system. Invasive species such as crayfish, Prussian Carp and quagga mussels were also discussed. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Christensen and an interactive discussion was held on the dynamics of irrigation supported fisheries.

[4:12 p.m. R. Martin and P. Christensen exited the meeting.]

**16.0 Upcoming Events**

- 16.01 Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.
- 16.02 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 16.03 Elections - Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Rainier, Bassano, Gem Halls
- 16.04 “Carl’s Way” Premiere - Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., Scandia

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:15 p.m.**

- **Board In-Camera**

Chairman

General Manager

**April 21, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014. 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:

- 7.04 Lake Newell Chute

**2014-04-071 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 March 21, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-04-072 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the March 21, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2.02 April 1, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-04-073 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the April 1, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2.03 April 14, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-04-074 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the April 14, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

A number of questions were responded to by Administration.

**3.01 Quotes on Sale of ½ Ton Trucks**

It was requested that in the future, quotes be obtained from Charlton Auction Service Ltd. as well for the sale of District ½ Ton Trucks.

**4.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**4.01 March 31, 2014 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements to March 31, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

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

It was requested that a detailed report on internal and external promotions be provided at the next Board Meeting. A number of questions were responded to by Administration.

**2014-04-075 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

Mr. Bridges reported that just recently a transformer at Rosemary failed, interrupting service at Bassano, Gem and Rosemary; the issue has since been rectified.

**6.0 Silver Sage Rent Review**

K. Bridges advised that the rental rate for the Silver Sage Ag Society Lease is due to be reviewed. It is entering the second 5 year term of the 20 year lease; rent for the first 5 year term was set at \$5.00 to encourage grounds and facility development. A short history was given of the District's expectations of the leaseholder and any follow-through received. It was requested that a letter be forwarded to the Silver Sage Ag Society to request an update of their 3 Year Plan, copies of financial statements, and proof of insurance; prior to the Board setting the rent for the following 5 years.

**7.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen was requested to provide Mr. Chrumka with background information regarding the Lake Newell Resort Marina Association's request for shoreline reconstruction. It was the consensus of the Board that their original decision stands to not conduct erosion control work unless the right-of-way boundary is in jeopardy.

**7.01 Project Status**

The construction season has been completed and the District is into the cleanup, fencing and seeding phase. Pipelines will be charged over the coming weeks and monitored for leaks. An updated project costs-to-date summary was included.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Summit Drain (8.0 km)	- earthworks and armoring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
One Tree (3.0 km)	- earthworks and armoring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
08-A Spill (5.7 km)	- armoring being complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
East Bantry Pumps (10 km)	- pipeline complete; pump station remains
19-00 Rolling Hills (.6 km)	- pipeline complete
08-A Springhill (14.5 km)	- pipeline complete

17-G North Bantry (1.2 km)	- pipeline complete
Walde Pipeline (1.4 km)	- pipeline complete

IRP PROJECTS	
Project Name	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
Antelope Creek (5 km)	- earthworks, armoring and structures complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain
AH North Bantry (9.5 km)	- earthworks and armoring complete; cleanup, fencing and seeding remain

Information on the Marshall Drain that was given to the Board last month was forwarded to MPE and the City of Brooks. The City is meeting today as well, and will decide on how much of Marshall Drain will be completed and how much they are willing to contribute.

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

#### 7.02 Drain Relocation – James Graham – SW 26-16-16 W4M

A drain and pipeline relocation request for James Graham in SW 26-16-16 W4M was brought forward for the Board's consideration. This project is being presented as part of the County/EID Drainage Program in the Rainier area. Parcel ownership, pivot size, drain and pipeline relocation, bridges and feasibility were discussed.

**2014-04-076 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for James Graham in SW 26-16-16 W4M; to be funded on a 2/3 / 1/3 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$75,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2014-04-077 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the pipeline relocation for James Graham in SW 26-16-16 W4M; to be funded on a 50 / 50 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$50,000. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED**

**2014-04-078 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the pipeline relocation for James Graham in SW 26-16-16 W4M; to be funded on a 25 / 75 cost share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$50,000. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED**

#### 7.03 J West Bantry

Preliminary information was presented on the J West Bantry rehab project. This system supplies approximately 4,400 acres, and is proposed for this coming construction year at an estimated cost of \$7,500,000 to be funded under the IRP program. A landowner meeting was held March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be some drain relocations and potential Infrastructure Savings Grants investigated. The Mindorff / Miller parcels of this project will be brought back for additional consideration when the project is brought back for approval.

Administration was requested to see if soil testing has been done on PGL #7182 – N ½ 28 & Pt. S ½ 33-17-13 W4M, at the beginning of the proposed pipeline, for consideration of irrigation development possibilities.

#### 7.04 Lake Newell Chute

A. Nielsen advised that the District road and fence at the Lake Newell Chute are in considerable disrepair. Administration will arrange for this to be graded and fixed.

**8.0 Operations**

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

**8.01 Snowpack Report**

Snowpack pillows are reporting at or above average

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

Water is currently trickling into Snake Lake and Newell Reservoirs. No calls for irrigation demands have been received as yet, and it is not expected to have a lot of farmers irrigating at the start on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**8.03 Farm Improvements****8.03.1 Gerald Conners – SW 01-22-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 144 acres wheels; new pivot is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres wheels to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 9 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,515 (129 acres x \$35/acre) - \$2,700 (9 acres x \$300/acre) = \$1,815.

**2014-04-079 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gerald Conners for the conversion of 129 acres wheels to pivot in SW 01-22-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,815. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**8.03.2 Deschamps Ranching Ltd. (Brent Deschamps) – NW 19-20-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 103 acres wheels; new pivot is 90 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 90 acres wheels to pivot. The remaining 13 acres will be irrigated with wheels. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,150 (90 acres x \$35/acre).

**2014-04-080 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Deschamps Ranching Ltd. (Brent Deschamps) for the conversion of 90 acres wheels to pivot in NW 19-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,150. Seconded by A. Nielsen. CARRIED**

**8.03.3 Doug Jensen – NE 27-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 152 acres wheels; new pivot with corner arm is 152 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 152 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,320 (152 acres x \$35/acre).

**2014-04-081 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Doug Jensen for the conversion of 152 acres wheels to pivot in NE 27-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,320. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**8.03.4 Doug Jensen – SE 34-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 137 acres wheels; new pivot with corner arm is 137 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 137 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,795 (137 acres x \$35/acre).

**2014-04-082 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Doug Jensen for the conversion of 137 acres wheels to pivot in SE 34-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,795. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**8.03.5 Wade & Frances Tobler – NE 21-20-12 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Water User is installing 750 m of gated pipe. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500.



**2014-04-083 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Wade & Frances Tobler for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in NE 21-20-12 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.03.6 Joel Van Wert – Pt. E ½ 16-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 202 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 170 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 170 acres flood to pivot. The Water User is choosing to keep the 24 acres outside the pivot area in the SE at a deduction of \$300/acre. The penalty on the 24 acres will be reversed if the proposed small wiper pivot is installed within 3 years. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$11,900 (170 acres x \$70/acre) - \$7,200 (24 acres x \$300/acre) = \$4,700.

**2014-04-084 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joel Van Wert for the conversion of 170 acres flood to pivot in Pt. E ½ 16-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,700. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

The Water User is choosing to sell the remaining 8 additional acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$700/acre.

**2014-04-085 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the purchase of Joel Van Wert’s 8 acres of water rights in Pt. E ½ 16-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 8 acres of water rights at \$700/acre = \$5,600. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[11:33 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

**9.0 Oil & Gas Report**

N. Fontaine presented the following Oil & Gas Report.

**9.01 Oil & Gas Report – October 1, 2013 – April 14, 2014**

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas mid-year summary, noting the following:

- Cenovus and Crew have acquired the majority of the wells to date (Cenovus 30, Crew 8, Cardinal, formerly Penn West, 4). All acquired wells are for oil exploration.
- 75% of the companies have agreed to the new compensation rates and have signed their agreements with the EID.

<b>Oil &amp; Gas Activity Report</b>	
<b>New Activity – October 1, 2013 to April 14, 2014</b>	
New Locations	21
Twinned Wells	24
Total	45
Pipelines	110.81 acres = 19 miles
<b>Abandoned &amp; Reclaimed – January 1, 2014 to April 14, 2014</b>	
Abandoned Leases	5
Abandoned Twinned Wells	4
Reclaimed	3
Canceled Locations	2

In response to an outside inquiry of the District, a short discussion was held regarding minimal disturbance practices vs topsoil stripping. The District has experienced better results from stripping and reclaiming sites with the original topsoil native to that area rather than practices which attempt to identify and repair damaged areas, and bring in topsoil from other locations.

The District maintains that with stripping, the condition of the replaced topsoil layer is significantly better than a site which has been worked on and compacted, and there is no risk of weed seed contamination being introduced from soil from other areas. Mr. Fontaine will follow up in reply to the Alberta Energy Regulator's inquiry.

#### **9.02 ATCO Power Line**

ATCO tower installations have caused a fair amount of damage in a couple areas on District land. Meetings have been held with environmental crews and company reps. ATCO has been shut down from further installation work until the damage has been repaired and the District is satisfied that future work can be carried out without further damage to the land. As well, a penalty may be imposed by the District for this breach in contract.

It was requested that the EID seed mixture, and availability for purchase, be reported on at May's meeting.

#### **9.03 Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec**

A request was received from Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec, for assistance in organizing a tour within the EID on one of the days of their planned trip to western Canada. This one day event has been organized previously by one of the District's water users, who is now unavailable. The focus of the tour is to educate landowners on how to deal with oil & gas companies as exploration and activity is a fairly new venture in their area. F. George and J. Culligan will further investigate this request.

[12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

#### **10.0 PHD 2013 Annual Report**

The Partners in Habitat Development 2013 Annual Report was received as information.

#### **11.0 Gymnastics Club**

Mr. Wilson advised that the Gymnastics club building renovation engineering has been completed, with a project estimate of \$360,000. A meeting has been held with the Club representatives, and City Council will be meeting tonight to decide on their level of participation for Club equipment.

**2014-04-086 Moved by A. Nielsen that the Board approve the renovation of the Gymnastics Club building at an estimated cost of \$360,000; conditional on the City of Brooks funding Gymnastic Club equipment costs. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[1:00 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

#### **12.0 Les Douglass Irrigation Lease - #8252**

M. Redelback advised that Irrigated Lease #8252, located in SE & Pt. SW 12-24-16 W4M, expires at the end of the year. Upon expiration of the lease, the leaseholder may either let the lease revert back to the District, extend the lease for a further 10 years for a one-time payment equal to the annual rental, or request the lease be put up for sale whereby the District sets the minimum bid amount and the leaseholder has the right to match the highest bid. In all cases, the leaseholder is allowed to remove the pivot and other equipment; is compensated an amount for the mainline if not purchasing; and if purchasing, matches the high bid less the compensation amount of the mainline. Mr. Douglass has been informed of his options and has requested that the Board set the minimum price, as his preference is to put the lease up for sale if the minimum price is not too high. He has also requested that Private Grazing Lease #7038 be included in the deal; this was not granted. Discussion was held regarding the minimum bid rates.

**2014-04-087 Moved by J. Culligan that the minimum bid for Irrigated Lease #8252 be set at \$4,000/irrigated acre and \$1,000/dry acre. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**13.0 FCC Outstanding in the Field Event**

“Outstanding in the Field” is an agricultural learning event sponsored by Farm Credit Canada, targeting school children in Grade 4. Within the Silver Sage Community Corral, there are approximately 10-12 booths with local producers representing different areas of the agricultural industry. Groups are moved between the displays for 10 minute sessions, throughout the day. The event is planned for Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Directors were in agreement to participating in this event.

[1:30 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

A. Nielsen gave appreciation to the Board and Administration for the opportunity to serve water users and work with the Board and staff of the EID over his career as a Director. B. Chrumka returned many thanks to Mr. Nielsen for his 21 years of service and dedication to the District, wishing him well on his retirement.

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

- 14.01 Elections - Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Division 1 – Bassano & Gem Halls  
Division 5 – Rainier Hall
- 14.02 “Carl’s Way” Premiere - Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., Scandia
- 14.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**A. Nielsen moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:45 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**May 27, 2014**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assistant GM – Engineering
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
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.

**2014-05-088 Moved by J. Culligan that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by R. Owen.**

Mr. Wilson called for nominations a second and third time. 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.

**2014-05-089 Moved by B. McKellar that F. George be nominated for Vice-Chairman.**

**2014-05-090 Moved by J. Culligan that C. Chomistek be nominated for Vice-Chairman.**

A ballot vote was conducted; F. George was elected Vice-Chairman.

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

C. Chomistek will continue.

**2.02 Prairie Conservation Forum**

R. Owen will continue.

**2.03 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce**

B. McKellar will continue.

**2.04 Scholarship Selection Committee**

B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar, G. Graham were appointed.

**2.05 Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

F. George will continue.

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- 2.06 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**  
R. Owen, J. Culligan and B. McKellar were appointed.
- 2.07 Newell Regional Economic Development Committee**  
G. Graham was appointed.
- 2.08 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council**  
F. George will continue.

**2014-05-091 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

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### **Regular Meeting**

#### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.02 Project Status
- 12.02.2 Land EKG-Canada Workshop
- 12.02.3 Cenovus Oil & Gas Access Road
- 16.02 Rainier Community Club
- 18.0 Crawling Valley Campground
- 19.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground
- 20.0 Elections Structure

**2014-05-092 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

##### **2.01 April 21, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-05-093 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the April 21, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Business Arising**

##### **3.01 Drain Relocation – James Graham – SW 26-16-16 W4M**

F. George requested to re-examine the James Graham drain relocation application. Board and Admin maintained that the decision for a cost-share was fair, citing clause 3.0 of the Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects "*this will only be done if the extra cost to relocate the drain is reasonable*".

#### **4.0 Chairman's Report**

B. Chrumka and E. Wilson attended a Flood Mitigation press release in Calgary on May 21<sup>st</sup>. It was announced that the secondary spillway for the Bassano Dam is high on the government's funding list; although confirmation was not given as to the exact cost-sharing amount.

[9:43 a.m. R. Moen, R. Hayes and B. Anhel entered the meeting.]

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Internet Technicians Ronan Moen, Randy Hayes and Bill Anhel to the meeting. Appreciation was extended to the team for their work with EIDNet, bringing the service from one with ongoing difficulties to a reliable, effectual system. At the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in Edmonton with Minister Verlyn Olson, Agriculture & Rural Development, and Minister Robin Campbell, Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, awareness of the service offered to area residents by the EID was commented on by the Ministers to the extent that EIDNet is being looked at as a template for other areas in the province. In conclusion, requested input for future plans for the service included continuing work on interference issues, staying competitive with band width and minor upgrades.

**5.0 EIDNet Report**

Power outages within the last month have caused some minor outages; with issues being resolved quickly. The Scandia tower has received approval from the County, and Fortis is currently installing poles for the power. The construction of the base should begin in late May; tower completion is targeted for end of June or early July.

Current EIDNet Customer Accounts	
Residential Accounts	1044
Business Accounts	304
EID Automation	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1373</b>

[9:58 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break, R. Moen, R. Hayes and B. Anhel exited the meeting.]

**6.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**6.01 April 30, 2014 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements to April 30, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$22.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$12.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$9.9 million.

At this point, it is projected that the District will be over budget \$300,000 to \$400,000; and under on revenues about the same number. As requested from last meeting, a report on internal and external promotions was provided to Directors; and a number of questions were responded to by Administration.

**2014-05-094 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2014, as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**6.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2014**

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2014 is \$4.88 million less than book value was at September 30, 2013. A fluctuation of this amount is considered normal. Short term investments totaling \$10.3 million matured and short term investments totaling \$14.0 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$9.4 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$4.0 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$1.0 million were purchased.

**2014-05-095 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2014 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

## 7.0 Silver Sage Ag Society Rent Review

Mr. Bridges advised that copies of the Silver Sage Ag Society's annual financial statements and a list of completed and proposed projects have been received, although requests for a meeting have not been returned. Discussion ensued regarding 3 year plans, a rental rate, and communication between the Society and the District, resulting in a request that some Directors and Admin attend a Society meeting to sort out future plans and District expectations. B. Chrumka, R. Owen and B. McKellar will attend along with Mr. Bridges. Rent will be set at a Board Meeting following a meeting with the Society.

## 8.0 George Murray Flood Damages Claim

K. Bridges reviewed and a discussion was held concerning a 14 acre flood claim from George Murray in SE 22-18-13 W4M, from July 2012.

**2014-05-096 Moved by F. George that the District pay out 100% of George Murray's 14 acre \$12,979.40 loss of crop 2012 flood claim in SE 22-18-13 W4M. Seconded by G. Graham.**

**2014-05-097 Moved by C. Chomistek that Motion 2014-05-096 be tabled to the next meeting. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

E. Wilson will present draft suggestions at the June meeting to update the old Flood Claims Policy.

## 9.0 Operations

Mr. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

### 9.01 Snowpack Report

Snow pillows supplying runoff to the Bow River are all reporting to be above average or in the top quartile. It is projected that there should be no concerns with river flow in the next couple of months.

### 9.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Reservoirs are averaging at 95% capacity. 63,000 acre feet of water has been diverted to date, averaging .21 acre feet throughout the District. 1,760 acre feet is being diverted presently, with 8,000 acre feet spilling over the dam. Parcels being irrigated peaked at 409 on the 24<sup>th</sup> (243 in the north, 166 in the south).

### 9.03 Water Delivery & Water Operations Policies & Practices

The Water Delivery & Water Operations Policies & Practices document was reviewed at the Board Retreat in January, and then again between Mr. Wilson and water operations Divisional Superintendents, with just a few revisions being recommended as follows:

- 3.5, replace:
  - "The District has established 'rule-of-thumb' delivery rates for surface irrigation as follows"
 with:
  - "The District has established 'rule-of-thumb' **maximum** delivery rates for surface **(flood irrigation)** as follows"
- 4.1, last bullet, replace:
  - "Irrigators are required to operate their irrigation and/or water diversion systems in a manner that will prevent excessive spills of water from their irrigation operations. Excessive spillage is defined by the District as any spillage from on-farm irrigation or diversion that is in excess of 20% of the amount of water being delivered to a parcel of land or agreement holder by the District. [For example, if 3 cfs is being delivered,

any spill from on-farm systems or return to the irrigation network of more than 0.6 cfs could be considered as excessive spill.

- with:
  - Irrigators are required to operate their irrigation and/or water diversion systems in a manner that will prevent excessive spills of water from their irrigation operations. **Excessive spillage is defined by the District as any spillage in excess of 50% of delivered flow rate, spilled instantaneously, and/or 35% of total water being delivered to a parcel of land being spilled.** [For example, if 3 cfs is being delivered, any spill from on-farm systems or return to the irrigation network of more than ***1.5 cfs instantaneous and/or 1.0 cfs average*** could be considered as excessive spill.

**2014-05-098 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Water Delivery and Operations Policy as revised, effective May 27, 2014. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

The full policy is available on the District's website.

#### **9.04 Farm Improvements**

##### **9.04.1 Blake Mulvey – SE 20-18-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 141 acres flood; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 9 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,240 (132 acres x \$70/acre) - \$2,700 (9 acres x \$300/acre) = \$6,540.

**2014-05-099 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Blake Mulvey for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in SE 20-18-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,540. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

##### **9.04.2 Scott Burton – NE 20-16-13 W4M**

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant for the removal of trees and filling of dugouts to accommodate his pivot in NE 20-16-13 W4M to make a full circle. The work is estimated to cost \$6,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$10,000.

**2014-05-100 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott Burton for the removal of trees and filling of dugouts to enable the pivot to complete a full circle in NE 20-16-13 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

##### **9.04.3 Wilf Harder – NE 33-21-16 W4M**

A request was received from Wilf Harder to relocate a portion of his drain in NE 33-21-16 W4M. The drain currently interferes the most at his 6<sup>th</sup> tower; crossings will be used at other intersecting points. It is not feasible to relocate the entire drain outside the pivot area. The relocation is estimated to cost \$6,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

**2014-05-101 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Wilf Harder in NE 33-21-16 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

##### **9.04.4 Joel Van Wert – SE 16-17-13 W4M**

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant to have his existing head ditch pushed in to accommodate his pivot in SE 16-17-13 W4M. The project cost is estimated at \$4,000 of which the EID by policy would pay 50% up to \$10,000.

**2014-05-102 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joel Van Wert for pushing in existing head ditches to accommodate a new pivot in SE 16-17-13 W4M; to be**



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**funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[12:00 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break.]

#### **10.0 Engineering Report**

F. George requested that administration get confirmation that the damaged Crowfoot Ferry is securely tethered or removed from the Bow River, so as not to present any further risk downstream to the Bassano Dam.

##### **10.01 Marshall Drain**

The Board gave direction to negotiate the purchase of approximately 23 acres for ROW land along Marshall Drain, immediately west of Hwy #873 and south of the railroad tracks. This land is required for the rehab of the drain, and specifically to allow for a small dam at the east end.

##### **10.02 Project Status**

I. Friesen advised that after fixing many leaks this spring, all systems are up and running except for 08-A Springhill. This system rehab was completed in late winter and has been experiencing major difficulties. Settlement issues with the new structure have caused cracks and leaks and concerns for the settling pond. Radical options are being considered as a temporary fix to get the water flowing as soon as possible. Immediate irrigation is of utmost concern; a permanent solution will be found to resolve the issue; nearly 4,000 acres are served off this pipeline.

#### **11.0 Bassano Dam Funding**

Further to the cost-sharing announcement, E. Wilson advised that he has been communicating with Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to obtain project management details and approval to proceed with the engineering process as a 3 year completion timeframe has been applied. It appears that the Province's contribution will be capped at \$30 million, but whether there is a contingency included or above that amount, and what the cost-share ratio is, is still not clear. As well, who will be at the table for negotiations with Siksika First Nation for the required land, and the cost and length of the entire process are still to be determined. Mr. Wilson will continue to communicate with E&SRD to confirm details.

[1:20 p.m. N. Fontaine and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

#### **12.0 Lands**

##### **12.01 Reclamation Grass Seed Mix**

In response to a request from last meeting, N. Fontaine provided the current EID reclamation seed mixture:

25% Northern Wheatgrass  
25% Green Needlegrass  
15% June Grass  
10% Slender Wheatgrass  
10% Blue Grama  
10% Needle & Thread  
5% Sheep Fescue

Mr. Fontaine advised that Sheep Fescue and Green Needlegrass are not native and are not being taken over by native species; recommending that the Board consider the mixture used by the Antelope Creek Ranch and another mixture suitable for blowout areas.

