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January 27 & 29, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th and 29th days of January, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

- **Board In-Camera** [9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.0 AIPA
- 6.06 Letter from Duane Hale

The following items were deleted from the agenda:

- Marshall Drain Rehab Tour
- 10.0 Operations
- 10.01 Farm Improvements
- 10.01.1 Dale Flatla – NE 29-16-13 W4M
- 10.01.2 Joel Van Wert – SE 16-17-13 W4M
- 15.01 Prairie Conservation Forum Report
- 15.05 Tiffin Conference 2015

2015-01-001 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 December 22, 2014**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 119, 3.01, replace “the larger irrigation districts” with “all the irrigation districts”.

2015-01-002 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the December 22, 2014 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Brooks Food Bank Foundation**

In follow up to December's meeting and the Board Retreat, the old truck shop and former Flex It Fitness spaces were shown to representatives of the Brooks Food Bank Foundation on January 15, 2015. The general state of the building and the Foundation's requirements were relayed to Directors. Mr. Bridges was requested to arrange for a full building evaluation report, to include detailed recommendations and cost estimates, and to bring this information back to the Board.

4.0 Review of Board Retreat

4.01 Summary & Action Item Follow Up

The Summary & Action Item Follow Up from the Board Retreat held in Banff January 5th – 7th was presented; no revisions were requested.

4.02 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures

The draft revised Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures was presented for review. The policy now permits the use of the Phase Out Provision for members who no longer meet residency requirements. This revised policy is available on the District's website.

2015-01-003 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures as revised, effective January 27, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[9:48 a.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

4.03 Farm Improvement Policy

The draft revised Farm Improvement Policy was presented for review; this policy is reviewed annually in January. Grants for converting to a more efficient method of irrigation were increased by 20%, amounts for keeping and selling back acres were adjusted, and several additional points were drafted. Further revisions and considerations were requested, as well as the opportunity to revisit the policy as a whole in February.

4.04 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy

The draft revised Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy was presented for review. The Purchase of Water Rights and Reduction of Infrastructure policy was combined with this policy, further clarification given, and grant amounts were increased to coincide with the Farm Improvement Policy. This revised policy is available on the District's website.

2015-01-004 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner policy as revised, effective January 27, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

4.05 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

The draft revised Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy was presented for review. Fencing practices and road crossings in regards to turnouts were clarified.

2015-01-005 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy as revised, effective January 27, 2015. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

5.0 AIPA

A letter to the Premier will be requested from AIPA addressing the continuance of IRP funding. This will be in addition to the recent AIPA letter listing potential river management projects in which the Premier had enquired about earlier with AIPA Executive, and