Grass seed mixture used for EID grazing regrass fields is as follows:

- 30.8% Smooth Bromegrass
- 22.6% Green Needlegrass
- 15.4% Kirk Crested Wheatgrass
- 15.4% HPS Tall Fescue
- 13.3% Northern Wheatgrass
- 2.5% Spreader 4 Alfalfa

Through discussion, and with the confirmation that seed availability has been secured, it was approved to replace the current seed mixture with the following.

**2014-05-103 Moved by F. George that the following grass seed mixtures be adopted for use on District lands for reclamation purposes:**

**EID Reclamation Seed Mixture**

- 30% Needle and Thread
- 25% Northern Wheatgrass
- 25% Western Wheatgrass
- 10% Junegrass
- 10% Blue Grama

**EID Reclamation Seed Mixture for Blowout Areas**

- 20% Needle and Thread
- 20% Junegrass
- 15% Northern Wheatgrass
- 15% Western Wheatgrass
- 10% Sandberg Blue Grass
- 10% Intermediate Wheatgrass
- 10% Blue Grama

**Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

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

**12.02 Grazing Report**

**12.02.1 Request to Tender Standing Hay at Kitsim**

The reseeded dryland grass field, known as the old Kitsim flood land, is being recommended for standing hay tender again this year.

**2014-05-104 Moved by J. Culligan that the hay on the Kitsim dryland be tendered for sale by the ton, as standing hay, to be removed by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**12.02.2 Land EKG-Canada Workshop**

F. George brought forward information on a Land EKG-Canada workshop to be held at Antelope Creek Ranch, recommending that Bob Hale and interested grazing association range bosses attend this range management day.

**2014-05-105 Moved by F. George that the District sponsor Bob Hale, Grazing Lease Manager, and 1 rep from each Grazing Association to attend the Land EKG-Canada Workshop at Antelope Creek Ranch July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**12.02.3 Cenovus Oil & Gas Access Road**

As information, B. Hale and N. Fontaine advised the Board about an oil & gas access road near the District's eastern boundary that is very heavily trafficked. Road maintenance and dust control are definite issues as approximately 400 loads per month travel this road. Mr. Hale and Mr.

Fontaine will continue to communicate with Cenovus, ensuring that dust control and possible access road relocation occur.

[2:05 p.m. B. Hale and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

### **12.03 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

M. Redelback presented the following Irrigable Unit registrations.

#### **12.03.1 Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. NW, Pt. SE & SW 03-21-16 W4M**

This parcel was approved for irrigation development in October 2013 and the landowner has moved forward with development and finalized his application. An Irrigable Unit is required as the pivot crosses multiple parcels, two of which have an assessment of less than 40 irrigation acres, and one delivery to serve all parcels.

**2014-05-106 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW, Pt. SE & SW 03-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Kasdorf Cattle Co. Ltd. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **12.03.2 Doug & Evelyn Jensen – Pt. SW & SE 34-20-14 W4M**

A Farm Improvement Grant was approved for this parcel last month. An Irrigable Unit is required as the parcels are irrigated together under the pivot from one delivery.

**2014-05-107 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW & SE 34-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Doug & Evelyn Jensen. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

### **12.04 Les Douglass Irrigation Lease - #8252**

This item was brought back from last month's meeting with further information. The irrigated parcel contains 3 surface leases with a combined annual rental of \$11,799. Through discussion, the minimum bid for Irrigated Lease #8252, set at April's meeting, has been superseded by the following formula and motion:

- \$4,000/irrigated acre, plus \$1,000/dry acre, plus the equivalent of 5 years of oil & gas lease revenue

**2014-05-108 Moved by J. Culligan that the minimum purchase price for Irrigated Lease #8252 be set at \$651,995. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

Mr. Douglass will be notified. If the lessee requests the District to put the lease up for tender, he will be given 1 week from tender opening to match the high bid.

[2:23 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

### **12.05 Request to Purchase a Portion of NE 23-16-16 W4M**

A request was received from property owners immediately adjacent to the east of the Rainier WDS parcel, requesting to purchase sufficient lands from the District to resolve an encroachment issue with their shop. An encroachment agreement or selling a small strip of land were discussed, along with purchase price and incurred expenses.

**2014-05-109 Moved by B. McKellar that approval be granted to sell a strip of land from the easterly edge of LSD 15 in NE 23-16-16 W4 to resolve an existing building encroachment from Block 1, Plan 9310394, subject to the following:**

- the width of the strip of land will not exceed the width required to resolve the building encroachment inclusive of the building side yard as required by the County of Newell Land Use Bylaw;

- **the strip of land will run for the full length of the existing westerly boundary of Block 1, Plan 9310394 and the said strip of land shall be consolidated with Block 1, Plan 9310394;**
- **the area of the strip of land approved in this resolution shall not exceed 1.0 acre;**
- **the purchaser of the strip of land shall bear all costs, other than the EID will pay its own legal fees, if any;**
- **the net purchase price to be received by the EID for the strip of land is a lump sum of \$2,500.00.**

**Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[2:40 p.m. – 2:47 p.m. Short break.]

### **13.0 Lake Newell Resort Marina**

An earlier email and newspaper article informing the public of the pleas for erosion control work to protect the Lake Newell Resort Marina were touched on. The Board's decision still stands to not conduct erosion control work unless the right-of-way boundary is in jeopardy.

### **14.0 Lake Newell Shoreline Encroachment**

Mike & Pam Rommens in Block 2 at Lake Newell Resort recently constructed or placed a number of personal amenities on the EID's Lake Newell shoreline right-of-way lands adjacent to his lot. These amenities include a pergola / picnic shelter, concrete walkway, concrete patio with fire pit, volleyball court, boat dock / pier and other items. This encroachment issue and others were discussed with the consensus of the Board being to continue the policy of not allowing such developments on or uses of District right-of-way lands. Administration was requested to contact Mr. & Mrs. Rommens and Bob Breakell who had also installed a boat dock to request that these structures and personal property be removed from the EID's land. A limited amount of time is to be allowed for completion of the removal work and, if the lot owners don't comply with our request, direction was given for administration to arrange for the removals.

### **15.0 Aimoto Subdivision Acreages**

A letter was received from the Bassano Acreages Irrigation and Eco-Rehabilitation Society, requesting the District's monetary assistance in dealing with the operational costs of its irrigation system. I. Friesen and E. Wilson gave background, a short discussion was held and the request was denied.

### **16.0 Community Requests for Equipment Work**

#### **16.01 Bassano Rodeo Committee**

A letter was received from the Bassano Rodeo Committee requesting the EID's assistance in repairing their rodeo infield.

**2014-05-110 Moved by B. McKellar that the District donate excavator and dozer work for the removal and replacement of sand fill in the Bassano Rodeo infield. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **16.02 Rainier Community Club**

A letter was received from the Rainier Community Club requesting the EID's assistance in the cleanup of old trees near their hall.

**2014-05-111 Moved by G. Graham that the District donate excavator work for the removal of trees at the Rainier Community Hall. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**17.0 Letter from Outlook Properties**

A letter was received from Outlook Properties regarding the sale of Newell Plaza. Administration was given direction regarding the District's possible involvement in mortgaging of this property.

**18.0 Crawling Valley Campground**

F. George brought forward a request from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society that the gravel road leading to the inlet structure have calcium applied as the road sees a fair amount of traffic and the dust is blown into the campground. This request was approved.

**19.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**

B. Chrumka advised that concerns were received about the District allowing campers to light fireworks at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. Mr. Bridges advised that there are rules in place to govern this activity. As well, the District is required to obtain permission from the Tilley Fire Dept for fireworks displays and this is done annually. At one time, a few years ago, fireworks at the Campground were banned. Subsequently, several requests were received to allow fireworks. The District reconsidered, updated the rules and reinstated allowing fireworks displays. Fireworks displays take place frequently, sometimes every night during the busier part of the camping season. The Board requested that Administration review the rules and tighten restrictions as required to minimize safety and liability concerns, with the suggestion that campers be required to obtain daily permission for lighting fireworks.

**20.0 Elections Structure**

F. George noted that water users should have been given more opportunity to vote at the last election. As it was held a couple days following Easter many people were away and advanced votes or mail in votes would have been a good alternative. Mr. George also gave comment on other election procedures. Admin responded that District elections must be held according to the Local Authorities Election Act and where modified by the Irrigations District Act, and that the timing of the election will be more closely considered in the future.

**21.0 Letter from Village of Rosemary**

A letter was received from the Village of Rosemary thanking the District for opening up the canal this spring on the west edge of the village, permitting runoff to flow past the village and not escape the canal banks.

**22.0 Staffing Update**

Mr. Wilson advised that Darlene Fisher, Records Management, would be leaving the District the middle of June. Crystal Lintott has been hired as her replacement and will begin full time next week. Interviews for the intermediate accounting position will take place this week.

[3:55 p.m. D. Fisher entered the meeting.]

B. Chrumka welcomed Darlene Fisher to the meeting, and on behalf of the Board thanked her for over 14 years of service, and for her above and beyond efforts.

[4:02 p.m. D. Fisher exited the meeting.]

**23.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 23.01 | TransAlta Tour                       | - Friday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> , Canmore/Banff<br><i>[all Directors, Earl, Ivan attending]</i>  |
| 23.02 | 2014 Irrigation Technical Conference | - Thursday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge<br><i>[Earl, Ivan, Justin, Ryan G, Ryan S, Allan, Dirk, Chuck, David, attending]</i> |
| 23.03 | EID Rodeo Breakfast                  | - Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., EID Shop  |
| 23.04 | Mattheis Ranch Field Day             | - Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m., Mattheis Ranch<br><i>[Floyd, Carl, Bruce attending]</i>   |
| 23.05 | Cenovus BBQ at Brooks Pro Rodeo      | - Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30 p.m.<br><i>[Bob, Floyd, Carl, Earl, Bob H. attending]</i>   |
| 23.06 | Regular Board Meeting                | - Tuesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 23.07 | Regular Board Meeting                | - Tuesday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:07 p.m.**

- **Board In-Camera** [4:07 p.m. – 4:37 p.m.]

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 Chairman

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 General Manager

**June 24, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
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Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

- Board In-Camera

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 13.0 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 14.0 U of A Mattheis Ranch
- 14.01 Report on Field Day
- 14.02 Grant Application
- 18.0 Retirement Policy

**2014-06-112 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 May 27, 2014**

The following changes were requested for the minutes:

- Page 51, 14.0, replace “A lot owner in Block 2” with “Mike & Pam Rommens in Block 2”.
- Page 51, 14.0, replace “this lot owner and one other” with “Mr. & Mrs. Rommens and Bob Breakell”

**2014-06-113 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Crowfoot Ferry**

In follow up to a Director’s request, administration went on site and noted that the Crowfoot Ferry was pulled up on the west side of the Bow River and anchored, but requested that it be pulled further back. It is now back a further 150’, anchored behind a large stand of trees and should be safe for any possible repeat floods.

**3.02 Reclamation Grass Seed Mix**

After further research and discussion with reclamation companies, N. Fontaine is requesting to replace the 10% Intermediate Wheatgrass with 10% Slender Wheatgrass, as the Slender Wheatgrass is native to North America and has better grazing value.

**2014-06-114 Moved by R. Owen that the EID Reclamation Seed Mixture for Blowout Areas be amended by replacing the 10% Intermediate Wheatgrass with 10% Slender Wheatgrass. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

The amended mixture is:

*EID Reclamation Seed Mixture for Blowout Areas*

- 20% Needle and Thread
- 20% Junegrass
- 15% Northern Wheatgrass
- 15% Western Wheatgrass
- 10% Sandberg Blue Grass
- 10% Slender Wheatgrass
- 10% Blue Grama

**3.03 Update on Battery Access Road 10-01-17-11**

Cenovus will have lignosulphonate (tree sap) applied for dust abatement on this highly trafficked access road once weather permits.

**3.04 Lake Newell Shoreline Encroachment**

I. Friesen and K. Bridges advised that they had met with Mr. Rommens a number of times in regards to amenities placed on District ROW backing his lot at Lake Newell Resort. Through discussions with Mr. Rommens and his lawyer the encroachment matter has been resolved, with all personal amenities since being removed.

A letter will be sent to all shoreline residents at Lake Newell Resort addressing encroachment matters. Additionally, it was requested that administration bring any encroachment agreements to the Board for approval.

**3.05 Flood Claims Policy**

E. Wilson reviewed past flood claims and the manner in which they were dealt with. Discussion continued with crop prices, annual vs perennial crops, claim deadline, and notification to farmers.

**2014-06-115 Moved by J. Culligan to lift motion 2014-05-096 from the Table. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2014-05-096 Moved by F. George that the District pay out 100% of George Murray's 14 acre \$12,979.40 loss crop 2012 flood claim in SE 22-18-13 W4M. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

Flood claims will continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Damaged areas are to be measured by the District using GPS, thoroughly documented by Operations Staff, with the Board setting the rate for the value of the crop, all as soon as possible after detection or notification. Any claims submitted by landowners/renters must be received by the District prior to the harvesting of the crop. Claimants must sign a release upon the acceptance of a payout. E. Wilson will redraft the policy document, which will supersede the old 1987 Flood Claims Policy.

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

**4.01 "Carl's Way" Video**

The "Carl's Way" docudrama has been introduced locally through premiers at the EID Historical Park in Scandia and the Griffin Park Theatre in Brooks. There are plans to show this video on the County's ASB Tour, link to a trailer of the video on the District's website, and request that it be shown at the AIPA Conference in November.



**4.02 Letter from Rob Nicholson, Min. of National Defence re Elk at CFB Suffield**

It was the consensus of the Board that a letter be sent to Robin Campbell, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reiterating the need to take action on the elk population in and around CFB Suffield, and requesting a summary of the proposed strategy.

**4.03 IDARS (Irrigation Data Recording System)**

As very few water users are taking advantage of the IDARS tool, it was requested that information be included in the next newsletter informing farmers of the availability of this data.

**4.04 District Representation at Political Events**

Invitations to a political party golf tournament and other such events were discussed. It was requested that a letter from the Board be sent to Jason Hale, MLA for Strathmore/Brooks outlining the District's concerns with the Wildrose Party's stance on water license allocation and re-opening the Bow River.

**4.05 Symposium re Consequences of Canada's Conservation Movement**

B. Chrumka and J. Culligan will attend the "Dangerous Dances: Governments, NGOs and Local Economies" symposium on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., at the Medicine Hat Lodge.

**4.06 Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec**

The U of A Rangeland Research Institute will host the Questerre Energy and Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec tour in the District on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mattheis Ranch.

**5.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

C. Chomistek highlighted a few items from the recent AIPA Executive Meeting he attended:

- as mentioned, the "Carl's Way" video will likely be shown at the November conference
- the bus tour for the Wildrose Party is July 14<sup>th</sup>; it will be requested that the tour extend into the Bow River basin
- the organization is finding it difficult to locate billboards in strategic locations for AIS information

**6.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Committee Report**

The RHRCG Committee toured the campground and met June 5<sup>th</sup>; the following highlights were provided:

- replacement trees are being planted
- additional playground is being installed next week
- electrical repair and upgrade will occur in fall
- an additional mower was purchased last week for the campground so that 3 mowers remain at the campground and 1 mower remains in Brooks for the EID office and properties

A request was made for public benches or picnic tables in the day use area.

[11:47 a.m. – 12:17 p.m. Lunch break.]

**7.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**7.01 May 31, 2014 Financial Statements**

The financial statements to May 31, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$25.9 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$14.6 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$11.3 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

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**2014-06-116 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**7.02 Appointment of Auditors**

As it was requested last fall that the audit engagement letter be dealt with well before the audit work begins, Mr. Bridges presented a letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants.

**2014-06-117 Moved by F. George that the engagement letter, dated June 18, 2014 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2014 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**7.03 Banking Resolution re Signing Authority**

The District holds or has authorization to open investment and bank accounts at several financial institutions. As the District has had a change in one of its signing officers, notification to these institutions is required. To continue the current practice that has worked well, and to clarify for one of the institutions, Mr. Bridges requested that the following be added to the generic resolution and be included with the notification:

*“...and that the General Manager or an Assistant General Manager be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to request advice, quotations, offers and recommendations and to otherwise communicate with the District's financial institutions, brokers, investment advisors and managers;...”*

**2014-06-118 Moved by R. Owen 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 that the General Manager or an Assistant General Manager be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to request and receive advice, quotations, offers and recommendations and to otherwise communicate with the District's financial institutions, brokers, investment advisors and managers; and the District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of these authorizations;**

**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 these authorizations 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 J. Culligan. CARRIED

#### 7.04 K300 Financial Mortgages

K. Bridges advised that the K300 mortgages on undeveloped land at Lake Newell Resort were last renewed in 2012 and will mature on August 31, 2014. The Board gave direction to renew these mortgages with the following conditions.

2014-06-119 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve renewal of the K300 Financial Corporation mortgages as follows:

- 2 year term, commencing September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2016
- annual principal payment of \$93,127.16 due July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year
- 10% annual interest rate, interest to be paid monthly

Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

#### 8.0 Newell Sailing Club – Sailboat Park

The Newell Sailing Club obtained permission in 2013 to locate a small non-powered sailboat park in White Pelican Park at Lake Newell Resort. The Board had requested that the use of this park be reviewed. The Club is interested in retaining permission; there have been no issues with the use of the park.

2014-06-120 Moved by J. Culligan that the District renew the Newell Sailing Club's agreement for a sailboat park in White Pelican Park at Lake Newell Resort, to be reviewed in 3 years by the Board. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

#### 9.0 EIDNet Report

There have been no major problems this past month. The construction of the Scandia tower is on schedule for completion by the end of June. It was requested that possible service be looked into for the Crawling Valley Campground.

#### 10.0 Operations

E. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

##### 10.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack is now 1/3 of this year's previous maximum, although recent local rains have provided additional snow in the mountains.

##### 10.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Reservoirs are full and ready for irrigation demand. The peak prior to the recent rains had 480 parcels on, which has now dropped to 130.

##### 10.03 Farm Improvements

##### 10.03.1 Ken Davidson – NE 13-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 108 acres wheels; new corner arm pivot area is 107 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 107 acres wheels to pivot. The Landowner has yet to

decide if he is keeping the 1 acre outside the pivot area. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,745 (107 acres x \$35/acre).

**2014-06-121 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ken Davidson for the conversion of 107 acres wheels to pivot in NE 13-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$3,745 less a deduction of \$300/acre for any acres kept in the corners. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2014-06-122 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of Ken Davidson's 1 acre of water rights on NE 13-20-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 1 acre of water rights = \$700. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **10.03.2 Mike & Stephanie Hauck – NW 05-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 135 acres flood; pivot with new corner arm system is 141 acres. The pivot has been up for a few years, no grant applied for, and now the corner arm system has been added. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot. 6 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,450 (135 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 141 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-06-123 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mike Hauck for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in NW 05-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$9,450. The capital assets charge is \$1,800. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **10.03.3 Mark Hironaka – NW 16-21-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 107 acres flood; new pivot area is 127 acres. The new acres application was approved last fall. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 107 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,490 (107 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge carried over from the 2014 Irrigation Application is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 127 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-06-124 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark Hironaka for the conversion of 107 acres flood to pivot in NW 16-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,490. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **10.03.4 Ronald Torkelson – NE 28-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 53 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 47 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 47 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,645 (47 acres x \$35/acre). A 6 acre field on the west end will continue to be irrigated by wheels; assessment remains the same.

**2014-06-125 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ronald Torkelson for the conversion of 47 acres wheels to pivot in NE 28-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,645. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### **10.04 Lake Newell Main Dam**

Sloughing has occurred on the outer dam bank at the Lake Newell main dam. Currently it is believed that this is due to recent rains, and not attributable to a seepage issue. Engineering will monitor the situation and repair accordingly.

**11.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**11.01 2014 / 2015 Projects for Review**

The following projects were reviewed and will be brought back to the Board in upcoming months for final approval:

<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR REVIEW</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
04-01 Bow Slope	3.0 km pipeline tying into existing pipeline project
10-B Springhill	3.5 km pipeline tying into existing pipeline project
One Tree	3.2 km trim & armour earthworks project
Bantry Summit	5.6 km trim & armour earthworks and possibly pipeline project
Marshall Drain	City portion of Marshall Drain; earlier presented, with project being brought back to July meeting for approval
Rolling Hills	2.5 km buried liner project

<b>IRP PROJECTS FOR REVIEW</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
25 North Branch	4.0 km pipeline tying into existing pipeline project
21 North Branch	5.0 km pipeline project
J West Bantry	15 km pipeline project

**11.02 Rolling Hills Canal**

A preliminary review was given on the Rolling Hills Canal project, with an estimate of \$1.6 million. The project cost will be greatly determined by the availability of borrow, 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> being required. Seepage is mainly evident to the east; lining the canal will prevent this. The canal has a capacity of 500 cfs and serves 35,470 acres. All landowners have been contacted. Additional information will be brought back to the Board.

**11.03 J West Bantry**

A preliminary review was given on the J West Bantry 15 km pipeline project. Soils on the Private Grazing Lease immediately south of J Reservoir, at the top of this proposed pipeline, resulted in the west quarter passing and the east quarter failing. Consideration for potential irrigation development on the west will not affect the design of the pipeline. Additional information will be brought back to the Board.

**12.0 Equipment****12.01 Quotes for the Lease-to-Purchase of Excavators**

Mr. Wilson presented the quotes for the lease-to-purchase of one 250 excavator and one 350 excavator.

<b>250 Excavator</b>			
<b>Company</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Quote</b>	<b>\$/Month</b>
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	John Deere	\$294,800	\$10,000
Wajax Equipment	Hitachi	\$295,900	\$12,000
Finning Canada	Cat	\$311,693	\$12,000

350 Excavator			
Company	Make	Quote	\$/Month
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	John Deere	\$360,400	\$14,000
Wajax Equipment	Hitachi	\$374,900	\$15,000
Finning Canada (336E – slightly larger)	Cat	\$420,968	\$15,000

**2014-06-126 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a John Deere 250 Excavator for \$294,800 and John Deere 350 Excavator for \$360,400 from Brandt Tractor Ltd., Calgary. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

### 13.0 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen reported on a tour he attended with the Prairie Conservation Forum near Stettler and Big Valley, where a focus was being given on a biologist's view of reclamation certificates and the auditing system being used. He also attended a grass tour of a nature conservancy, where Edward Bork of the U of A spoke on carbon credits, Greg Nelson addressed Ghost Reservoir, and a parkland area was viewed as well.

### 14.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch

#### 14.01 Report on Field Day

F. George, C. Chomistek and B. McKellar attended the U of A Rangeland Research Institute Mattheis Ranch Field Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>. A tour of the ranch was given, with a focus on grazing methods and plant identification. The ranch is converting some of its farmland into pasture, intending to graze 800 cows for 12 months of the year.

[1:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Short break.]

#### 14.02 Grant Application

Mr. Bridges advised that the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is determining the EID's eligibility as a funding partner for the U of A Rangeland Research Institute's "Effect of Reduced Precipitation on Ecosystem Services Provided by Western Canadian Rangelands" Study. NSERC has communicated to the EID that if the EID is approved as a funding partner for purposes of NSERC's contribution, there can be no conditions on the EID's contribution. The District had originally made the funding commitment subject to 3:1 matching funding and satisfactory annual reporting. It was requested that additional information on the grant application requirements be brought back to the Board for a decision regarding the request that the District's conditions be dropped.

### 15.0 GM Report

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

#### 15.01 Alberta Environment Announcement on 2014 Ghost Reservoir Operations

Alberta Environment has made an agreement with TransAlta to keep Ghost Reservoir down at its lowest level until August 1<sup>st</sup>, before starting to refill. Traditionally, TransAlta starts to refill on approximately June 1<sup>st</sup> and are full by July 1<sup>st</sup>, a total of approximately 21,000 acre feet. Concerns were communicated to E&SRD that filling 2 months later has a huge impact on the river when at that time it is at its lowest. E&SRD are committing to monitoring this change and will consider an earlier fill of approximately July 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

**15.02 Reward Leading to an Arrest for Vandalism**

Cenovus is willing to partner in a reward for the information leading to an arrest in the excessive vandalism that both Cenovus and the EID have incurred. The RCMP will likely administer the reward through Crime Stoppers, though confirmation has not yet been received. Cenovus' \$5,000 reward will be matched by the District.

**15.03 Gymnastics Club Building**

The renovation of the Gymnastics Club building has been awarded to Armor Building Systems Ltd. of Brooks, for a tender of \$336,615. Demolition is complete, and construction commencing with a projected completion date of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**15.04 Truck Shop**

A development permit for the construction of the proposed truck shop has been applied for, and a non-local quote will be obtained to compare to the one received from Armor Building Systems.

**15.05 Marshall Drain Land Negotiations**

A counter offer has been received from Rena Villeneuve for the purchase of land needed to rehabilitate the east end of the City portion of the Marshall Drain.

**2014-06-127 Moved by J. Culligan that the District accept the counter offer from Rena Villeneuve for the purchase of approximately 20 acres in SE 32-18-14 W4M for \$7,500/acre. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**15.06 AIS Workshop**

Kate Wilson, AIS Program Coordinator with Environment & SRD is putting on a half day workshop on watercraft inspections at Chestermere on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Some District and County staff, along with Lake Newell Marina, Crawling Valley Campground and A&E Racing & Marine representation were invited to attend. It was requested that pamphlets be distributed to local businesses such as A & E Racing and Marine in the meantime.

**15.07 AIS Emergency Response Committee**

The AIS Emergency Response Committee is a provincial committee that is tasked with working out the details of what the emergency response will be if mussels are found in any water body. Mr. Wilson is currently on this committee, although representation may be delegated as the committee's work is time consuming and very slow progressing.

**15.08 Staffing Update**

2 staff are on leave for surgery recovery, 1 other is now back to work from the same. 3 existing positions have been filled, and the 3 new positions of PR, Heavy Duty Mechanic, and Buildings & Grounds Superintendent remain open and have yet to be filled.

**15.09 WID & BRID License Applications**

The WID and BRID License Applications have been advertised by Environment & SRD for objections. The WID application likely does not affect the District as its priority date is later than the EID's. The BRID application could potentially have a negative impact on the EID. It is felt that a priority date coinciding with the processing of the application is equitable, rather than upon application date.

**2014-06-128 Moved by F. George that the District submit a letter of concern regarding the BRID's past license application now being reviewed by the provincial government. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**15.10 Outlook Properties – Newell Plaza**

A potential buyer has expressed interest in purchasing the Newell Plaza. The TD Bank is willing to finance the purchase if the District backs the loan due to underground site contamination. Through direction from the last meeting, the District will be written in as backing the loan and in

return will get title to the property if the purchaser defaults. The TD Bank will administer the loan, including inspection of the property to ensure proper maintenance, etc. The final document will be checked by a lawyer before the District gives concluding consent.

#### 15.11 Meadows Par 3 Golf Course

A letter was received from the owners of Meadows Par 3 Golf Course enquiring if the District would be interested in purchasing the golf course. This request was denied.

#### 15.12 Bassano Dam

The contract has not yet been finalized, but it is being indicated that the Alberta Government will cost-share the project on a 75% Government / 25% EID basis, up to \$30 million from Alberta. The District will be responsible for negotiations with Siksika, money not included in the cost-share, though the province will assist and potentially partner in this. Federal involvement is unknown at this time. An introduction of the project has been made to Siksika Land Claims Department, and a meeting with the District's solicitor Dennis Roth, of Ackroyd LLP, and Dave Johnston took place yesterday in Edmonton. Discussions ensued around obtaining temporary use, or securing permanent ROW, negotiations delaying the project, the possibility of the structure being constructed solely on District ROW, and pre-authorization to get the project underway. It was requested that the targeted area be surveyed for the actual concrete spillway to determine ROW needs, and for the Board to meet with lawyers and Environment & SRD once the ROW needs are determined, prior to presenting to Siksika Nation Band Council.

**2014-06-129 Moved by F. George that the District contract MPE to perform preliminary engineering on the proposed concrete gated spillway at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### 16.0 Board Member Election Procedures

Mr. Bridges prepared a summary addressing questions on election procedures. It was requested that this item be brought back to the Board prior to the next election planning.

#### 17.0 AltaLink Power Line – Update on Tower Corners

A memo was provided from AltaLink outlining the various cattle guards being trialed to prevent cattle injuring themselves on the square steel base plates. AltaLink has yet to finalize their method.

#### 18.0 Retirement Policy

Mr. Wilson addressed the Standard Retirement Policy, last revised in 2007, requesting to reduce the notice of intention to retire from 7 months to 3 months, and to no longer penalize for any cash benefit used to purchase prior pensionable service. The revised portions of the policy are as follows:

##### **CONDITIONS:**

- *The employee should submit a memo in writing to the General Manager, indicating the date he/she wishes to retire. This application should be submitted **three (3)** ~~seven (7)~~ months prior to the date of retirement so that all paperwork can be initiated to the Local Authorities Pension Board.*
- *The Retiree must have worked for the District 15 consecutive years and must be at least 55 years of age at retirement.*

##### **BENEFITS**

- *RETIREMENT PACKAGE: **The Board shall pay the employee one (1) month salary subject to deductions as specified by Revenue Canada. # at retirement the employee has received any or all the Long Time Service Benefits due the***



~~employee at the 10 and 15 year levels of service, the Board shall pay the employee settlement of one month salary in cash, less any portion of Long Time Service cash benefit used to purchase prior service on the employee's behalf, subject to deductions as specified by Revenue Canada.~~

~~If at retirement the employee has not received any of the Long Time Service cash benefit used to purchase prior service on the employee's behalf, the Board shall pay the employee settlement of one month salary, subject to deductions as specified by Revenue Canada.~~

**2014-06-130 Moved by R. Owen that the EID Standard Retirement Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

### 19.0 Upcoming Events

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| 19.01 | Retirement Lunch for Kevin Tebo, Pat Shepherd, Barry Nygard, Darlene Fisher | - Thursday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 noon, EID Shop                            |
| 19.02 | Symposium re Consequences of Canada's Conservation Movement                 | - Thursday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00 p.m., Medicine Hat<br>[Bob, Jim attending] |
| 19.03 | Bassano Dam Board Tour  | - Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00 p.m. (from office)                            |
| 19.04 | County ASB Tour – Banquet & Concert   | - Wednesday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> , Centennial Regional Arena                       |
| 19.05 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Tuesday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 19.06 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Tuesday, August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                      |

**G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:54 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **July 22, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Earl Wilson	General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Assistant GM – Engineering
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
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 Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec
- 3.02 Board Member Election Procedures
- 10.0 Truck Shop
- 12.0 Report on AIPA Tour

**2014-07-131 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 June 24, 2014**

The following changes were requested for the minutes:

- Page 62, 15.06, replace “are expected” with “were invited”.

**2014-07-132 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the June 24, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

#### **3.01 Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec**

F. George attended the Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec tour stop recently at the U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch. Approximately 20 people attended, including some Calgary media. The impact of the oil & gas industry was discussed, as well as how the U of A applies revenues to research and the EID to infrastructure. The day went well and may be considered again for next year.

#### **3.02 Board Member Election Procedures**

This item will be brought back to the September Board Meeting.

### **4.0 Ongoing Business**

#### **4.01 Reward Leading to an Arrest for Vandalism**

A response has not been received from Cenovus. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Chrumka will follow up with Cenovus and the RCMP regarding the joint reward.

## 5.0 Bassano Dam

A Special Board Meeting concerning the proposed secondary spillway at Bassano Dam was held Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with the District's solicitor Dennis Roth – Ackroyd LLP; David Ardell – Executive Director, Infrastructure Branch, Environment & Sustainable Resource Development; Saba Gnanakumar – Head, Southern Operations, E&SRD; and David Johnston – Aboriginal Affairs. In follow up to that meeting, discussions clarified that:

- a decision on the exact location of the spillway has not been made although it is certain that the earthen channel will have to be located on Siksika land, various options will be considered
- it is hoped to begin the geotechnical and environmental studies as soon as possible
- a joint team of Klohn Crippen Berger and MPE will be contracted for the preliminary engineering
- the \$40 million project cost was drawn from the dam safety review as an estimate but it is confirmed that the Alberta Government's contribution is capped at 75% of the project cost to a maximum of \$30 million; the District will consider adjusting Capital Projects to accommodate the cost of the spillway as necessary
- final decisions have not been made upstream as to water diversion for flood mitigation; any decisions that change the required size of the new spillway would open opportunities for additional lobbying
- as the District has a flood and seepage easement downstream of the Dam and has title to the Bassano Dam, the Province prefers the EID take the lead on negotiations with Siksika
- the Board Chairman will request an introductory meeting with the Siksika Nation Chief prior to any further proceedings with Siksika; later negotiations will include the Province's assistance
- each major stage of the spillway process will be presented to the Board for approval

**2014-07-133 Moved by C. Chomistek that the estimated cost of \$1,100,000 for preliminary engineering for the proposed secondary spillway at Bassano Dam be approved and that this work be authorized to proceed. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2014-07-134 Moved by R. Owen that the EID take the lead on land negotiations with Siksika regarding the proposed secondary spillway. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2014-07-135 Moved by B. McKellar that the Chairman request an introductory meeting with Siksika Nation Chief concerning the proposed secondary spillway. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

## 6.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

### 6.01 June 30, 2014 Financial Statements

The financial statements to June 30, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$29 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$17 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$12 million.

It was requested that statements for the Safeway MasterCard and any further miscellaneous credit cards be included with the main credit card statements.

**2014-07-136 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2014, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

### 6.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2014

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2014 is \$402,000 more than book value was at September 30, 2013. A fluctuation of this amount is

considered normal. Short term investments totaling \$11.2 million matured and short term investments totaling \$9.0 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$4.3 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$4.0 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$1.2 million were purchased.

**2014-07-137 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2014 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

## **7.0 EIDNet Report**

On the morning of June 30<sup>th</sup> the Brooks tower experienced a sector failure, the sector radio was replaced and service to customers restored by mid-afternoon. Construction of the Scandia tower is complete and customer conversions began July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **8.0 Operations**

### **8.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date**

E. Wilson informed that irrigation demand was high, with close to 900 parcels on last week, dropping to 640 today. Although the river has dropped some, District reservoirs are at 97% capacity. Total diversion as of the end of last week was 227,000 acre feet (34%) of the EID's license.

[10:45 a.m. J. Kabut, R. Gagley, and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

## **9.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

### **9.01 Marshall Drain**

R. Gagley presented the Marshall Drain synopsis. This rehabilitation project is planned for the 2014/2015 construction season. It is directly upstream from the portion which was recently rebuilt that runs through the golf course, and extends east from Sec. Hwy #873 to Young Road. The drain is owned by the EID with a guarantee that the City would maintain it. Part of the rehabilitation includes building a siltation trap and a peak flow reservoir just west of #873. The City has decided not to rehab the remaining portion from Young Road west to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Outside the City limits, the EID will trim and armour the portion west of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**2014-07-138 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 2 portions of the Marshall Drain:**

- **by trimming and armouring the portion west of 12<sup>th</sup> street at an estimated cost to the EID of \$264,000; and**
- **by rehabbing and building a siltation trap and peak flow reservoir between Young Road and Sec. Hwy #873 at an estimated cost of \$1,033,000 on a 50/50 cost-share basis with the City of Brooks;**

**with EID portions to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

### **9.02 Drain Relocation – part of Rainier Drainage Project**

R. Gagley also presented a request from Douglas Dafoe to relocate his drain in NW 16-16 W4M as part of the Rainier Drainage Project. The landowner is requesting to straighten and relocate the drain further to the SE, outside his wiper pivot and to accommodate grazing and pivot placement. This drain is currently slated for a rehab in the existing location as part of the Rainier Drainage Project for an estimated cost of \$35,000. To relocate the drain as requested would involve deep cut portions for an estimated cost of \$140,000. The request was denied.

**9.03 Rolling Hills Canal Update**

R. Summach gave an update to the Rolling Hills Canal preliminary review presented last month. Four test holes have been dug, finding 2 locations with suitable material to use if choosing to rehab the canal using a buried liner. More test holes will be dug to confirm adequate supply. Drainage tile is also being considered as a means to control seepage to the east and may prove to be more cost effective. This project will be brought back to the Board for discussion once we have investigated the feasibility and cost of a drainage system.

**9.04 Preliminary Project Reviews****9.04.1 21 North Branch**

R. Summach presented a preliminary review on 21 North Branch. The proposed rehab is to convert the 5 km canal to a closed gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$3,482,000. The canal has a capacity of 35 cfs and serves 2,030 acres, and this project addresses both farm severance and water savings. Possible infrastructure savings grants for various landowners were highlighted; with further discussions on acres being sold back to the District and then re-applied for. This project will be brought back to the Board with additional information for final approval.

**9.04.2 25 North Branch**

R. Summach presented a preliminary review on 25 North Branch. The proposed rehab is to convert the 3.5 km canal to a closed gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$916,000. The canal has a capacity of 15 cfs and serves 371 acres. Possible infrastructure savings grants, irrigation acre transfers, irrigation development, drain relocation, and inclusion of a small accompanying pipeline project were discussed. This project will be brought back to the Board with additional information for final approval.

**9.04.3 J West Bantry**

J. Kabut presented an update to the J West Bantry preliminary reviews given in April and June. The proposed rehab consists of a closed gravity pipeline system, with the options of either twinning the first 1.7 km with 42" pipe, or obtaining 54" pipe if available. The new system would supply 4,146 acres, 48% which are sprinkler, at an estimated cost of \$7,821,000. Several landowners are considering possible changes, installing pivots, extending pipelines, etc.

**2014-07-139 Moved by F. George that the District retain ownership and extend the pipeline in SE 28-17-13 W4M for a project cost of \$30,000 on a 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share basis; with the Landowner share being borne equally by Miller and Mindorff at \$3,750 each. Seconded by R. Owen.**

[12:20 p.m. – 12:53 p.m. Lunch break. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

**Motion CARRIED**

Further discussions on landowner requests were held. This project will be brought back to the Board with additional information for final approval.

[1:18 p.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

**10.0 Truck shop**

E. Wilson advised that a development permit has been applied for the new truck shop, and a non-local quote will be obtained. It was requested that a second review on any existing shops in the area which may be for sale be conducted.

[1:22 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**11.0 Lands****11.01 Request for Encroachment Permit – Bantry Bay**

K. Bridges advised that a request for an encroachment permit for new development on District ROW was received from a lot owner in the Bantry Bay head gates area. All but 1 other lot owner in this block currently have encroachment agreements with the EID which date back many years. In discussing existing and new development, it was emphasized that no further encroachments be allowed, and that the County be contacted concerning building permits at Bantry Bay.

**2014-07-140 Moved by B. McKellar that an encroachment agreement be granted for Lot 12, Plan 8310857 at Bantry Bay head gates for existing improvements, with stipulations that:**

- no new development on District lands be carried out,
- the garden shed be moved onto the landowner's property, and
- the corner of the concrete pad be cut and removed from District property.

**Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**11.02 Brooks Motocross Club Signage**

M. Redelback advised that the Brooks Motocross Club has installed a large sign on the SW corner of their lease lands, as well as installed signs at the entrance to their motocross park, and have since submitted a proposal requesting permission for these and future signs to be located along their entrance road. Through discussion it was requested that administration gather further information from the City and County on sign policy/bylaws, and the Silver Sage and Arena on their opinion of the corner sign, with this being brought back to the Board.

**11.03 Assessment Report to June 30, 2014**

M. Redelback presented the Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 as follows:

<b>EID WATER ROLL</b>			
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
April 1, 2014	291,721	5,126	296,847
June 30, 2014	291,967	5,005	296,972
Net increase	246	< 121 >	125
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 81 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			235
<b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>			92
<b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>			29

**11.04 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Plan 1410456, Block 2, Lot 1 in SW 22-21-18 W4M**

In 1999 an Irrigable Unit was registered on SW & Pt. NW 22-21-18 W4M. The landowners have now subdivided out the farmyard in SW 22, have an easement in place and are requesting that the Irrigable Unit be discharged from this subdivision.

**2014-07-141 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Plan 1410456, Block 2, Lot 1 in SW 22-21-18 W4M, lands being owned by Kody Henry. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

[2:13 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**11.05 Report on Meeting with Silver Sage**

B. Chrumka, R. Owen, B. McKellar, K. Bridges and M. Redelback attended a meeting with the Silver Sage Ag Society July 15<sup>th</sup> in which the District's conditions in continuing with the current arrangements were reiterated.

**2014-07-142 Moved by B. McKellar that the annual rental fee for the Silver Sage Agricultural Society land lease be set at \$1 for the period from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015, to be reviewed prior to May 31, 2015. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**12.0 Report on AIPA Tour**

C. Chomistek conveyed that the AIPA Executive Tour for 6 MLAs and staff went well. They stopped at such places as Monsanto and the power plant at Chin; and had the opportunity to inform a political party researcher who had not previously been enlightened on irrigated agriculture.

**13.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Damage from Electrical Problems**

K. Bridges provided a short summary on claims received from campers at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground due to electrical problems the campground had incurred. The District's insurer has opened a claim file and appointed an adjuster; 4 claims have been filed to date. Directors requested that an estimate be obtained for electrical and irrigation upgrades, with work to be completed in the fall. Consideration may be given to adding a second system for additional grass irrigation along the entrance to the campground.

**14.0 Crawling Valley Campground – Request for Funding to Replace Plaque**

A request has been received from the Crawling Valley Campground for assistance in replacing the stolen Heritage Fund plaque.

**2014-07-143 Moved by B. McKellar that the District pay half of the Heritage Fund sign replacement, up to \$900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**15.0 Request to Purchase Land for Oilfield Fluids Transfer Facility**

E. Wilson advised that the District has been approached regarding a request to purchase land east of Tilley along the CPR for the purposes of an oilfield fluids transfer facility. A short discussion was held. Mr. Wilson will gather further information on facility requirements, preferred location, traffic density, if the existing Tilley location will be replaced, County's input, etc., and to possibly have the company attend a future Board Meeting to present.

**16.0 Information**

The following items were included as information.

**16.01 Standing Hay Tender Results**

The bid results for the standing hay on the old Kitsim flood land; approximately 200 acres in area, and producing approximately 300 ton were as follows.

STANDING HAY – OLD KITSIM FLOOD LAND				
Bidder	\$ per Ton	x 300 Ton	GST	Total
Wayne Slenders	\$70.00	\$21,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$22,050.00

The hay was awarded to Wayne Slenders; it is to be removed by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**16.02 Irrigation Rates**

A summary of Irrigation District rates and fees for 2014 was received from the Irrigation Secretariat.

**16.03 IRP Grant Summary**

A summary of the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program grant disbursement was received from the Irrigation Secretariat.

**16.04 AUMA Memo re Aquatic Invasive Species**

A copy of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association memo concerning aquatic invasive species was included which highlights the AUMA's appeal to the Alberta Government to take provincial pre-emptive action.

**17.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 17.01 | Board In-Camera Meeting | - Monday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m.                                 |
| 17.02 | Ball Park Grand Opening | - Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m. [ <i>B. Chrumka attending</i> ] |
| 17.03 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Tuesday, August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                               |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting   | - Tuesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                            |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:11 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager



### **August 26, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014. Those in attendance were:

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

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

#### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Post Season Work
- 9.05 Letter from Harry Philipsen
- 14.0 JBS Food Canada Inc. re Industrial Wastewater
- 16.0 Request from Big Country Oilman's Association

**2014-08-144 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

##### **2.01 July 22, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-08-145 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the July 22, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Business Arising**

##### **3.01 Bantry Bay Development & Building Regulations**

Over time, the District will eliminate or minimize existing encroachments; and intends to prevent any new encroachments on its lands. Last month, administration was requested to obtain information from the County with respect to the building and development regulations, application and review processes, and inspection procedures that the County utilizes for the Bantry Bay subdivision. In summary of these practices, the EID will have opportunity to comment on any discretionary use and variance permit applications, and will have to be contacted by landowners for written permission to construct a structure on District land. Due to the fact that some people do not obtain permits, smaller structures don't require permits, boat docks and lifts are not County regulated, and setback inspections are not generally carried out unless there is a complaint, the EID will continue to monitor the area periodically. Administration also advised that the County should be approached regarding closing the affected road allowance, as this will enable the District to address the number of boat lifts and docks; the Board was in agreement with this approach.

**3.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Post Season Work**

A day is to be scheduled for the Board to meet with the RHR Campground Managers to review work that needs to be done at the campground, and possibly to tour the Crawling Valley Campground to address any concerns there.

**4.0 AIPA Proposed Bylaw Amendment**

The regular fall AIPA Directors Meeting will be held in Picture Butte on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Consideration will be given to a special resolution from SMRID to add a clause to AIPA's bylaws which in effect requires 1 month notice and rationale provided for any proposed increase in the annual dues or the levying of a special assessment. As well, the Board discussed the possibility of forming a secondary Bow River alliance between the WID, EID and BRID may prove advantageous in handling Bow specific issues. E. Wilson advised that this had been done years ago to address licensing issues.

**5.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**5.01 July 31, 2014 Financial Statements**

The financial statements to July 31, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$32 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$19.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$12.7 million.

It was requested that RHR Campground equipment rentals be detailed out for future review.

**2014-08-146 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**5.02 Financing Rates for Capital Assets and Capital Construction Charges**

As set in March of this year, the financing rates for Capital Assets and Capital Construction Charges are to be reviewed annually in August. Consensus was for no change to the current rates.

**5.03 Outstanding Loan Balances**

As requested last month, information was provided on outstanding loan balances; it was further requested that this information be detailed out with the quarterly Accounts Receivable Report.

**2014 -08-147 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Outstanding Loan Balances Report to July 31, 2014 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**6.0 EIDNet Report**

Storms over the last month have caused numerous, minor outages. All were fixed with minimal interruption to customers. Service from the Jenner tower is down right now due to backhaul problems, with the investment to upgrade and fix the problem estimated at \$10,000. As the District does not own the Jenner tower and the repair would prove cost prohibitive, the 13 customers in that area have been advised to look for a different provider; they do have 1 or 2 options in that area. Directors requested that the old Scandia tower be advertised for sale.

**7.0 Operations**

Mr. Wilson presented the following Operations Report.

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

Only 39 parcels are being irrigated this morning: 13 north of Duchess, 7 in Cassils, and 19 throughout the rest of the District. It is unlikely that any crops will be needing water after this. As Crawling Valley Reservoir was full and then received 5" of rain, spill will be occurring at the bottom end of Gem to bring the reservoir down to safe winter levels. River Forecast gave notice that at the beginning of September flood damage remediation survey work will take place in the Harvey Pass area in Calgary, advising that they will be dropping flow accordingly. The pool at Bassano Dam will be raised prior to this temporary drop in flow, in order to lessen the effect for the District and downstream users at that time. Mr. Wilson estimated that only 400,000 acres of water will be diverted by the District from the 680,000 acre license, largely due to a wet spring and rehabbed system.

**7.02 Set Water Shut-Down Date**

A water shut-down date is again being recommended for the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend.

**2014-08-148 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Friday, October 10, 2014. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**7.03 Farm Improvements****7.03.1 DLM Feeders Inc. (Dallas Martin) – NW 34-20-15 W4M**

Current assessment is 100 acres flood; new pivot is 126 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 100 acres flood to pivot. 26 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,000 (100 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$7,800 (26 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 126 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-08-149 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas Martin) for the conversion of 100 acres flood to pivot in NW 34-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$7,000. The capital assets charge is \$7,800. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**7.03.2 Darcy Walde – NE 09-23-16 W4M**

This parcel was previously given a Farm Improvement Grant to convert from flood to pivot in 2001. The Landowner (Ernie Walde) kept 16 acres in corners to flood irrigate, being penalized \$200/acre. The current Landowner (Darcy Walde) is now putting a corner arm system on the pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,120 (16 acres x \$70/acre).

**2014-08-150 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Darcy Walde for the conversion of 16 acres flood to pivot in NE 09-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,120. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

As the farm operation consisted of both Ernie Walde and Darcy Walde in 2001, the penalty will be returned.

**2014-08-151 Moved by F. George that the penalty of \$200/acre applied in October 2001 for NE 09-23-16 W4M be returned to Darcy Walde for 16 acres of new efficiencies; 16 acres x \$200/acre = \$3,200. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[10:12 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

## 8.0 Engineering Report

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

### 8.01 21 North Branch

I. Friesen gave an update to the 21 North Branch preliminary review presented last month. The proposed rehab is to convert the 5 km canal to a closed gravity pipeline at a cost now estimated at \$3,134,000. The canal has a capacity of 35 cfs, and serves 2,030 acres. The project addresses both farm severance and water savings; and the level of landowner participation in the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant program would affect the project estimate.

**2014-08-152 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 21 North Branch by installing a closed gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$3,134,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

[10:28 a.m. F. George exited the meeting.]

#### 8.01.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants

Reed Crapo would like to convert NE & SE 27-23-16 W4M from flood to pivot irrigation; this would reduce flow by 5 cfs resulting in \$125,000 savings in pipe costs for the District. Mr. Crapo is eligible to receive \$20,000 for each quarter section.

**2014-08-153 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Reed Crapo, NE & SE 27-23-16 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$125,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner for NE 27 is \$20,000 and for SE 27 is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Floyd George is considering moving his delivery to the NW corner of NW 22-23-16 W4M, which would result in \$34,000 in savings in pipe costs for the District, of which Mr. George would be eligible to receive \$17,000.

**2014-08-154 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Floyd George, NW 22-23-16 W4M, for moving his delivery to the NW corner of NW 22, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$34,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner \$17,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Ron Christianson is considering taking his water from the 22 North Branch pipeline; this would reduce flow by 5 cfs resulting in \$100,000 net savings in pipe costs for the District as a screen cleaner would need to be installed. Mr. Christianson is eligible to receive \$20,000 for each quarter section.

**2014-08-155 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Ron Christianson, NW & SW 23-23-16 W4M, for switching his delivery to the 22 North Branch pipeline, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$100,000 net in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner for NW 23 is \$20,000 and for SW 23 is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[10:31 a.m. F. George rejoined the meeting.]

### 8.02 25 North Branch

I. Friesen gave an update to the 25 North Branch preliminary review presented last month. The proposed rehab is to convert 3.5 km of the canal to a closed gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$936,000 and extend the 02-25 lateral at an estimated cost of \$114,000. The bottom 3.2 km of the canal feeds a DU project and will not be piped. The canal has a capacity of 15 cfs and serves 371 acres; the new pipeline will have the capacity to irrigate NW 32.

**2014-08-156** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 25 North Branch by installing a closed gravity pipeline and extending the 02-25 pipeline portion, at a combined estimated cost of \$1,050,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

**8.02.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants**

Ron Milne is considering moving his delivery to the NW corner of NE 32-23-15 W4M, resulting in \$22,600 in savings in pipe costs for the District, of which Mr. Milne would be eligible to receive \$11,300.

**2014-08-157** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Ron Milne, NE 32-23-15 W4M, for moving his delivery to the NW corner of NE 32, saving the District \$22,600 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$11,300. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

**8.03 J West Bantry**

J. Kabut presented an update to the J West Bantry preliminary reviews given in April, June and July. The proposed rehab consists of a closed gravity pipeline system, with the first 1.3 km being twinned with 42" pipe to supply positive head pressure. The new system would supply 4,225 acres, 60% which are sprinkler, at an estimated cost of \$7,364,000 to be funded under the IRP program.

**8.03.1 Irrigable Units, Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants, & Farm Improvement**

With the pipeline extension in SE 28-17-13 W4M being approved last month, the Irrigable Unit on Mindorff and Miller land can now be discharged.

**2014-08-158** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SW 28-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Jim Miller, and W ½ of SE 28-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Claude Mindorff. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

Ed Timko is considering putting up a pivot on NW 21-17-13 W4M, with delivery off the existing 05-H West Bantry pipeline. This would create the need for a domestic delivery for his yard, and a drain relocation or crossings. Total savings for the District would be \$132,000 in pipe costs. The domestic line is estimated to cost \$23,100; and the drain relocation \$31,700. As a side note, the cost of hauling dirt to fill in the old drain would be approximately \$25,000. Direction was given last month regarding the installation of a new domestic line and relocating the existing drain. Further discussion was held on the full scope of the parcel.

**2014-08-159** Moved by F. George that for NW 21-17-13 W4M the District install a domestic line, relocate the drain and haul dirt for backfill on the existing drain, with no cost to the landowner; and approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Ed Timko for relocating his delivery and installing a pivot, saving the District \$132,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by G. Graham. DEFEATED

**2014-08-160** Moved by C. Chomistek that for NW 21-17-13 W4M the District install a domestic line, and relocate the drain, with no cost to the landowner; and approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Ed Timko for relocating his delivery to the SW corner and installing a pivot, saving the District \$132,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED

A consensus on this parcel was not reached at this time and will be brought back to the September meeting for a final decision.

[11:15 a.m. Todd Green entered the meeting.]

**11:15 a.m. County of Newell Presentation re 2014 Agricultural Service Board Tour**

B. Chrumka welcomed Todd Green, County of Newell Director of Agricultural Services, to the meeting. Mr. Green conveyed that the 2014 Provincial Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Summer Tour was a great success, with approximately 400 people attending the tour, 600 at the closing banquet, an additional 350 for the concert, and all costs being covered. Many comments from visitors reflected very positive impressions, with revelations regarding the unique features of the area. In appreciation of the funding and recognition of the help from Mr. Wilson and EID staff, Mr. Green presented a County ASB Summer Tour plaque. Mr. Chrumka and Directors returned thanks for the great job done by the County of Newell in presenting the area.

[11:20 a.m. T. Green exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering Report cont'd.****8.03 J West Bantry cont'd.****8.03.1 Irrigable Units, Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants, & Farm Improvement cont'd.**

Helen Hollenzer, SW 15-17-13 W4M, has yet to decide if she would like to convert to pivot irrigation or extend the pipeline to eliminate a pump out of the drain. There would be no Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for the conversion to pivot, although a \$10,000 Farm Improvement Grant for eliminating spill past a pump could be applied if the Landowner chooses to extend the pipeline. A consensus on this parcel as well was not reached at this time and will be brought back to the September meeting for a final decision.

Peter Wolf, E ½ 09-17-13 W4M, is proposing to put up 3 pivots and have 1 delivery in the NE corner of NE 09 to supply all 3 pivots, which would result in \$184,000 in savings in pipe costs for the District. Mr. Wolf would be eligible to receive \$20,000 for each quarter.

**2014-08-161 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Peter Wolf, NE & SE 09-17-13 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot and moving the legal delivery into the NE corner of the NE quarter for all 3 pivots, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$184,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner for NE 09 is \$20,000 and for SE 09 is \$20,000. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

Fabians, E ½ 10-17-13 W4M, are proposing to put up 2 pivots and supply them both with 1 delivery in the NE, which would result in \$143,000 in savings in pipe costs for the District. The Landowners would be eligible to receive \$20,000 for each quarter.

**2014-08-162 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Vince & Ann Fabian, and Patrick Fabian NE & SE 10-17-13 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot and moving the legal delivery to NE 10 for both pivots, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$143,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowners for NE 10 is \$20,000 and for SE 10 is \$20,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

As a result of there being 1 delivery to supply 2 quarters, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered.

**2014-08-163 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 10-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Vincent & Ann Fabian and Patrick Fabian, and SE 10-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Vincent & Ann Fabian. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Bill Mortensen, NW, NE & SW 02-17-13 W4M, is proposing to convert from flood irrigation to 1 pivot spanning all 3 quarters, which would result in \$320,000 in savings in pipe costs for the District. Crossings will be required for the existing drains, and the Landowner is requesting the

delivery point to be at pivot center. The Landowner would be eligible to receive \$20,000 each for at least 2 of the 3 quarters.

- 2014-08-164** Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Bill Mortensen, NW, NE & SW 02-17-13 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$320,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner for NW 10 is \$20,000, for NE 10 is \$20,000, and for SW 02 is \$20,000, with no contribution towards crossings. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

As a result of there being 1 delivery to supply 3 quarters, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered.

- 2014-08-165** Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW, NE & SW 02-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by William Mortensen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. **CARRIED**

In review of the District's infrastructure rehabilitation project, the following motion was carried.

- 2014-08-166** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of J West Bantry by installing a closed gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$7,364,000; to be funded under the IRP Program. Seconded by G. Graham. **CARRIED**

[12:02 p.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break.]

#### **8.04 Summit Drain**

R. Gagley presented an update to the Summit Drain preliminary review given in June. The portion slated for rehab this year is the first 5 km, beginning from the aqueduct and ending at last year's rehab. Vegetation and improperly installed culverts impede flow of the drain. The proposed rehab consists of trimming and armouring the drain at an estimated cost of \$1,140,000. Currently the EID is feeding the drain to supply 4 downstream deliveries. It is being proposed to install a pipeline which would serve 369 acres, 89 of which are terminable, at an estimated cost of \$741,000. Total project cost is estimated to be \$1,881,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

- 2014-08-167** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Summit Drain by trimming and armouring the first 5 km of ditch, and installing 3.5 km pipeline, at a combined estimated cost of \$1,881,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

70 terminable acres are owned by Mel Williamson in E ½ of SW 15-18-14 W4M. The Landowner would like to convert these acres to irrigation acres at a cost of \$100/acre. The remaining 19 terminable acres are owned by Ron Howard in S ½ of SE 15-18-14 W4M and the Landowner is wishing to convert those acres as well.

- 2014-08-168** Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the conversion of:
- 70 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SW 15-18-14 W4M, Mel Williamson, and
  - 19 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SE 15-18-14 W4M, Ron Howard
- at \$100/acre capital assets charge.  
Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

#### **8.05 Preliminary Project Review**

##### **8.05.1 10-B Springhill**

I. Friesen presented a preliminary review on the remaining 4.4 km of 10-B Springhill. This portion of the canal has a capacity of 17 cfs and serves 571 acres. The proposed rehab is to convert the canal to a closed gravity pipeline at an estimated cost of \$898,000. One Landowner is

considering converting from flood and wheels to pivot; a drain relocation will be required. Picking up additional acres on the bottom end of this system vs allowing them to remain off a drain was also discussed. This project will be brought back to the Board with additional information for final approval.

**8.06 Drain Relocation – Dan Eckert – NW 14-21-14 W4M**

A request was received from Dan Eckert to relocate his drain in NW 14-21-14 W4M. The drain currently intersects the parcel from the bottom center angling NE to the top. The relocation is estimated to cost \$35,500 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

**2014-08-169 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Dan Eckert in NW 14-21-14 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$35,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[12:55 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Lands**

**9.01 Brooks Motocross Club Signage**

In follow up to last month K. Bridges presented information on signage regulations gathered from the City and County, along with comments from adjacent facility groups in regards to the sign erected by the Brooks Motocross Club. Directors requested that administration draft a revised District policy to be brought back to the Board for review.

**2014-08-170 Moved by B. McKellar that administration develop a revised Commercial Sign Policy to be brought back for Board review. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

[12:58 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

**9.02 Oil & Gas Land Spreading Rate**

In response to a Director's request, N. Fontaine reviewed the District's Land Spreading charge of \$1,000/well in comparison to rates paid by Cenovus and Enerplus. When the 2 company's differing required acres and practices were taken into account, it was the consensus not to make any adjustments at this time. This rate is reviewed annually in December along with the dirt and seismic rates.

On a separate issue, direction was given regarding CNRL's right-of-way abuses, and it was requested that Oil & gas lease roads be an agenda topic at the next Joint County / EID Meeting.

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

**9.03 Oil & Gas Inspection Report**

Mr. Fontaine also reviewed a sample of the well site inspections database and inspection form. The amount of monitoring, date of inspection, and wire fences vs tech fences were all discussed.

**9.04 Set Round-Up Date**

A late Round-Up Date of October 31<sup>st</sup> was recommended by Mr. Hale. Associations have the option of rounding up earlier.

**2014-08-171 Moved by J. Culligan that cattle are to be out of community leases by October 31, 2014. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**



**9.05 Letter from Harry Philipsen re PGL #7169**

A letter was received from Harry Philipsen requesting a reduction in fees for 5 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169, citing AUM and acreage misinformation. The ad and tender package, which included map and agreement, was reviewed by the Directors. This request was denied.

[1:45 p.m. N. Fontaine and B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**9.06 Request for Walking, Biking Trail on EID Lands**

A letter was received from the Lake Newell Resort Community Association requesting the EID's involvement in developing a pathway from the west portion of the hamlet north to the secondary highway leading into the resort. This request, and pathways developed from District land in general, was given preliminary consideration. It was requested that pathways / walking trails be an agenda item at the next Joint County / EID Meeting.

**9.07 TORQ Transloading – Bow River Terminal Concept**

A preliminary concept sketch was received from Scott Land & Lease Ltd. on behalf of TORQ Transloading for a proposed "Bow River Terminal" on District land approximately 1.5 km from the eastern boundary, between Hwy #1 and the CP Railroad. A short discussion was held; it was requested that information be gathered from Newell County and Cypress County, prior to inviting TORQ Transloading to present at the September Board Meeting.

**10.0 Newell Plaza Loan Guarantee**

The terms for the loan Guarantee between the EID and the TD Bank concerning the purchase of the Newell Plaza were reviewed, with some clauses being deemed unacceptable to the District. Directors requested that the District lawyer be asked to draft a loan agreement directly between the EID and the purchaser, at the same interest rate TD Bank offered to the purchaser. It was also noted that it is still planned to use microorganisms for bioaugmentation to address any remaining contamination in the affected area.

**2014-08-172 Moved by J. Culligan that the District offer to carry the mortgage on the sale of the Newell Plaza to the arranged purchaser and to handle future purchasers in the same manner as long as contamination is still a proven liability. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**11.0 Truck Shop Quotes**

E. Wilson presented quotes from Armor Building Systems Ltd. and GVN Structures Inc. for the construction of a new 60' x 140' truck shop on the east end of the Brooks main yard. Pricing and specs were fairly comparable, although Armor could guarantee a project start in September, with completion by mid to late January.

**2014-08-173 Moved by R. Owen that the Truck Shop tender be awarded to Armour Building Systems Ltd. for their quote of \$723,664. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**12.0 Bassano Dam Spillway Update**

E. Wilson and F. George met with a few councilors and staff of Siksika Nation earlier in August; a meeting with Chief and Council was to be arranged, and it was also conveyed that access for environmental studies would be expedited. A loan agreement with the Province is yet to be signed, although the District has been informed that the first installment from the Province of \$5,000,000 will be deposited April 1, 2015 at the earliest.

**13.0 Landfill Leachate Disposal through Brooks Sewage Lagoon**

Mr. Bridges presented a letter from the Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Ltd. to the City of Brooks requesting the City accept leachate from the landfill on a regular basis to the

municipal wastewater lagoon. The City has been opposed to earlier requests, citing concerns of heavy metals and adverse effects on the lagoon's natural biological processes. Possible effects to the District's conveyance system and downstream users of the One Tree Canal, when the City's treated wastewater is released into the One Tree Canal, were discussed. It was requested that a letter be forwarded to the City indicating that the EID is also not in favour of leachate being deposited into the municipal lagoons.

#### **14.0 JBS Food Canada Inc. re Industrial Wastewater**

In response to a Director enquiry, E. Wilson updated the Board as to JBS Food Canada Inc.'s progress on increasing capacity for containment and dissemination of the plant's treated industrial wastewater. Mr. Wilson proposed options for the Board's possible future consideration of this issue.

#### **15.0 Requests for Funding**

##### **15.01 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Grant Application Update**

K. Bridges summarized the level of funding committed for the "Reduced Precipitation on Ecosystem Services Provided by Western Canadian Rangelands" study that the University of Alberta, through the Mattheis Ranch is wishing to conduct. To date, \$200,000 of funding has been committed, which is a 1:1 match for the EID's contribution. Mr. Bridges was requested to respond to the U of A indicating that the District expects carbon sequestering to be included in the study, and for the fund raisers to present at a future Directors meeting once support has been obtained that is closer to the requested 3:1 ratio.

##### **15.02 Brooks Legion**

A request was received from the Brooks Royal Canadian Legion for a donation for the renovation of a portion of their facility to be used as a community hall. This request was denied.

##### **15.03 Cactus Pheasant Classic**

A request was received from the organizers of the Cactus Pheasant Classic for sponsorship of their annual curling bonspiel. This request was denied.

##### **15.04 Village of Duchess**

A request was received from the Village of Duchess for the District to do alternate equipment work than what was offered for the site of the new soccer arena. This request was denied.

##### **15.05 Bow River Basin Council**

A request was received from the Bow River Basin Council for a donation towards the general operation of their organization.

**2014-08-174 Moved by J. Culligan that the District contribute \$5,000 to the Bow River Basin Council. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

#### **16.0 Request from Big Country Oilman's Association**

A request for permission to access lands to conduct a pheasant hunt was received from the Big Country Oilman's Association. The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and the organization is requesting to run the event on selected lands in various EID Community Grazing Leases.

**2014-08-175 Moved by F. George that general approval for a one day pheasant hunt on September 27<sup>th</sup> be given, conditional on sites being approved by B. Hale, R. Martin and the Patricia Grazing Association. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**17.0 Upcoming Events**

- 17.01 Special Board Meeting & RHR Campground Tour - Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.
- 17.02 Ducks Unlimited Banquet - Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 17.03 AIPA Directors Meeting - Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Picture Butte
- 17.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 17.05 Scholarship Committee Mtg - TBA
- 17.06 Medicine Hat Leader's Recep. - Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., Medicine Hat Lodge
- 17.07 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:44 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

**September 30, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Interim General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 Newell Plaza
- 6.0 Report on AIPA Directors Meeting
- 7.01.1 Flooding Below Crawling Valley
- 14.0 PR Position

**2014-09-176 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 August 26, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-09-177 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Request for Funding – Brooks Legion**

A copy of a letter to the editor of the Brooks Bulletin from Terry Riles, Manager of the Brooks Legion regarding requests for funding was received as information.

**3.02 Newell Plaza**

K. Bridges updated the Board as to the status of the Newell Plaza mortgage negotiations. Direction was given by the Directors to not grant the request for a 25 year amortization period.

**4.0 Financial Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**4.01 August 31, 2014 Financial Statements**

The financial statements to August 31, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$35.1 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$21.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$13.3 million.
- A number of questions were responded to by administration.

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**2014-09-178 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**4.02 Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy**

It was recommended that this policy be revised to allow the Manager of Special Projects to have signing authority.

**2014-09-179 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy as revised, effective September 1, 2014. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**4.03 Investment Policy**

It was recommended that this policy also be revised to allow the Manager of Special Projects to have signing authority.

**2014-09-180 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Investment Policy as revised, effective September 1, 2014. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**4.04 Investment Account Resolution**

It was recommended to amend and approve this resolution to support the Investment Policy revision.

**2014-09-181 Moved by G. Graham 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 that the General Manager, an Assistant General Manager or the Manager of Special Projects be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to request and receive advice, quotations, offers and recommendations and to otherwise communicate with the District's financial institutions, brokers, investment advisors and managers; and the District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of these authorizations;**

**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 these authorizations 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 B. McKellar. CARRIED

## 5.0 EIDNet Report

A sector radio at Gem failed on September 9<sup>th</sup>; 6 customers were down until the next day when the radio was replaced. The remaining 9 customers on the Jenner tower have received final notices of services being discontinued at the end of October. All Scandia customers have been switched over to the new tower.

## 6.0 Report on AIPA Directors Meeting

C. Chomistek reported that he and B. McKellar attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Picture Butte on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is being attempted to get permanent AIS sniffer dogs in the province for use on the south and east borders. At this point in time, AIPA is covering expenses for a 2 month trial for sniffer dogs at the Coutts border crossing, and will be lobbying the government to partner in the costs to extend the program. AIPA's PR budget has been reduced from \$150,000 to \$100,000 and there is just under \$60,000 banked for mussel control. The partnership with the Calgary Farmers Market went well; social media was used to get the largest attendance there for the day. The review of the *Irrigations District Act* has been stalled, with some negativity towards Rural Water Use Purposes Agreements; there is some confusion as to the use of these agreements. R. Hohm has indicated that there may be a government white paper on water licenses; I. Friesen was requested to obtain more information.

## 7.0 Operations

Mr. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

### 7.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

As of last week, the District was diverting 450 cfs and spilling 4,000. 352,230 acre feet of water has been delivered to date, resulting in an equivalent of almost 1.2 feet of water per acre. Total Firm Live Storage for the 8 major reservoirs is at 84%. A total of 43 parcels were irrigating, with 6 on order. Statistics in error for one division in the Patricia area will be corrected.

#### 7.01.1 Flooding Below Crawling Valley

F. George advised that flooding has occurred downstream of Crawling Valley Reservoir. Mr. Friesen confirmed that the reservoir was over winter levels when 4-5" of rain was received. Excess water had been sent down drains and drain-outs to lower the reservoir. Only one farmer has contacted the District regarding flood damage. Surveying will occur on any reported flooding incidents.

### 7.02 Farm Improvements

#### 7.02.1 Wallace Fraser – W ½ 06-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 250 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 233 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 233 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 17 acres outside the pivot area and transfer a further 17 acres from NW 36-22-17 W4M to accommodate 2 additional fields. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$16,310 (233 acres x \$70/acre).

**2014-09-182 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wallace Fraser for the conversion of 233 acres flood to pivot in W ½ 06-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$16,310. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

The Landowner will not be deducted for keeping 17 acres in the SW corner.

**2014-09-183 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 17 irrigation acres from NW 36-22-17 W4M to W ½ 06-23-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Wallace Fraser. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

New assessment for the W ½ is 267 acres.

**7.02.2 Alice Morris and Cam Morris – NW 08-20-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 129 acres flood; new pivot is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot. 7 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,030 (129 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 136 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-09-184 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Alice Morris and Cam Morris for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in NW 08-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$6,930. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**7.02.3 Ramer Ranches Ltd. – S ½ 29-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 235 acres wheels; new pivot area is 213 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 213 acres wheels to 2 pivots. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 8 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,455 (213 acres x \$35/acre) - \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre) = \$5,055. The Landowner will not be deducted for 2 small separate fields to the east with their own deliveries.

**2014-09-185 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ramer Ranches Ltd. for the conversion of 213 acres wheels to pivot in S ½ 29-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$5,055. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**7.02.4 Darcy & Marilyn Walde – SW 10-23-16 W4M**

Current assessment is 58 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 63 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 58 acres wheels to pivot. 5 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,030 (58 acres x \$35/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 63 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

**2014-09-186 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Darcy & Marilyn Walde for the conversion of 58 acres wheels to pivot in SW 10-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$2,030. The capital assets charge is \$1,500. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**8.0 Engineering Report**

Mr. Friesen presented the first item of the Engineering Report.

**8.01 One Tree – Project Approval**

This rehab project is located approximately 6 km NE of Brooks and is slated for the 2014/2015 construction year. The proposed rehabilitation consists of trimming and armoring the existing canal at an estimated cost of \$1,675,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program.

Included in this total is \$250,000 required for repairs on previous years' work caused by sloughing due to a high water table and springs.

**2014-09-187 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of One Tree Canal by trimming, armouring and repairing the existing canal at an estimated cost of \$1,675,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[10:30 a.m. E. Wilson – EID Manager of Special Projects entered the meeting, along with County of Newell representatives Gord Simpson – Division 2 Councilor, Kevin Stephenson – CAO, Mark Harbicht – Director of Municipal Services, and Keith Martin – Manager of Fire & Emergency Services.]

**10:30 a.m. County of Newell re TORQ Proposed Transloading Terminal**

B. Chrumka welcomed the County representatives to the meeting and asked for a summary of their findings so far with the TORQ transloading terminal proposal. County representatives expressed their thanks for the collaboration on the proposal and commented on the matters of transportation, location, fire protection, rezoning, as well as the current facility being used located within the Hamlet of Tilley.

[11:00 a.m. Craig Bradley – Director of Capital Projects and Dean Pylypchuk – Manager of Business & Corporate Development, for TORQ Energy Logistics Ltd.; as well as Paul Lawson – Surface Landman for Scott Land & Lease Ltd. entered the meeting.]

**11:00 a.m. TORQ re Proposed Transloading Terminal**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed the TORQ representatives and Mr. Lawson to the meeting and gave them the floor. Mr. Pylypchuk expounded that TORQ Trucking and TORQ Transloading consists of 250 trucks and 7 terminals respectively, operating within Saskatchewan and Alberta. This new Bow River Terminal proposal would have an efficient layout, utilize approximately half a section of land in N ½ 22-16-11 W4M, and serve approximately 20-30 producers in the area ranging from 30-40 km north of Tilley, down to the border. The terminal would be built in phases, with a targeted capacity of 50 trucks per day. The CP site currently being used in Tilley handles about 30 trucks/day maximum, or 10-15 cars. The purchase of the site is preferred over leasing, and a proposal would be contingent on working out requirements with the County. The future of the CP site in Tilley could not be determined by TORQ.

[11:40 a.m. C. Bradley, D. Pylypchuk and P. Lawson exited the meeting.]

Additional discussion on access, railway crossing, fire protection and sites within Cypress County was held.

[11:48 a.m. G. Simpson, K. Stephenson, M. Harbicht and K. Martin exited the meeting.]

Access and road standards, subdivision options for retaining oil well site revenue, and the pros and cons of selling vs leasing were discussed by Directors and Admin. E. Wilson will obtain additional information, inspect a current site, and request both an offer to purchase and offer to lease the proposed land. The lease agreement will be reviewed by the District's lawyer.

[12:04 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break; E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

[12:40 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]



**9.0 Lands**

M. Redelback presented the following 2 Land items.

**9.01 Sundial Livestock Feeders – Registration of Irrigable Unit, Request to Transfer Acres**

NE & Pt. NW 31-20-17 W4M was approved for irrigation development last year and the landowner is moving forward with development and finalizing the application. The pivot crosses the quarter section line, and with the delivery being located in the NW an Irrigable Unit is required to be registered.

**2014-09-188 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & NW 31-20-17 W4M, lands being owned by Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

With this development application, a proposal was made to transfer 35 irrigation acres from NW 32-20-17 W4M to NE 31-20-17 W4M.

**2014-09-189 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 35 irrigation acres from NW 32-20-17 W4M to NE 31-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**9.02 Star Tech Automotive & Flex It Fitness**

The current 5 year lease agreement for Star Tech Automotive expires December 31, 2017; a rental rate is required for 2015. A background report was reviewed, with a recommendation of no increase.

**2014-09-190 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board offer to Star Tech Automotive a 0% increase on their lease agreement for 2015. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

The District has been notified that Flex It Fitness will not be renewing their lease and has ceased operation of the business as of September 12<sup>th</sup>. Administration advised of some interest in this space, and was given direction to offer the Flex It Fitness lease space to Star Tech at a reduced rate of \$4.50/sq ft.

[12:49 p.m. E. Wilson re-entered the meeting.]

**9.03 Revised Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria & Guidelines Policy**

In follow-up to discussions carried through from 2013 regarding the minimum rating for irrigation application approvals, Mr. Wilson presented a draft revised Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy that modifies the clause 9 "Size of Parcel" rating to "Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field". Several case scenarios were given using the modified criteria that assured the effectiveness of the change.

**2014-09-191 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines Policy as revised, effective September 30, 2014. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

This policy can be found in its entirety on the District's website at [www.eid.ca](http://www.eid.ca)

[1:00 p.m. Les Douglass entered the meeting.]

**1:00 p.m. Les Douglass re Irrigation Lease #8252**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Les Douglass to the meeting and gave him the floor. Mr. Douglass requested that the Board reconsider the minimum purchase price on Irrigated Lease #8252, listing area land transfers, soil classifications, heat units, location and access as all being factors

that need to be considered. A number of questions were asked and Mr. Douglass was thanked for his time.

[1:18 p.m. L. Douglass exited the meeting.]

Discussion ensued, with R. Owen suggesting the previous formula of:

- \$4,000/irrigated acre, plus \$1,000/dry acre, plus the equivalent of 5 years of oil & gas lease revenue,  
be changed to:
- **\$3,750**/irrigated acre, plus \$1,000/dry acre, plus the equivalent of 5 years of oil & gas lease revenue.

**2014-09-192 Moved by R. Owen that the revised minimum purchase price for Irrigated Lease #8252 be set at \$616,995 plus \$7,900 for the underground mainline. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

A letter will be forwarded to Mr. Douglass with a deadline for a response on his decision of whether to let the lease revert back to the District, extend the lease for a further 10 years for a one-time payment equal to the annual rental, or request the lease be put up for sale whereby the District sets the minimum bid amount and the leaseholder has the right to match the highest bid. In all cases, the leaseholder is allowed to remove the pivot and other equipment; is compensated an amount for the mainline if not purchasing; and if purchasing, matches the high bid less the compensation amount of the mainline.

[1:35 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

## **9.0 Lands con'td.**

### **9.04 Old Yard Remediation re Bio-augmentation Microorganisms**

E. Wilson summarized that microorganisms used in the bio-augmentation process to clean contaminated soil, are not a guaranteed option nor recommended by Thurber Engineering Ltd. Since there appears to be no definite solutions, and there are some subscribers who support this practice, Mr. Wilson was requested to carry out further investigation and a trial application.

## **10.0 Bassano Dam Spillway Update**

Mr. Wilson's report recapped a meeting held with Siksika Chief and Council on September 23<sup>rd</sup>; F. George and Saba Gnanakumar – E&SRD were also involved. Access has been granted for environmental assessment and survey purposes on the lands below the dam. Most of this field work has been completed this fall; the remainder will occur in spring. Geo-technical drilling on the existing earthen dam to determine foundation condition will take place in October, with further drilling at the toe and on the proposed channel route likely in December. The Board requested that a preliminary cost estimate on a hydro-power study be obtained.

[1:55 p.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting; E. Wilson exited.]

## **8.0 Engineering Report cont'd.**

### **8.02 J West Bantry**

A further update was presented on J West Bantry by J. Kabut and I. Friesen. The project is now estimated to cost \$7,527,000. Project cost will be updated once all landowners have made final decisions.

Ed Timko – NW 21-17-13 W4M, is not going ahead with any improvement proposals.

Helen Hollenzer – SW 15-17-13 W4M, is still indecisive on whether to go ahead with converting to pivot irrigation or extending the pipeline to eliminate pumping out of the drain. Discussion on this parcel was revisited from last month.

**2014-09-193 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Helen Hollenzer, SW 15-17-13 W4M for converting from flood to pivot. The Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

Vince & Ann Fabian, and Patrick Fabian – NE & SE 10-17-13 W4M, have decided to not dedicate one delivery for both pivots, preferring a delivery in both quarters. The following resolution replaces last month's.

**2014-09-194 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the revised Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Vince & Ann Fabian, and Patrick Fabian NE & SE 10-17-13 W4M, for converting from wheels to pivot, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$40,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowners for the E ½ 10 is \$20,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

Bill Mortensen – NW, NE & SW 02-17-13 W4M, through discussion it was clarified that as per policy, the landowner will pay for the materials for crossings and the District will install at no cost. The EID will not pipe to the pivot center from the NW corner.

Abe Neufeld – SE 11-17-13 W4M, is requesting a drain relocation from bisecting the parcel diagonally NW to SE, to rerouting along the west and south quarter section boundaries. The project is estimated to cost \$289,000 of which \$40,000 would be paid by the District.

**2014-09-195 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Abe Neufeld in SE 11-17-13 W4M; to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$40,000 District contribution, for a total project cost of \$289,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

### **8.03 21 North Branch Update**

A further update was presented on 21 North Branch by R. Summach and I. Friesen. A few landowners have yet to come to satisfactory terms with the District regarding the reclaiming of the canal once it is pipelined. As F. George is one of the affected landowners, he was given opportunity to speak to this matter and was then excused from the meeting. Previous rehab work and dirt moving, estimated days for reclamation and dirt sourcing were cited.

[3:05 p.m. F. George exited the meeting.]

These matters were discussed at length, as well as previous practices in similar situations. Requests for additional work and dirt sourcing was denied. Reclamation will take place as per the construction agreement where the cost estimate is given to the landowner and the landowner is given the option of requesting the type of District equipment to be used.

[3:57 p.m. F. George rejoined the meeting.]

### **8.04 Project Status**

This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 10.5 km of earthworks and 34 km of PVC pipeline.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
Marshall Drain - 2.5 km	√	√	50%	- brushing & staking started
Summit Drain - 5.0 km	√	90%	60%	- scheduled to start 4 <sup>th</sup> week of October
One Tree - 3.0 km	-	90%	n/a	- scheduled to start Dec 1
<b>PIPELINE</b>				
Summit Drain - 3.5 km	√	90%	60%	- scheduled to start 3 <sup>rd</sup> week in October
10-B Springhill - 3.5 km	-	50%	-	
04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km	-	25%	-	

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
21 North Branch - 5.0 km	√	90%	50%	- scheduled to start Nov 10
25 North Branch - 4.0 km	√	90%	0%	- 1 landowner
J West Bantry - 15.0 km	√	90%	60%	

[4:02 p.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**

Following a committee tour of the campground, a list of improvements and repairs has been forwarded for review. Mr. Friesen noted that electrical work is proceeding, and will update the Board regarding the other enhancements at a later date.

**12.0 Board Member Election Procedures**

In follow-up to post-election discussions and in advance of setting any election bylaws for 2015, K. Bridges reviewed a summary of advance voting and voting by special ballot procedures, along with practices and requirements for setting the election and close of nominations days. Criteria for counting and rejecting ballots was indicated as well. Through discussion, Directors requested that for all future elections:

- an advance vote be held in the EID Office
- mail-in special ballots be offered to electors
- elections not be scheduled for the week following the Easter long weekend (school break)

These modifications will be followed up with the appropriate and timely resolutions and bylaws as required by the Local Authorities Election Act and where modified by the Irrigation Districts Act.

**13.0 County/City Joint Services Committee**

B. Chrumka advised that the District received an invitation to sit on the County/City Joint Services Committee. Directors agreed to sending 1 rep on a trial basis. Mr. Chrumka will attend the upcoming meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**14.0 PR Position**

This agenda item was deferred to October's meeting.

**15.0 Upcoming Events**

- 15.01 Canadian Dam Association Conference - October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, Banff [*I. Friesen, E. Wilson, R. Summach attending*]
- 15.02 Medicine Hat Leader's Reception - [*canceled*]
- 15.03 Gymnastics Building Tour - TBA
- 15.04 Scholarship Committee Meeting - Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. [*all Directors*]
- 15.05 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.06 Southwestern Leader's Dinner - Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge Exhibition Main Pavilion [*all Directors & I. Friesen attending*]
- 15.07 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.08 AIPA Conference - Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Calgary
- 15.09 Board Retreat - January 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Banff
- 15.10 AB Aquatic Invasive Species Summit - January 14 & 15, 2015, Telus Conf. Centre, Calgary [*B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, F. George, I. Friesen, E. Wilson attending*]

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera**

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Interim General Manager

**October 28, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Interim General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
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:

- 8.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting
- 12.0 Boardroom Upgrades
- 14.03 10-B Springhill – Project Approval
- 14.03.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Highmount Farms – SE 25-21-16 W4M
- 14.03.2 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Ernest Wiens – NW 25-21-16 W4M
- 14.03.3 Drain Relocation – Ernie Wiens – NW 25-21-16 W4M
- 18.0 Truck Shop

**2014-10-196 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Revised Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 September 30, 2014**

The following items were noted for correction:

- 6.0, page 85, change “on the south border.” to “on the south and east borders.”
- 10.0, page 89, change “existing dam” to “existing earthen dam”

**2014-10-197 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the September 30, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Update on Improvements**

I. Friesen reviewed that a meeting was held with the RHR Campground Committee (R. Owen, J. Culligan, B. McKellar), Campground Managers (Joyce & Frank Nesbitt), Darryl Louey – EID Electrical/Mechanical, Shawn Dahl – EID Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, Peter Goertzen – MPE Engineering and himself to discuss campground improvements. Rectifying the electrical issues experienced at the campground this summer was the major focus of the discussions. Mr. Friesen presented proposed electrical site plans and cost estimates to upgrade a portion of the sites to either two 30 amp or one 50 amp outlet per site, from the existing 30 and 15 amp service; as well as to upgrade the irrigation pump station to allow both pumps to be used concurrently. The cost for the electrical improvements is estimated to be \$500,000; and the cost for new picnic tables, dock repairs, additional underground sprinklers, tracks for quad, and general maintenance is estimated to be \$50,000. Assignment of camping units according to amp service, and

administrative rules will also need to be reviewed. A thorough discussion was held, but a consensus was not reached at this point in the meeting. If time permits, further consideration may occur later in the meeting, or a fax vote may be considered post-meeting. If the project is approved a site meeting and calls for tenders would be held soon after to enable work being done before freeze up.

#### **4.0 Public Relations Position**

G. Graham advised that a member of the Newell Regional Economic Development Committee proposed the possible sharing of a PR position between their committee and the EID. There was no support for this request.

#### **5.0 County/City Joint Shared Services Report**

B. Chrumka attended a County/City Joint Shared Services committee meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>; a number of topics were discussed. District representation at these meetings is on a trial basis.

#### **6.0 Newell Regional Economic Development Report**

G. Graham added that one of the main items discussed at the last Newell Regional Economic Development committee meeting was the issue of temporary foreign workers being sent home due to paperwork not being in order. This has a huge impact on JBS and in turn the area livestock industry.

#### **7.0 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Report**

B. McKellar advised that, in spite of a few people resigning from the committee, the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce were able to hold their annual business awards evening, and are in the process of looking for a new manager.

#### **8.0 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting**

C. Chomistek attended an AIPA Executive Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup>, highlighting the following:

- Ron McMullin and Bob Dykstra met with Environment & Sustainable Resource Development officials in Edmonton regarding the “Water Conversation” announcement, mussel inspection and mandatory inspection legislation; Lorne Taylor will eventually be heading up the monitoring.
- Erwin Braun, WID General Manager, reported significant problems with flowering rush in Chestermere Reservoir; the district is experimenting with various control measures.
- The AIS “Rapid Response Team”, of which Ron McMullan and Earl Wilson are a part of, is now at the point of formulating guidelines and talking of arranging workshops.
- The Economic Study is progressing; another major review will be held November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The EID will be responsible for manning the Aggie Days booth in Calgary Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- The CAP program could use more volunteers; they are considering compensating people for their efforts.

[10:24 a.m. – 10:31 a.m. Short break.]

#### **9.0 Financial Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**9.01 September 30, 2014 Financial Statements**

The preliminary financial statements to September 30, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$36.9 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$22.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$14.1 million.

It was requested that a running total of land sales be provided for the next meeting. A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2014-10-198 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2014, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**9.02 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2014**

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2014 is \$2.28 million more than the book value was at September 30, 2013. September 30<sup>th</sup> book value has increased over each of the past 2 years.

Short term investments totaling \$15.5 million matured and short term investments totaling \$14.5 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$3.6 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$9.4 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$5.0 million were purchased.

**2014-10-199 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2014 as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**9.03 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2014**

Various accounts were discussed. Directors requested that construction loans and mortgage information be switched from the financial report to the investment report.

**2014-10-200 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2014 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**10.0 EIDNet Report**

A power failure in Gem occurred in early October, causing a short outage through Bassano, Gem and North Gem towers; this was due to the power being shut off at the WDS house to do some repair work. On October 20<sup>th</sup> a backhaul failure occurred in Rainier that caused a short service disruption. All Jenner customers have been notified, and services will be turned off October 31<sup>st</sup>. In discussion on other commercial towers, Mr. Friesen was requested to investigate possible sites on District land, along Hwy #36, south of the Rolling Hills Reservoir irrigation development.

[11:05 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

**11.0 IDARS Report**

Mr. Porter was in attendance to give an update to the newer Board Members on the development work done on the Irrigation Data Recording System (IDARS). In March 2011, it was proposed to move from a paper recording and manual database entry system for water recording to a modern internet web browser based system. IDARS was developed in-house and tested at the end of the 2011 water season. IDARS development continues in-house based on feedback from management and field staff. Future investigations include SCADA integration and site mapping, pump station automation, notification system to Water Users and WDS when nearing maximum allotment, links to flow meters, mapped-parcel linked water orders and shutoff requests, and GPS locations of all deliveries.

This year, the BRID was assisted in implementing the IDARS code after they had installed the ArcGIS mapping system and the STORM database which forms the basis of IDARS. It appears



that other districts may be interested as well. A feature article about IDARS will be included in the next newsletter. Mr. Porter was requested to track the time spent aiding other districts, as the demand for technical support and interest for this program is increasing.

**12.0 Boardroom Upgrades**

M. Porter also presented information on technical upgrades for the boardroom, to move from a laptop and projection only display system to a multi-screen LCD system, with multi-device capabilities. Mr. Porter gave a short demo on what could be done; discussion followed.

**2014-10-201 Moved by B. McKellar that in order to upgrade the boardroom’s technology to support modern presentation capabilities, 2 LCD displays and accompanying equipment be purchased which would allow the use of current portable devices for the presentations. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

Mr. Friesen will further discuss with Mr. Porter. It is expected that these improvements could be installed over the next month or two.

[11:59 a.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]  
 [12:04 p.m. – 12:44 p.m. Lunch break.]

**13.0 Operations**

**13.01 Tilley B Water Quality**

B. Chrumka requested that more research be done on options to improve water quality for the Tilley B Reservoir. I. Friesen summarized several attempts with water quality improving options, most working well or adequately in small volume areas, but not in reservoirs or large volume canals. Discussions are ongoing, and a meeting has been set up for yet another potential solution.

**14.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**14.01 Project Status**

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
Marshall Drain - 2.5 km	√	100%	90%	- earthworks has started on the City/District cost-share
Summit Drain - 5.0 km	√	100%	90%	
One Tree - 3.0 km	√	100%	100%	- scheduled to start Dec 1
<b>PIPELINE</b>				
Summit Drain - 3.5 km	√	90%	100%	
10-B Springhill - 3.5 km	-	90%	-	
04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km	-	90%	-	

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
21 North Branch - 5.0 km	√	90%	100%	- removal of armour has started, pipeline to start mid-November
25 North Branch - 4.0 km	√	90%	100%	- removal of armour has started
J West Bantry - 15.0 km	√	90%	90%	- one landowner remains

[1:03 p.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**14.02 04-01 Bow Slope – Project Approval**

J. Kabut presented the 04-01 Bow Slope project synopsis. This project is located just west of Rainier and is slated for the 2014/2015 construction year. This system currently consists of 2.0 km of PVC pipe, 1.2 km of concrete pipe and 1.6 km of open ditch, that supplies 1,162 acres, 70% of which are sprinkler. The proposed rehab would consist of tying onto the existing PVC pipeline and having a completely closed gravity pipeline, which would supply 1,162 acres, 89% of which would be sprinkler. It is recommended that this project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$680,000.

**2014-10-202 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 04-01 Bow Slope by tying onto the existing pipeline at an estimated cost of \$680,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**14.02.1 Terminable Acres – Tony Bellward – NE 21-16-16 W4M**

Tony Bellward – NE 21-16-16 W4M has 17 terminable acres on his acreage; direction was requested and discussion followed. As this acreage contains less than 40 terminable acres, and in keeping with ongoing efficiency requirements, the Board confirmed that the new pipeline should not be sized to serve the terminable acres, and that these acres be canceled and a RWUP agreement offered.

**2014-10-203 Moved by F. George that the 17 terminable acres in NE 21-16-16 W4M be revoked and a Rural Water Use Purposes Country Residential agreement be offered. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**14.02.2 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Alan Jones – NE 21-16-16 W4M**

Alan Jones, NE 21-16-16 W4M, is proposing to convert from flood to corner arm pivot which would result in the District saving \$70,000 in pipe costs. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

**2014-10-204 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Alan Jones NE 21-16-16 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$70,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**14.02.3 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Bruce Christensen – SE 28-16-16 W4M**

Bruce Christensen, SE 28-16-16 W4M, currently irrigates the west portion of his parcel by pivot, and the east by flood. When the canal is replaced by pipe, the parcel will no longer be severed and the Landowner will be able to run his pivot full circle. Not sizing for flood will result in the District saving \$57,000 in pipe costs, allowing the Landowner to be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

**2014-10-205** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Bruce Christensen SE 28-16-16 W4M, for converting the remaining flood acres to pivot, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$57,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**14.03 10-B Springhill – Project Approval**

R. Summach presented the 10-B Springhill project synopsis. This project is located 5 km north of Rosemary and is slated for the 2014/2015 construction year. This canal portion has a current capacity of 17 cfs and serves 570 acres. The proposed rehab would consist of converting the remaining 2.7 km canal at the bottom end to a closed gravity pipeline, and adding 1.3 km of pipe to serve Sec. 30-21-15 W4M. Serving Section 30 adds 517 acres and brings the pipeline up to full capacity. It is recommended that this project be funded under the Capital Works Program at an estimated cost of \$1,470,000.

**2014-10-206** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 10-B Springhill by pipelining 4 km at an estimated cost of \$1,470,000, to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

**14.03.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Highmount Farms – SE 25-21-16 W4M**

Erik Dick (Highmount Farms), SE 25-21-16 W4M, is proposing to convert from flood to pivot which would result in the District saving \$59,000 in pipe costs. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

**2014-10-207** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Highmount Farms SE 25-21-16 W4M, for converting from flood to low pressure pivot irrigation, allowing the District to downsize the pipe and save \$59,000. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

**14.03.2 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Ernest Wiens – NW 25-21-16 W4M**

Ernest Wiens, NW 25-21-16 W4M, is proposing to convert from flood and wheels to pivot which would result in the District saving \$64,000 in pipe costs. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

**2014-10-208** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Ernie Wiens NW 25-21-16 W4M, for converting from flood and wheels to low pressure pivot, allowing the District to eliminate a lateral and save \$64,000. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**14.03.3 Drain Relocation – Ernie Wiens – NW 25-21-16 W4M**

Ernest Wiens, NW 25-21-16 W4M, is requesting a drain relocation from bisecting the parcel into west and east portions, to along the east boundary. The relocation is estimated to cost \$51,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

**2014-10-209** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Ernie Wiens – NW 25-21-16 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$40,000 District contribution, for a total project cost of \$51,000 (\$38,250 – EID, \$12,750 – Landowner). Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

**14.04 Request for Compensation – Erik Christensen – NW 16-16-13 W4M**

A request for compensation on crop loss in NW 16-16-13 W4M was received from Erik Christensen. Last winter, the rehabilitation project for the East Bantry Canal entailed pipelining down the north-south center of this quarter section, using the standard project practices for fill areas of stripping topsoil, leveling, and replacing top soil. Several unusually large settlements have occurred along the pipeline alignment. Through discussion, it was the consensus of the

Board to fill in the large settlements with top soil and the remaining sloughing with the surrounding material; this has been the practice in similar situations in the past. Request for compensation was denied.

[2:12 p.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

## 15.0 Equipment

### 15.01 Results of Bids on Gravel Truck & Pup

I. Friesen presented bids from 3 auctioneer companies for the purchase of the 2007 Freightliner Gravel Truck and 2007 Renn Pup. No private bids were received.

Bidder	Delivery	Gravel Truck & Pup	Gravel Truck	Pup
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	will pick up from Brooks	\$49,400.00	\$42,100.00	\$6,510.00
CPA Industrial Auctioneers	FOB Calgary	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$5,000.00
Michener Allen Auctioneering	FOB Calgary	\$41,288.00	-	-

**2014-10-210 Moved by R. Owen that the District sell the 2007 Freightliner Gravel Truck and 2007 Renn Pup to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers for \$49,400. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

### 15.02 Quotes on Purchase of ½ and ¾ Ton Trucks

Mr. Friesen also presented quotes from 5 dealerships for the purchase of 7 – ½ ton trucks and 1 – ¾ ton truck; prices do not include GST. Directors inquired of the quality comparison between trucks with the significant price differential; Mr. Friesen confirmed that specs were verified and being met on the low quote. The lowest quote was approved for purchase.

Make	Dealership	½ Ton	¾ Ton
Dodge-Chrysler	Martin Chrysler Ltd. – Brooks	\$25,460.00	\$28,724.00
Dodge-Chrysler	Chinook Chrysler Ltd. – Taber	<i>[declined]</i>	<i>[declined]</i>
GMC – Chev	Brooks Motor Products – Brooks	\$27,358.00	\$30,361.00
GMC	Davis GMC Lethbridge – Lethbridge	\$29,316.00	\$30,788.00
Ford	Harwood Ford Sales – Brooks	\$29,251.00	\$32,798.00
Ford	Rodeo Ford Sales Ltd. – Medicine Hat	\$30,840.00	\$32,710.00

**2014-10-211 Moved by G. Graham that the District purchase seven ½ ton, and one ¾ ton 4x4 Dodge trucks from Martin Chrysler Ltd., Brooks, for \$25,460, and \$28,724 each respectively. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[2:17 pm. – 3:07 p.m. Gymnastics Club Building Tour; E. Wilson and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

## 16.0 Irrigation Applications for 2015

M. Redelback presented the 26 irrigation applications received, in order of rating. A total of 1,590 acres were applied for, 961 acres were approved for 2015.

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.

The following irrigation applications were given consideration for 2015:

**16.01 Tod 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, 2015 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.

**16.02 Fred, Nancy, Dwayne & Teresa Klassen – W ½ 26 & Pt. Sec. 27 22-17 W4M**

The applicant currently has a 210 acre section pivot and would like to install a corner arm system; 71 acres are needed to cover the corner arm system. Approval is conditional on the corner system being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.03 Robert Milne – NE 32-23-15 W4M**

The applicant currently has 64 acre of wheels on the parcel and would like to install a 134 acre pivot. The applicant is also proposing to transfer 10 acres of wheel move irrigation from NW 33-23-15 W4M to NE 32-23-15; 60 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the testing of soils not currently under assessment and if soils pass the pivot being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.04 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, 2015.

**16.05 Vern Parker & Susan Huber – NW 35-14-13 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. The existing pivot encroaches onto EID owned land to the east. Approval is conditional on the applicant designing the corner arm system to fit within the legal property boundaries of NW 35-14-13 W4M to ensure no encroachment by the pivot onto EID owned land, and the corner arm system being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.06 Jake Veenstra – SW 09-18-14 W4M – Application No. 1**

The applicant currently has a 107 acre linear pivot and would like to level the end of the field to extend the linear pivot; 8 acres are needed. Approval is subject to soils passing and the extension of the pivot occurring by September 30, 2015.

**16.07 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, 2015. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

**16.08 Robert Milne – NW 32-23-15 W4M**

The applicant would like to transfer 40 acres of flood irrigation from SE 05-24-15 W4M and develop an additional 88 acres under pivot irrigation. Approval is conditional on the pivot being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.09 Dennis & Margaret Zawadzki – SW 36-21-13 W4M**

The applicant currently has 52 acres of wheel move irrigation and is proposing to convert to a 93 acre pivot; 41 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the pivot being installed by September 30, 2015. The conversion acres would be eligible for a Farm Improvement grant.

**16.10 Jake Veenstra – SW 09-18-14 W4M – Application No. 2**

The applicant currently has a 107 acre linear pivot and would like to add 18 acres of wheel moves to create a separate field; 18 acres are needed. The applicant has earlier today been conditionally approved to increase 8 acres on the parcel to extend the linear pivot, subject to soils. Approval on this application is subject to soils passing and the wheel moves being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.11 Tamie Eastman – SE 23-21-16 W4M**

The applicant would like to install a traveling gun in the non-irrigated wedge of the current pivot; 6 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on the travelling gun being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.12 Springview Hutterian Brethren – NE 24-24-16 W4M**

The applicant would like to develop 133 acres under pivot. Approval is subject to soils passing and the installation of the pivot by September 30, 2015.

**16.13 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Barry Fleming) – NE & NW 06-17-15 W4M**

The applicant is proposing to install 2 additional 3 tower pivots of 20 acres and 31 acres respectively in the non-irrigated area between his existing pivots; 51 acres are needed. Approval is conditional on soils passing, and the installation of the pivots by September 30, 2015. The Delivery site remains the same.

**16.14 Richard Wiens – SW 11-21-16 W4M**

The applicant would like to develop a corner wedge of the parcel with a small 3 tower 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, 2015.

**16.15 North Creek Ranches Ltd. (Dick Dick) – NE 26 & SE 35-19-14 W4M**

The applicant would like to develop 101 acres under pivot. Approval is conditional on the registration of an Irrigable Unit, the delivery off of One Tree Canal north of the pivot and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.16 Carl Kern – SW 19-21-16 W4M**

The applicant would like to develop a 26 acre pivot on the non-irrigated area adjacent to the existing pivot. Approval is conditional on the pivot being sized to a maximum of 26 acres (in order to meet soils), the delivery remaining the same and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.17 Bearspaw Management Ltd. (Frances Hargrave) – NW 16-21-14 W4M**

The applicant would like to develop 135 acres under a pivot. A portion of the area under the pivot requires soils testing. Approval is conditional on the non-tested area passing soils, the delivery being off of the pipeline in NE 16-21-14 W4M, an irrigable unit being registered and the pivot being installed by September 30, 2015.

**16.18 Joe & Sandra Bandura – SE 33-20-13 W4M**

The applicants would like to develop 93 acres under a pivot. Approval is conditional on soils passing, and pivot being installed by September 30, 2015.

**2014-10-212 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the following Irrigation Applications for 2015:**

- **Tod Andrus – SW 17-21-13 W4M**
- **Alfred & Nancy Klassen, Dwayne & Teresa Klassen – Sec. 27-22-17 W4M**
- **Robert Milne – NE 32-23-15 W4M**
- **Laurus De Jager – SE 30-14-13 W4M**
- **Vern Parker, Susan Huber – NW 35-14-13 W4M**

- Jake Veenstra – SW 09-18-14 W4M (Application #1)
  - AFAR Farms (Robert Peltzer) – S ½ 09-21-15 W4M & Pt. NE 09-21-15 W4M
  - Robert Milne – NW 32-23-15 W4M
  - Dennis Zawadzki – SW 36-21-13 W4M
  - Jake Veenstra – SW 09-18-14 W4M (Application #2)
  - Tammie Eastman – SE 23-21-16 W4M
  - Springview Hutterian – NE 24-24-16 W4M
  - 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Barry Flemming) – NE & NW 06-17-15 W4M
  - Richard Wiens – SW 11-21-16 W4M
  - North Creek Ranches Ltd. (Dick Dick) – NE 26 & SE 35-19-14 W4M
  - Carl Kern – SW 19-21-16 W4M
  - Bearspaw Management (Frances Hargrave) – NW 16-21-14 W4M
  - Joe & Sandra Bandura – SE 33-20-13 W4M
- Seconded by G. Graham. 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 2015, (Bylaw 840)
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Bruce Niznik, Brad Niznik, George Niznik – N ½ 35-18-16 W4M
- Springside Hutterian Brethren – NW 34-21-13 W4M, SW 03-22-13 W4M
- Catherine (Dan) Endersby – SW 08-21-14 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
- Harley Tateson – NE 05, SW 08 & NW 08-15-15 W4M
- Slenders Family – SE 04-15-15 W4M

[3:42 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

## 17.0 Bassano Dam

E. Wilson presented the following Bassano Dam updates.

### 17.01 Bassano Dam Spillway Update

A meeting with Siksika’s negotiating committee consisting of their Land Management and Siksika Resource Development departments, Dave Johnston, Saba Gnanakumar of Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, and Mr. Wilson was held October 16<sup>th</sup>. Siksika appears willing to grant an easement and will have a meeting with the Government of Canada, however they are requesting that Niitsitapi – Graham LP undertake the spillway construction. Mr. Wilson advised working with Niitsitapi – Graham LP, exploring the company’s capabilities and ways of ensuring a competitive contract, but not committing to a sole-source contract at this time. A meeting will be requested of Dave Ardell and Saba Gnanakumar for next week, and an additional meeting with Kyle Fawcett, Minister of E&SRD at his earliest convenience.

### 17.02 Bassano Dam Preliminary Cost Estimate on Hydro Power Study

As requested by the Board, a preliminary cost estimate on a hydro-power study was received from MPE Engineering Ltd. The proposal is to update the 2001 feasibility study, at a cost estimate of \$45,000. Discussion followed.

**2014-10-213 Moved by C. Chomistek that MPE Engineering Ltd. conduct an updated report on the 2001 hydropower study on the existing Bassano Dam, for an estimated cost of \$45,000. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**18.0 Truck Shop**

Mr. Friesen advised that the footings were dug yesterday for the new truck shop which will be located on the east end of the main yard.

[4:38 p.m. J. Culligan exited the meeting.]

**19.0 Lands**

**19.01 Kinbrook Island and Dinosaur Provincial Parks**

I. Friesen and E. Wilson advised that on October 24<sup>th</sup> they met with Phil Hofer, Area Manager for Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and Dinosaur Provincial Park. The District's offer to trade the EID land in Kinbrook Provincial Park for the paving of Sec. Hwy #873 from Kinbrook to Hwy #36 was declined on reasons that minimum thresholds for paving would not be met. Parks would like to outright purchase the land and admin has requested an initial offer.

The original agreement for Dinosaur Provincial Park was a land trade whereby the District traded land what is now Dinosaur Park for land in Scandia, with the exception of approximately 3 quarter sections that the Government withheld, and likewise the EID did as well. Parks would like to purchase the remaining EID land; admin has insisted that the original land trade be upheld. As well, there is an agreement in principal for grazing Dinosaur Provincial Park land; this document needs to be reviewed and officially signed.

[4:52 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting, M. Redelback re-entered.]

**19.02 Assessment Report to September 30, 2014**

M. Redelback presented the Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 as follows:

<b>EID WATER ROLL</b>			
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
July 1, 2014	291,967	5,005	296,972
September 30, 2014	292,864	5,020	297,884
Net increase	897	15	912
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 42 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			920
<b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>			19
<b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>			0
<b>Irrigation Acres converted to Terminable Acres</b>			34



**19.03 Irrigable Unit Registrations**

M. Redelback also presented the following Irrigable Unit discharges and registrations.

**19.03.1 Joseph & Sandra Bandura – N ½ 27, Pt. Sec. 33 & Sec. 34-20-13 W4M**

Irrigation development has been finalized for Joseph & Sandra Bandura in Pt. Sec. 33 and Sec. 34-20-13 W4M, and there is an existing Irrigable Unit registered on N ½ 27. The existing Irrigable Unit needs to be discharged and a new Irrigable Unit registered on the entire lands as all these parcels will be served by one delivery off of One Tree Canal in NE 27.

**2014-10-214 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE & NW 27-20-13 W4M, lands being owned by Joseph & Sandra Bandura. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**2014-10-215 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & NW 27-20-13 W4M, SE, SW & NW 33-20-13 W4M, SE, SW, NE & NW 34-20-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Joseph & Sandra Bandura. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**19.03.2 C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. – NW 25 & W ½ 36-15-15 W4M**

C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. were approved for irrigation development in NW 25 & W ½ 36-15-15 W4M and development is now being finalized. An Irrigable Unit needs to be registered as two pivots will be served by one delivery off of the canal in NW 36.

**2014-10-216 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & SW 36 and NW 25-15-15 W4M, all lands being owned by C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**19.04 Les Douglass Irrigation Lease - #8252**

K. Bridges and M. Redelback requested direction on the sale eligibility requirements for Irrigated Lease #8252. The following requirements were discussed and will be brought back to the November Board Meeting for further deliberation.

- purchaser owning a minimum of 100 acres in the EID, of which 60 acres are irrigation acres (1<sup>st</sup> water rights) or 80 acres are terminable acres (2<sup>nd</sup> water rights)
- residency within the EID not being required
- purchaser not having more than 640 irrigation acres combined (lease #8252, all current irrigated leases and lease-to-purchase leases, and if including previously purchased irrigated leases)
- method of sale being written offers to purchase
- any other requirements or restrictions

[5:15 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**19.05 Oil & Gas Report – Dirt & Water Rates**

Comparisons on fill material, topsoil and water for drilling were included in the Board packages as preliminary information; rates are scheduled to be set in December.

**19.06 Request to Purchase Irrigation Lease Early – Stephen Anderson, #8359**

A request was received from Stephen Anderson (S & K Farms Ltd.) who holds an irrigation development lease-to-purchase agreement for #8359 in NW 34-15-15 W4M. Mr. Anderson has requested to purchase the parcel prior to the 5 year option in 2017 as he has secured a beneficial interest rate. This request was denied.

[5:20 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**19.07 Grazing**

**19.07.1 Community Grazing Initial Maximum Listings**

B. Chrumka requested that the initial maximum listings for community grazing be re-evaluated. B. Hale was in agreement, as long as the resulting numbers do not exceed 85,000 AUM. Mr. Hale is unsure at this point whether membership will hold steady or keep declining, adding that there was good precipitation last year in most areas, except for Eyremore. Official numbers will be confirmed by resolution at the December meeting once applications have been received, along with setting the AUM Grazing Rate. There was consensus to revise the initial maximum listings from:

May 1-15	Jun 15	Aug 1
80	96	150
53	64	100
27	32	50

to

May 1-15	Jun 15	Aug 1
84	101	157
56	67	105
28	34	52

**19.07.2 TORQ – Proposed Transloading Terminal**

Mr. Hale was asked for input on the proposed TORQ transloading terminal. Preference was given to locating this facility along the District’s eastern boundary, to not be in the middle of a grazing field. Mr. Chrumka requested that a suitable location be investigated.

[5:30 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**20.0 Upcoming Events**

- 20.01 Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Griffin Park, 10:30 a.m.  
*[J. Culligan laying wreath]*
- 20.02 Southwestern Leader’s Dinner - Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge Exhibition Main Pavilion *[B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar, G. Graham, I. Friesen, E. Wilson attending]*
- 20.03 Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 20.04 AIPA Conference - Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Calgary  
*[all Directors, I. Friesen attending]*
- 20.05 Budget Meeting - Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 20.06 CRWUA Conference - December 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, Las Vegas  
*[B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, G. Graham attending]*
- 20.07 EID Staff Christmas Banquet - Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 20.08 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 20.09 Scholarship Awards & Reception - Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 p.m.
- 20.10 Board Retreat - January 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Banff  
*[all Directors, Admin, Staff attending]*
- 20.11 AB Aquatic Invasive Species Summit - January 14 & 15, 2015, Telus Conf. Centre, Calgary  
*[B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen, E. Wilson attending]*

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:32 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Interim General Manager

**November 20, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Interim General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

- **Board In-Camera**

The meeting was called to order at 9:26 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Campground Improvements
- 4.02 Damage from Electrical Problems
- 4.03 Request from Calgary Junior Forest Wardens
- 1:30 p.m. Eric Christensen and Kent Sereda
- 19.0 Boardroom Upgrades

**2014-11-217 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 October 28, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-11-218 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

**4.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground****4.01 Campground Improvements**

As the meeting did not allow for further discussion, a fax vote was held the day after the October Directors Meeting on whether to approve the proposed electrical upgrades and miscellaneous improvements for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. The following motion reflects the vote held October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**2014-11-219 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the electrical upgrades and miscellaneous improvements at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground as presented at the October Board Meeting, for an estimated cost of \$550,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**4.02 Tender Results for Electrical Upgrades**

Mr. Friesen advised that 6 contractors were invited to participate in quotes on this project; 4 contractors submitted quotes. The electrical contract was awarded to Armax Electric Ltd. of Lethbridge.

<b>RHRCG Electrical Upgrades - \$496,564 Estimate</b>	
Armax Electric Ltd. – Lethbridge	\$497,200
Deltec Power - Lethbridge	\$552,100
Tarpon Energy Services – Brooks	\$644,907
D.A. Electric – Medicine Hat	\$743,850
Marios' Electric – Brooks	-
Quick-Way Electric – Medicine Hat	-

**4.03 Damage from Electrical Problems**

Mr. Bridges summarized claims received from campground patrons for electrical damages to their camping units. A short discussion was held. A cutoff date for claims will be set; and beginning next summer, a waiver will be included in the campground registration form for camper signing.

**2014-11-220 Moved by B. McKellar that the District's insurance adjuster be requested to attempt to settle the legitimate claims for electrical damage to privately owned camping units. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**4.04 Request from Calgary Junior Forest Wardens**

A request was received from the Calgary Junior Forest Wardens to hold their 2015 Spring Camp on EID lands June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. The potential site would need to accommodate all 6 Calgary Clubs: approximately 200 people, various camping units, with or without facilities, and with proximity to water being a preference. The Board granted consent to this request; R. Martin will work with the organizers to find some possible locations which may be suitable for this event.

**5.0 Engineering Report**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**5.01 Project Status**

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Board Approved</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>ROW Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
Marshall Drain - 2.5 km	√	100%	100%	- canal work is ¾ complete, siltation bay will likely start this week and berm to follow
Summit Drain - 5.0 km	√	100%	100%	- roughly .8 km complete
One Tree - 3.0 km	√	100%	100%	- scheduled to start Dec 1
<b>PIPELINE</b>				
Summit Drain - 3.5 km	√	100%	100%	- pipeline starting Nov 26
10-B Springhill - 3.5 km	√	90%	-	
04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km	√	90%	80%	- started pulling armour out of existing canal

IRP PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
21 North Branch - 5.0 km	√	90%	100%	- armour removal largely complete
25 North Branch - 4.0 km	√	100%	100%	- ready for pipe
J West Bantry - 15.0 km	√	90%	100%	

Directors requested a Board tour of the Marshall Drain prior to project cleanup.

**5.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – 1719660 AB Ltd (Ben Van Dyk) – NE 09-17-13 W4M**

Presently this quarter is flood irrigated with a delivery in the NE corner. The landowner is planning on converting to pivot at time of J West Bantry rehab project and retaining the delivery in the same location.

**2014-11-221 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for 1719660 AB Ltd (Ben Van Dyk) NE 09-17-13 W4M, for converting from flood to low pressure pivot at time of J West Bantry rehab project. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**5.03 J West Bantry – Revised Project Estimate for Approval**

The J West Bantry project estimate, first approved in August, has been revised to include additional grants, etc.

**2014-11-222 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the revised cost estimate for the rehabilitation of J West Bantry at \$7,647,000; to be funded under the IRP Program. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

[10:07 – 10:12 a.m. Short break.]

[10:15 a.m. E. Wilson and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**6.0 Bassano Dam Spillway Update**

E. Wilson and F. George attended a meeting with Siksika November 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the Bassano Dam Spillway. Mr. Wilson is waiting to hear back from Siksika, and is planning on meeting with the District's lawyer shortly. As well, additional test holes will be necessary for the preliminary engineering work.

**7.0 BRID / WID License Applications**

A response to the District's letter of concern regarding the BRID's past water license application now being reviewed by the provincial government, was received in late October. The District was advised that EID's concerns will be taken into consideration although afforded no statutory objector rights. A decision on both of these applications has not yet been made.

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**11.0 Lands****11.01 JBS Food Canada, Inc. – Request to Lease Additional Land**

Mr. Wilson advised that JBS will be requesting discussions on the possibility of going forward with the proposal to lease additional land from the EID. JBS also has plans for further effluent management strategies.

**8.0 Les Douglass Irrigation Lease - #8252 – Sale Eligibility Requirements**

Mr. Bridges reviewed the sale parameters discussed at the last meeting for Irrigated Lease #8252, with the following being confirmed:

- purchaser must own a minimum of 100 acres in the EID, of which 60 acres are irrigation acres (1<sup>st</sup> water rights) or 80 acres are terminable acres (2<sup>nd</sup> water rights)
- residency within the EID is not required
- purchaser must not have more than 640 irrigated acres combined (lease #8252, all current irrigated leases and lease-to-purchase leases)
- method of sale is by written offers to purchase

**8.01 Irrigable Unit Registration**

Mrs. Redelback advised that the existing pivot encroaches other parcels to the north, east and south. A sliver of land to the west up to the drainage canal will be included in the sale property, however an Irrigable Unit is needed as one delivery will be serving both parcels. Discussion ensued.

**2014-11-223 Moved by B. McKellar that the purchaser of Irrigated Lease #8252 be required to limit the pivot (existing or new) within the property lines; and that the area assessed for irrigation acres and the minimum purchase price be adjusted to reflect this change. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2014-11-224 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE & Pt. SW 12-24-16 W4M, lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[11:25 a.m. E. Wilson & M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

[11:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Short break; Darcy Driedger entered the meeting.]

**11:30 a.m. Darcy Driedger – Crop Diversification Centre South**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Darcy Driedger, Director, Crop Diversification Centre South, Food and Bio-Industrial Crops Branch to the meeting. Mr. Driedger was in attendance to give an overview of the present state of affairs at the Centre, highlighting changes and improvements in the last 3 years, associated and collaborative research sites, and other entities sharing the facilities. Further information was given on crop research, pest surveillance, greenhouse research and production, food science and technology, and irrigation management. Mr. Driedger responded to a few questions and also proposed that CDC South collaborate with the District in the future on mutually beneficial work. The Board agreed that partnering in certain areas would be a positive endeavour, but further discussions will need to occur, thanking Mr. Driedger for his time and presentation.

[12:00 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. Lunch break. D. Driedger exited the meeting.]

**9.0 AIS Monitoring Progress 2014**

Mr. Chrumka drew Directors' attention to a portion of the "Monitoring Progress 2014" aquatic invasive species report which summarized district reporting practices over this year's irrigation season. This matter will be addressed at the upcoming AIPA AGM

**10.0 Possible AIS Joint Workshop – County / EID**

Mr. Chrumka also advised that the District was approached by the County to jointly host a public Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop. The Board was in full agreement; the workshop is tentatively scheduled for February 2015. Margo Redelback, in her new capacity of EID Public Relations, and Todd Green, County Director of Agricultural Services will coordinate the event.

[1:05 p.m. M. Redelback and B. Hale entered the meeting.]

**11.0 Lands contd.****11.02 Recreational Use License Agreement – Brooks Fish & Game Assoc. Rifle Range**

The recreational use lease for the rifle range for the Brooks Fish & Game Association will be expiring at the end of the year. The current rental is \$150/year, and the Association is interested in renewing the agreement.

**2014-11-225 Moved by F. George that the Board offer a 2 year lease to the Brooks Fish & Game Association for their Rifle Range at \$150/year, effective January 1, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**11.03 County Land Trade - Tilley**

In order for the County to obtain legal access to its water treatment plant in Tilley, a land trade or land purchase from the District is necessary. In discussing the proposed land trade, Directors requested that more information be brought back to the Board regarding parcel acreage, EID grazing lease, etc.

**11.04 Grazing****11.04.1 Summary of 2014 Grazing Season**

Mr. Hale reported that the 2014 grazing season received good amounts of rain, ranging from 6" – 11", in all areas except Eyremore. A lot of rain came in August, and then more was received in October, leaving leases in good shape overall. In a couple instances pasture rotation should have occurred earlier to prevent overgrazing.

**11.04.2 Set Total Number of Cattle**

For the 2015 grazing season, as pastures continue to be in good shape, 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.

**2014-11-226 Moved by F. George that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Leases be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2015 grazing season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**11.04.3 Set AUM Grazing Rate**

This rate will be set at the Budget Meeting once all grazing expenses have been gathered.

[1:33 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**11.05 Imaginea (Crew) Town Hall Meeting**

Initial information was given to Directors regarding the Imaginea Town Hall Meeting December 4<sup>th</sup>; this company bought out Crew Energy Inc. Additional details will follow.

[1:30 pm. Erik Christensen & Kent Sereda entered the meeting.]

**1:30 p.m. Erik Christensen & Kent Sereda – Appeal for Compensation**

B. Chrumka welcomed Erik Christensen, landowner of NW 16-16-13 W4M, and Kent Sereda, renter, to the meeting. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Sereda were in attendance to appeal last meeting's decision on compensation on the rehabbed portion of this quarter, citing poor reclamation processes, insufficient topsoil, considerable settlement, and expanse of rehab area, causing crop loss, increased chemical usage and deep tilling requirements. Directors responded that their decision was based on policy and previous situations, though they did concede that this was an exceptional case due to the size of the rehab. Further discussion was held on potential remedies for this situation, and reviewing of policy and practices. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Sereda were thanked for their time and presentation.

[2:10 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Short break; E. Christensen and K. Sereda exited the meeting.]

[2:15 p.m. Tyler Mossey and Ed Chapman entered the meeting.]

**2:15 p.m. Auditor Presentation of Letters**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Tyler Mossey, CA and Ed Chapman, CA of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants to the meeting. In June this firm was appointed as the District's auditor and the engagement letter was presented. Two additional letters, one outlining the audit planning and a second confirming the firm's independence were presented at this meeting. A number of general questions were responded to by Mr. Mossey, with Mr. Mossey inviting the Directors to contact him if they have any further queries. Mr. Mossey and Mr. Chapman were thanked for their time and presentation.

[2:31 p.m. T. Mossey and E. Chapman exited the meeting.]

**2014-11-227 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board receive as information, the audit planning letter dated October 31, 2014 and the letter confirming the auditor's independence dated November 6, 2014 from the firm of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**Erik Christensen & Kent Sereda – Appeal for Compensation con'td.**

Discussion continued debating various alternatives. Suggestions were put forward which administration were to research and bring back to the Board for a final decision at December 1<sup>st</sup>'s Budget Meeting.

[3:10 p.m. M. Redelback and S. Beddows entered the meeting.]

**3:10 p.m. Report on "Outstanding in the Field" Learning Event**

The "Outstanding in the Field" learning event for children in grade 4 was organized by the Brooks Branch of Farm Credit Canada and held October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Silver Sage Arena. Margo Redelback and Scott Beddows, Bassano Dam Supervisor ran an EID booth which consisted of an irrigation model and picture presentation highlighting the Bassano Dam and its importance to the area, methods of on-farm irrigation and the District's canal and pipeline system. The 10 minute group rotation worked well, with over 320 local school students participating.

[3:14 p.m. M. Redelback and S. Beddows exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Operations****12.01 Farm Improvement**



**12.01.1 Stephen Skanderup – SE 05-17-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 135 acres flood; 115 north of the drain and 20 acres south. The new section wiper pivot area is 118 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 115 acres flood to pivot. The landowner wishes to keep 20 acres of flood on the south side of the drain as it comes off a separate delivery in the SE corner. 3 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,050 (115 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 138 acres, 118 acres under pivot irrigation, and 20 acres remaining as flood.

**2014-11-228 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S. & J. Skanderup for the conversion of 115 acres flood to pivot in SE 05-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$8,050. The Capital Assets charge is \$900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**13.0 Financial Report**

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**13.01 October 31, 2014 Financial Statements**

The preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$4.0 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$709,000.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$3.3 million.
- The above amounts will change as a result of completion of the 2014 year end and 2015 revenue billings.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2014-11-229 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**14.0 EIDNet Report**

Customer accounts currently total 1,368. There were no major issues to report.

**15.0 Annual Meeting Date**

Mr. Bridges advised of suitable dates for the District's Annual General Meeting. The AGM is to be set for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. Nominations will cease the following day, Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. An Election, if necessary, will be planned for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**2014-11-230 Moved by R. Owen that the EID AGM be held Wednesday, March 25, 2015 with Nominations closing March 26, 2015 and that an Election be held if necessary April 24, 2015. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

**16.0 2015 Election**

Mr. Bridges provided a report on the 2015 Election considerations.

**16.01 Election Date Bylaw**

Bylaw 899 (2014) was presented to the Board for the 2015 Election of Directors for Division 3 – Patricia / Millicent, and Division 6 – Tilley. Ross Owen and Bob Chrumka, respectively, will be completing their terms in the spring of 2015.

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- 2014-11-231 **Moved by B. McKellar that Bylaw 899 (2014), 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**
- 2014-11-232 **Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw 899 (2014), be read the second time. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**
- 2014-11-233 **Moved by C. Chomistek that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 899 (2014) this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2014-11-234 **Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw 899 (2014), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

#### **16.02 Advance Voting**

In follow-up to the request from September's Board Meeting, advance voting will be offered to electors. A resolution is required to provide for holding an advance vote; if passed the returning officer must determine the days and hours for the advance vote to be held.

- 2014-11-235 **Moved by B. McKellar that an advance vote be held in conjunction with the 2015 Election of Directors. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

#### **16.03 Special Ballots**

In follow-up to a further request for special ballots, a resolution is required to provide for the use of special ballots, the use of which is restricted to any elector who is unable to vote at an advance vote or at the voting station on election day because of:

- physical incapacity,
- absence from the local jurisdiction, or
- being a returning officer, deputy returning officer, constable, candidate, official agent or scrutineer who may be located on election day at a voting station other than the designated voting station for such elector.

- 2014-11-236 **Moved by G. Graham that provision be made to use special ballots in the 2015 election of Directors and further that application for a special ballot may be made by any one or more of the following methods:**
- a) in writing;
  - b) by telephone;
  - c) by telecopier;
  - d) in person;
  - e) by email.
- Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### **17.0 Retreat Topics**

Any suggestions for Board Retreat topics are to be forwarded to I. Friesen or W. Enns. Board consensus was to not procure a moderator for this retreat.

#### **18.0 Scholarship Update**

B. Chrumka advised Directors of recent feedback regarding the scholarship process and other related opinions. It was requested that for future years, additional eligibility information be added to the scholarship ad and application regarding second degrees/certificates/diplomas.

[3:51 p.m. Mark Porter entered the meeting.]

**19.0 Boardroom Upgrades**

The Board thanked Mr. Porter for an efficient and excellent job in upgrading the technology in the boardroom.

[3:53 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

**20.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 20.01 | AIPA Conference                    | - Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> , Calgary<br><i>[all Directors, I. Friesen, and M. Redelback attending]</i>                             |
| 20.02 | Budget Meeting                     | - Monday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 20.03 | GAC Meeting                        | - Tuesday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00 p.m.<br><i>[I. Friesen, B. Hale, W. Enns attending]</i>  |
| 20.04 | CRWUA Conference                   | - December 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> , Las Vegas<br><i>[B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, G. Graham]</i>                              |
| 20.05 | EID Staff Christmas Banquet        | - Friday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn   |
| 20.06 | Regular Board Meeting              | - Monday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 20.07 | Scholarship Awards & Reception     | - Monday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 5:00 p.m.   |
| 20.08 | Board Retreat                      | - January 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> , Banff   |
| 20.09 | AB Aquatic Invasive Species Summit | - January 14 & 15, 2015, Telus Conf. Centre, Calgary<br><i>[B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, C. Chomisek, F. George, I. Friesen, E. Wilson attending]</i> |
| 20.10 | Regular Board Meeting              | - January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:53 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Interim General Manager

### **December 1, 2014 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Interim General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

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

#### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.0 Follow Up to AIPA Conference
- 8.0 Retreat Topics

**2014-12-237 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented with additions. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

#### **2.0 Business Arising**

##### **2.0 Erik Christensen & Kent Sereda – Appeal for Compensation – NW 16-16-13 W4M**

In follow up to the November 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, further information was presented for the Directors' consideration. Discussion followed, with the following motion being carried.

**2014-12-238 Moved by G. Graham that due to the conditions of the rehab project on NW 16-16-13 W4M which proved an exception, that Erik Christensen be compensated a one-time payment of \$20,000 for this year's loss of rent and a 3 year timeline for the application of manure on the affected acres. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

Directors requested that the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy, and related practices and procedures be reviewed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

#### **3.0 Follow Up to AIPA Conference**

B. Chrumka advised that David Ardell – Executive Director, Infrastructure Branch, E&SRD, is pleased with how the EID has instigated the partnering for funding the cross-training of permanent AIS sniffer dogs for Alberta border crossings.

B. Chrumka also conveyed that in conversation with Roger Hohm – Branch Head, Irrigation Secretariat, ARD, and Jamie Wuite – Executive Director, Irrigation and Farm Water Division, ARD, appreciation was expressed for the creation of the PR position to bring social license, public education and public relations to the forefront for the EID. Agriculture and Rural Development is developing a similar template, in which Jennifer Nitschelm – Manager, Basin Water Management Branch, ARD, will be collaborating with Margo Redelback, Corporate Relations, EID.

As well, Mr. Chrumka suggested that, as was done years ago, meeting once or twice yearly to discuss shared issues with the WID and BRID as irrigation districts on the Bow River, would be another positive step. A number of other matters were discussed.

[10:30 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. Short break.]

#### **4.0 2014/2015 Budget Discussion**

I. Friesen presented the 2014/2015 preliminary budget, welcoming comment and questions from Directors. An overview of last year's revenues and expenses was given, with each department being reviewed and pertinent items noted. Through discussion, the following requests were made by Directors:

- add a separate line or section for selling District assets (land sales, gain on sale of equipment), so it is not included in general revenue
- review IRP formula information

[11:00 a.m. Don Plett entered the meeting.]

#### **11:00 a.m. Don Plett – Presentation re Subsurface Irrigation**

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Don Plett to the meeting; Mr. Plett was invited to present information to the Board regarding his subsurface drip irrigation test plot on his farm in Gem. Observation of this irrigation method occurred in Idaho with onion row cropping, which led to a trip to Texas to look at a variety of projects. Mr. Plett's project in Gem was initiated on 5 acres in 2013, with 30 acres being added this year, and plans to again increase the acreage next year. Particulars were given on the zone layout, pump system, materials, water application, and soil and crop response. A summary of pros and cons were listed, and several questions were answered. Mr. Plett was congratulated for his accomplishments and thanked for his time and presentation.

[11:50 a.m. D. Plett exited the meeting.]

[11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break.]

#### **4.0 2014/2015 Budget Discussion cont'd.**

Budget discussion continued; further requests were made:

- track details of all Bassano Dam Spillway associated costs, and report in monthly financials
- review certain Operations budgeted expenditures
- implement additional land monitoring
- request internet department representation at the next meeting to present on their proposed budget and new business proposal

The final budget will be brought back to the Board for approval at the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting; Directors were encouraged to contact administration if they had any further questions.

[2:23 p.m. Bob Hale entered the meeting.]

#### **5.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Update**

I. Friesen and K. Bridges advised that a conference call was held with Stan Blade – Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, and Edward Bork – Professor, Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science, both of the University of Alberta, in regards to the proposed research projects at the Mattheis Ranch. Matching grant funding has not been obtained as high as the 3:1 ratio requested by the District, and the U of A is now asking for a pledge for full funding for a scaled back project. Administration held fast to the previous commitment.

**6.0 Report on CFB Suffield – Friends and Neighbours Forum**

B. Hale attended a forum in Ralston, hosted by the CFB Suffield Base Commander. A general overview was given on the base as it relates to the southeastern Alberta area, followed by an open forum. Most people were in attendance to address the elk situation. CFB estimates 7,000 elk on the Base, with a reproduction rate of 2,200 – 2,300 per year. Additional hunting tags have been granted this year, with plans to increase the number of tags in 2015 as well. The complexities of CFB's safety and security measures in accepting hunters on an increasing scale were articulated by the present Base Commander, who is dealing with the situation within those confines.

**7.0 Set AUM Grazing Rate**

I. Friesen recommended a rate of \$11.00/AUM to balance the 2014 grazing expenses over a total allotment in 2015 of approximately 17,000 head.

**2014-12-239 Moved by F. George that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2015 season be set at \$11.00/AUM. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[2:38 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Retreat Topics**

B. Chrumka asked if there were any further suggestions for the Board Retreat. Topics were summarized as follows:

- Consideration of a General Assessment
  - illegal irrigation
  - annual assessment notices
- Implementation of Drought Plan
  - what constitutes a farm / parcel
  - owned land / rented land / jointly owned
  - can water be moved across systems?
- Irrigation Development
  - Rolling Hills area private grazing leases?
  - Community Grazing land?
- Community Grazing
  - Consideration of amalgamation of some associations?
- Policy Review
  - Board of Directors and Manager Relationship Policy
  - Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy (and how it is allocated)
  - Draft Pivot Encroachment Policy
  - Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy
- District Off-Stream Storage (Bow City)
- JBS Possible Request to Lease Additional Land
- Fencing of Drains
- Staff to Water User Protocol
- Requests for Funding
- Public Relations Plans/Strategies

**9.0 Upcoming Events**

- 9.01 Imaginea Landowner Mtg & Reception - Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.  
*[B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, N. Fontaine, B. Hale]*
- 9.02 GAC Meeting - Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.  
*[I. Friesen, B. Hale, W. Enns]*

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| 9.03 | CRWUA Conference                   | - December 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> , Las Vegas<br><i>[B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, G. Graham]</i>                     |
| 9.04 | AAFC Producers Focus Group         | - Tuesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m., Lethbridge AAFC Research Centre <i>[C. Chomistek, B. McKellar]</i>                    |
| 9.05 | EID Staff Christmas Banquet        | - Friday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn<br><i>[R. Owen to present long term service award]</i>                     |
| 9.06 | Regular Board Meeting              | - Monday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 9.07 | Scholarship Awards & Reception     | - Monday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 5:00 p.m.  |
| 9.08 | Board Retreat                      | - January 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> , Banff <i>[Directors, I. Friesen, K. Bridges, M. Redelback, W. Enns]</i>                    |
| 9.09 | AB Aquatic Invasive Species Summit | - January 14 & 15, 2015, Telus Conf. Centre, Calgary<br><i>[B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, F. George, I. Friesen, E. Wilson]</i> |
| 9.10 | Tiffin Conference 2015             | - Thursday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Lethbridge College<br><i>[J. Culligan]</i>  |
| 9.11 | Regular Board Meeting              | - January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 9.12 | Lower Colorado River Tour 2015     | - March 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup><br><i>[R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar]</i>                                  |

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:49 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Interim General Manager

**December 22, 2014 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	Interim General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice-Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Administration
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Bruce McKellar	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Director 5]		
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 AIS Monitoring – Sniffer Dog Funding
- 8.02.1.1 Phase Out Provisions
- 8.02.1.2 Cow/Calf Compensation Rates
- 8.02.1.3 Bull Listings
- 10.01 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting – January 13<sup>th</sup>
- 10.02 Prairie Conservation Forum Meetings – January 9<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- 10.03 AAFC Irrigation Focus Group – December 16<sup>th</sup>

**2014-12-240 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 November 20, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-12-241 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**2.02 December 1, 2014**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

**2014-12-242 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the December 1, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****3.01 AIS Monitoring – Sniffer Dog Funding**

Further to a verbal discussion at AIPA, where all the irrigation districts were approached by the EID to contribute towards a \$100,000 commitment to bring permanent sniffer dogs to Alberta border crossings, B. Chrumka advised that TID, LNID and BRID have made pledges of \$20,000 each. It is also anticipated that the WID will contribute, and possibly some of the smaller districts as well.



**2014-12-243 Moved by C. Chomistek that the EID contribute up to \$40,000 towards the AIS prevention training of sniffer dogs for Alberta border crossings. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[9:52 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Short break; Ronan Moen entered the meeting.]

**4.0 EIDNet**

R. Moen was in attendance to present the EIDNet Report.

**4.01 EIDNet Monthly Report**

A buildup of frost on power lines caused outages at the Rolling Hills Campground and Gem towers December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Campground outage caused Scandia to lose service as parts to repair the backhaul link from Scandia to Rainier have not yet been received. The Gem outage caused outages in Bassano and North Gem as they have no backup backhaul links. Fortis had the power back on in under 2 hours in both cases.

**4.02 EIDNet 2014/2015 Budget Proposal**

The EIDNet budget for this fiscal year was presented in regards to capital projects (servers & routers, backhaul radios, Snake Lake tower, research equipment, sector radios), bandwidth changes, and an additional staff position. A number of items were discussed, with Directors requesting that:

- research & development status be included on the EIDNet monthly report;
- budget allows for research & development purchases, to eliminate any out-of-pocket purchases; and
- a decision on customer account speed increases and fee reductions be handled later in the meeting once additional information is presented to the Board.

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

**5.0 2014/2015 Budget Approval**

Mr. Friesen updated the Directors as to some minor adjustments made since December 1<sup>st</sup>'s Budget Meeting, and also presented income and expense comparison graphs for the years 2006-2014/15. A number of items were discussed, with the consensus being to handle approval of the budget once a decision has been made on EIDNet revisions.

**6.0 Engineering**

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

**6.01 Project Status**

This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 10.5 km of earthworks and 37 km of PVC pipeline.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
Project Name	Board Approved	Detailed Design Complete	ROW Signed	Comments
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
Marshall Drain - 2.5 km	√	100%	100%	- berm complete, siltation bay complete this week, 400 m of drain work left on the City portion, plus 800 m west of the City

Summit Drain - 5.0 km	√	100%	100%	- roughly 2.5 km complete
One Tree - 3.0 km	√	100%	100%	- scheduled to start Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PIPELINE</b>				
Summit Drain - 3.5 km	√	100%	100%	- complete except inlet
10-B Springhill - 3.5 km	√	90%	90%	- 1 landowner left to sign
04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km	√	100%	100%	- ready for construction

<b>IRP PROJECTS</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Board Approved</b>	<b>Detailed Design Complete</b>	<b>ROW Signed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>				
21 North Branch - 5.0 km	√	100%	100%	- ready for pipelining
25 North Branch - 4.0 km	√	100%	100%	- 3 of 4 km complete
J West Bantry - 18.0 km	√	100%	100%	- started Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>

#### 6.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2015/16 to 2017/18

The District's IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the construction years 2015/16 to 2017/18 was presented. Projects were discussed, and Board support was given for this plan to outline smaller jobs which haven't been rehabbed yet, before considering larger projects that have already been worked on. Completed projects and continuing projects are listed in the report, with new projects as follows:

<b>IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>
Proposed Year 1 - 2015/16	01 Bow Slope	\$11,000,000
Proposed Year 2 - 2016/17	11-B Springhill	Option 1 - \$6,000,000
		Option 2 - \$5,000,000
Proposed Year 3 - 2017/18	Secondary A Rolling Hills	Option 1 - \$10,000,000
		Option 2 - \$1,500,000

2014-12-244 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2015/16 to 2017/18. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

#### 6.03 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – 21 North Branch – Rob Wallace – NE 22-23-16 W4M

Rob Wallace, NE 22-23-16 W4M, is moving his delivery to the NW corner of the quarter, which would result in the District saving \$37,000 in pipe costs. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$18,500.

2014-12-245 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Rob Wallace NE 22-23-16 W4M, for moving his delivery to the NW corner of the quarter, saving the District \$37,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$18,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**6.04 Farm Improvement – 21 North Branch – Robert Milne – NW 32-23-15 W4M**

Robert Milne, NW 32-23-15 W4M, is proposing to install a pivot on this quarter and is applying for the 50/50 cost-share grant for the removal of trees and brush to enable the pivot to wipe up to the farmyard. The work is estimated at \$3,700 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$10,000.

**2014-12-246 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joe Milne for the removal of trees and brush to enable the pivot to wipe up to the farmyard in NW 32-23-15 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to \$10,000 District contribution. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**7.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

**7.01 November 30, 2014 Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements to November 30, 2014 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$7.2 million.
  - YTD net operating expenses total about \$3.7 million.
  - YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$3.45 million.
- A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2014-12-247 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2014, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[11:53 a.m. R. Moen re-entered the meeting.]

**4.0 EIDNet cont'd.**

**4.02 EIDNet 2014/2015 Budget Proposal**

Mr. Moen provided additional information regarding proposed customer account speed increases and fee reductions to the Board for further discussion.

[11:56 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

**2014-12-248 Moved by J. Culligan that:**

- **EIDNet Water User accounts of 3.0 Mb or lower service be converted to a 3.0 Mb service at the rate of \$20/month;**
- **no new accounts (Water User or Non-Water User) be offered below a 3.0 Mb service; and**
- **that the following new rate and service structure be approved effective December 22, 2014:**

Account	Plan	Water User Rate	Non-Water User Rate
Basic Water User	3.0Mb/1.0Mb	\$20	n/a
Regular	3.0Mb/1.0Mb	n/a	\$50
Fast	6.0Mb/1.0Mb	\$50	\$65
Premium	9.0Mb/1.0Mb	\$65	\$80
Office 1	3.0Mb/2.0Mb	\$60	\$75
Office 2	6.0Mb/4.0Mb	\$105	\$120
Office 3	9.0Mb/5.0Mb	\$160	\$175

**Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

**5.0 2014/2015 Budget Approval cont'd.**

The 2014/2015 Budget was brought back for final consideration.

**2014-12-249 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board of Directors approve the 2014/2015 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[12:03 p.m. – 12:43 p.m. Lunch break.]

**7.0 Financial Report cont'd.****7.02 Request to Open a Bank Account re Bassano Dam Spillway**

Mr. Bridges advised that the Grant Agreement between Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and the EID for the Bassano Dam Spillway project provides for a request that a separate interest bearing account be used and that interest earned becomes part of the grant payment amount. Although this request has not yet been made, administration believes it advantageous to allocate a separate account for tracking and reporting purposes.

**2014-12-250 Moved by J. Culligan that authorization be given to open and operate an account at ATB Financial for purposes of the Bassano Dam Spillway Project and further that the EID's signing officers be authorized to execute all forms and agreements required for this account. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**7.03 Application to Renew the EID's Liability Insurance Policies**

A few questions were asked of the Board to aid in the completion of the application forms to renew the EID's insurance policies.

[12:49 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Lands****8.01 Oil & Gas Report**

N. Fontaine presented the following Oil & Gas Report.

**8.01.1 CNRL Negotiations**

CNRL is still not accepting the compensation rate increase the EID successfully negotiated with other companies in 2013. With the acquisition of all of EOG's gas leases, CNRL is by far now the second biggest oil & gas stakeholder in the area. Negotiations have been ongoing since 2013, and the next overall compensation review will be in 2016. Through discussion it was requested that additional information and legal advice be obtained to discuss a District approach in this matter before proceeding further.

**8.01.2 Letter from George Armstrong**

A letter was received from George Armstrong in regards to water for drilling purposes, questioning the District's policy on water conveyance fees imposed on oil and gas drilling companies. A short discussion was held. Upon investigation of the matter, Mr. Fontaine discovered that the oil company representative was not fully versed in EID policy and had miscommunicated with the landowner; the matter has since been resolved. "Water for drilling" in regards to District conveyed water and licensed and unlicensed water bodies is to be added as a Retreat agenda item.

**8.01.3 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary**

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas Summary for October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, noting that:

- Cenovus and Enerplus did the bulk of the surface acquisitions and pipelines.

- Cenovus anticipates another 30-40 wells for 2014-2015, while Enerplus is estimating 20.
- Since September 30, 2014, there have been 32 surface requests, 18 for Cenovus and 12 for Enerplus.

<b>Oil &amp; Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary</b>	
New Activity – October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014	
New Locations	48
Twinned Wells	44
Total	92
Pipelines	245.95 acres = 40.99 miles
Seismic	3 permits = 44.40 miles

**8.01.4 Oil & Gas Rates – Dirt, Landspraying, Seismic**

N. Fontaine recommended increasing the land spraying rate from \$1,000 to \$2,000/well; increasing the fill material from \$2/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3/m<sup>3</sup>, and top soil from \$10/m<sup>3</sup> to \$15/m<sup>3</sup>; and keeping the seismic rates the same. A short discussion was held.

**2014-12-251 Moved by G. Graham that the 2015 Oil & Gas Land Spraying rate for 2015 be set at \$2,000/well. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

It was requested that on large hauls, the District put in process the practice of gridding and surveying material before and after, to ensure accurate reporting from non-District contractors.

**2014-12-252 Moved by R. Owen that the 2015 Oil & Gas Dirt rate for fill be set at \$3.00/m<sup>3</sup>, and top soil at \$15.00/m<sup>3</sup>. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

Seismic rates will remain the same (source - \$1,250/mile; receiver - \$800/mile; with an additional \$100/mile on improved pasture).

[1:30 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; B. Hale entered.]

**8.02 Grazing Report**

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

**8.02.1 Report on GAC Meeting**

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2014 grazing season, applications and improvements for 2015, cow/calf compensation rates, bull listings, Lease Rider wintering of calves, fencing for cattle trailing, commercial requests to lease land, and any other concerns. Applications are detailed in the next agenda item; declined and pending applications were discussed. From the meeting the following 3 requests were made of the EID Board.

**8.02.1.1 Phase Out Provisions**

GAC reps requested that the EID Board review clause 3.2 “Phase Out Provisions” of the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures to allow “(iv) residency” as another qualifying factor besides “(iii) land ownership” to apply for a phase out year. This additional provision was discussed and it was requested that the revised Grazing policy to be drafted and brought back for approval.

**8.02.1.2 Cow/Calf Compensation Rates**

GAC reps also requested that the EID Board increase the self-insurance compensation program for cattle being hit and killed on the leases from \$750 and \$500 respectively for cows and calves, to \$1,500 and \$1,000. A short discussion was held.

**2014-12-253 Moved by J. Culligan that the compensation for cows hit and killed on community grazing leases be set at \$1,500/cow and \$1,000/calf, effective January 1, 2015. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**8.02.1.3 Bull Listings**

Lastly, GAC reps requested that staff examine and recommend a process to revise bull listing billing per actual time spent on the lease vs the standard 2 month calculation. Directors did not grant this request; all bulls will continue to be charged for 2 months in the lease.

**8.02.2 2015 Cattle Listings**

After a steady decline since 2001, overall membership in community grazing associations has appeared to have plateaued. With a maximum of 84 head per full member, overall numbers at this point are slightly above recent year's average.

<b>2015 Cattle Numbers Summary as of November 30, 2014</b>				
<b>Association</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Members</b>
Bantry	484	581	+97	8
Bassano	1,288	1,299	+11	16
Duchess	1,232	1,297	+65	19
Eyremore	1,866	1,959	+93	24
Gem	2,317	2,546	+229	36
Newell	2,181	2,327	+146	31
Patricia	2,754	3,071	+317	43
Rolling Hills	1,216	1,298	+82	21
Rosemary	1,609	1,714	+105	27
Tilley	1,267	1,413	+146	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,214</b>	<b>17,505</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Members</b>	14 new, 11 drop out			

**8.02.3 Set Grazing Number Per Member**

Total head of cattle are sitting at 17,505, based on an 84 head maximum per member allocation. Mr. Hale advised that the GAC was in agreement with these allocations.

**2014-12-254 Moved by F. George that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2015 grazing season be set at 84 for full members, 56 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year members, and 28 for 1<sup>st</sup> year members. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[1:53 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

**8.03 Letter from Gordon & Karen Grove**

A letter was received from Gordon and Karen Grove requesting to purchase Annual Private Grazing Lease #7066 in Pt. NE 36-20-15 W4M to obtain legal access to their property. Through discussion this request was denied as District easement is on title for acreage access.

**8.04 Tilley Water Treatment Plant – Potential Land Swap with County**

In follow up to the November 20<sup>th</sup> Directors Meeting, additional information was brought back for consideration of a potential land swap, sale or lease of approximately 2 to 3 acres to enable the County legal access to its water treatment plant in the Hamlet of Tilley. Several options were discussed.

**2014-12-255 Moved by B. McKellar that the EID trade the equivalent amount of acres with the County, for the area required for the Tilley Water Treatment access road. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**8.05 Silver Sage Agricultural Society 3 Year Plan & Financial Statements**

The Silver Sage Agricultural Society 3 Year Plan and Financial Statements were received as information. The Plan outlines the Ag Society and Kinsmen Club of Brooks development plans for the Silver Sage Agribition Grounds, including completed projects, and proposed projects including but not limited to the completion of the horse track, a new washroom building added to the grounds, a containment area for manure storage, a shop and covered storage area built off of the barn, and a new entry way to be added to the main building.

**2014-12-256 Moved by R. Owen that the Agriculture, Exhibition and Rodeo Grounds Development Plan for 2014-2017 be accepted. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**8.06 Article from Western Producer**

F. George brought to the attention of the Directors, an article from the December 18<sup>th</sup> issue of The Western Producer entitled “Thousands of Cattle Quarantined near Yellowstone – Appearance of brucellosis raises concerns about the health of the national park’s bison and elk populations”. There was Director support to contact the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reiterating the need for greater controls of the elk herds on CFB Suffield.

**2014-12-257 Moved by C. Chomistek that the District correspond with the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reiterating the need for greater elk control on CFB Suffield, now in light of the risk of disease to private livestock. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[2:22 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Operations****9.01 Farm Improvements**

M. Redelback presented the following Farm Improvements.

**9.01.1 Reed Crapo – NW 26-23-16 W4M**

This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe flood. The Landowner has installed approximately 800 m of gated pipe in NW 26-23-16 W4M for the amount of \$8,379 and is applying for the 50/50 cost-share grant of which the EID by policy will pay up to \$2,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,500.

**2014-12-258 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the farm improvement for 1734251 AB Ltd (Reed Crapo) for the conversion of open ditch to gated pipe in NW 26-23-16 W4M. The farm improvement grant payable to the Water User is \$2,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**9.01.2 Jim & Jean Culligan – S ½ 32-21-14 W4M**

With the rehab of the canal to pipeline through S ½ 32-21-14 W4M, the Landowner can now extend the pivot into the flood field to the south. In 2002 the Landowner was granted a Farm Improvement for the pivot north of the drain and was penalized \$1,600 for keeping the 8 acre flood field. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 13 acres flood to pivot. 8 additional acres are needed, at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$910 (13 acres x \$70/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 96 acres under pivot irrigation for the S ½.

**2014-12-259 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jim & Jean Culligan for the conversion of 13 acres flood to pivot in S ½ 32-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$910. The capital assets charge is \$2,400. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

The 2002 penalty for keeping 8 irrigation acres outside of the pivot area are eligible to be returned.

**2014-12-260 Moved by G. Graham that the penalty of \$200/acre applied in November 2002 for S ½ 32-21-14 W4M be returned to Jim & Jean Culligan for 8 acres of new efficiencies; 8 acres x \$200/acre = \$1,600. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

**9.01.3 Albert & Joanne Dovichak – SE 18-17-12 W4M**

Current assessment is 163 acres flood; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 16 acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,520 (136 acres x \$70/acre) - \$4,800 (16 acres x \$300/acre) = \$4,720.

**2014-12-261 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Albert & Joanne Dovichak for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in SE 18-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$4,720. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[2:26 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

**10.0 Quarterly Committee Reports****10.01 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting – January 13<sup>th</sup>**

J. Culligan will be attending the Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting at the City and is requesting maps or pictures of the Marshall Drain rehab project to bring to the meeting.

**10.02 Prairie Conservation Forum Meetings – January 9<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

A PCF Executive Meeting will be held at the EID Office on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and an AGM at the Medicine Hat College – Brooks Campus on the 15<sup>th</sup>; M. Redelback will attend along with R. Owen to give a presentation on the EID.

**10.03 Irrigation Focus Group – December 16<sup>th</sup>**

C. Chomistek and B. McKellar attended an Irrigation Focus Group at the AAFC Research Centre in Lethbridge, Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Discussions centered around the possibilities of irrigation scheduling.

**11.0 Newell Tourism – Action Planning Session – January 15<sup>th</sup>**

An invitation was received to attend a Visioning & Action Planning Workshop to develop a Newell Region Tourism Action Plan. B. McKellar and G. Graham will attend this event, to be held at Thom's Reception Centre in Duchess.



**12.0 Report on CRWUA Conference**

B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek and G. Graham attended the Colorado River Water Users Association Annual Conference in Las Vegas December 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. The extreme water shortage that the Colorado River associated states are experiencing was high on the agenda. Directors gave comment on various crisis management discussions from the conference such as the City of Los Angeles extreme water shortage, pumping water from one state to supply to another, the resulting hydro-power crisis and anticipated affects industry, and individual cases of landowners drilling wells to irrigate from aquifers.

**13.0 Southwestern Leader's Dinner**

In follow up to the Southwestern Leader's Dinner held November 13<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge, it was confirmed that the Premier requested a list of possible drought mitigation projects and plans from the irrigation Districts, in which AIPA has invited E. Wilson to assist in drafting these proposals.

**14.0 PHD Report – Year End Summary**

R. Martin's report was received as information. The Partners in Habitat Development program for 2014 involved:

- 16 landowners participating;
- 20,062 tree and shrub seedlings being planted for 7 new project sites, and 9 previous sites requiring replacements; and
- 3 km of fencing material being provided for new sites.

For 2015 it is anticipated that:

- 20,000 tree and shrub seedlings (at \$.90/seedling) will be ordered for 10 new sites and to provide for replacements;
- approximately 6.5 km of fencing will be constructed on new sites; and
- 6 summer students will be hired.

Seedlings will be purchased again from Select Seedling Nursery Ltd. in Saskatoon. There continues to be considerable interest in the PHD program, with a number of previous landowners expressing a desire to add projects to their land in the future, and there is already a number of potential projects requested for 2016. 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 the 2015 EID PHD program.

**15.0 Public Access Report – Year End Summary**

R. Martin's report was received as information. The Public Access Year End Summary for 2014 involved:

- the shared (County & EID) Community Peace Officers patrolling District lands and campgrounds, conducting 18 investigations, issuing 10 non-compliance notices, and several warnings, for various infractions such as off-highway vehicles, driving off trails, random camping, etc.; but overall experiencing very good compliance;
- the Provincial Parks Conservation Officers patrolling the Dinosaur area during the summer with no observed OHV activity, and spending approximately 125 hours patrolling during hunting season with limited hunters observed and very few infractions;
- the Fish and Wildlife Officer finding compliance with overall area hunters and not issuing any warnings;
- the RCMP monitoring EID lands periodically, issuing 2 written warning to individuals driving off-road; and
- District Staff conducting patrols of EID grazing lands to enforce compliance with the access guidelines experiencing a quiet year with a notable reduction in the number of units seen on

District land during hunting season. An exception to this were with the various vandalism incidents which occurred in the area.

#### 16.0 Letter from Brooks Food Bank Foundation

A letter was received from the Brooks Food Bank Foundation enquiring if the EID would consider selling or leasing suitable land for the purposes of building a new Food Bank building. This request will be discussed at the upcoming Retreat. B. Chrumka will obtain additional information.

#### 17.0 Request for Funding – Brooks Music Festival Association

A letter was received from the Brooks Music Festival Association requesting a financial contribution to assist in meeting their operational expenses. This request was denied.

#### 18.0 Vandalism of District Equipment

Another incident of vandalism to District property occurred during the first week of December. I. Friesen displayed pictures of damage to an EID front end loader.

#### 19.0 EID/County Joint Meeting

Mr. Friesen to secure a date for the EID / County Joint Meeting; possible agenda items at this time are:

- Drainage Program
- road allowances under pivots
- oil & gas lease roads
- walking trails/paths
- Bantry Bay encroachments, boat lifts, docks, possible road allowance closure

#### 20.0 Annual Report Book

Input was given for Annual Report Book content. Aquatic Invasive Species will be a central topic; elk migrating off CFB Suffield will also be mentioned.

#### 21.0 Letter from JBS Lakeside Feeders / JBS Food Canada Inc.

A letter from JBS Lakeside Feeders was received as information. The letter outlines JBS Food Canada Inc.'s progress and plans towards securing adequate waste water storage and future land requirements.

#### 22.0 Upcoming Events

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| 22.01 | Scholarship Awards & Reception     | - Monday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 5:00 p.m.   |
| 22.02 | Board Retreat                      | - Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> , Banff [ <i>Directors, I. Friesen, K. Bridges, M. Redelback, W. Enns</i> ]                        |
| 22.03 | Prairie Conservation Forum Ex. Mtg | - Friday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 a.m., EID Office<br>[ <i>R. Owen, M. Redelback</i> ]   |
| 22.04 | Joint Shared Services Meeting      | - Tuesday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 noon, City of Brooks<br>[ <i>J. Culligan</i> ]  |
| 22.05 | “Pre AIS Summit” Meeting           | - Tuesday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> , Bow Habitat Station, 3:15 p.m.<br>[ <i>B. Chrumka</i> ]   |
| 22.06 | AB Aquatic Invasive Species Summit | - January 14 & 15, 2015, Telus Conf. Centre, Calgary<br>[ <i>B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek, F. George, I. Friesen, E. Wilson, M. Redelback</i> ] |

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| 22.07 | Prairie Conservation Forum AGM    | - January 15 <sup>th</sup> , Medicine Hat College – Brooks Campus<br><i>[R. Owen, M. Redelback]</i>                                   |
| 22.08 | Newell Region Tourism Action Plan | - Thursday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 noon, Thom's Reception<br>Centre, Duchess <i>[B. McKellar, G. Graham]</i>                |
| 22.09 | Tiffin Conference 2015            | - Thursday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Lethbridge College<br><i>[J. Culligan]</i>   |
| 22.10 | Regular Board Meeting             | - Tuesday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 22.11 | WID/EID/BRID Meeting              | - <i>[tentatively January 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>]</i>  |
| 22.12 | Joint County / EID Meeting        | - <i>[tentatively January/February]</i>   |
| 22.13 | Regular Board meeting             | - Tuesday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m   |
| 22.14 | Lower Colorado River Tour 2015    | - March 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> , Nevada, Arizona, California<br><i>[R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar]</i> |

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:16 p.m.**

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Chairman

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Interim General Manager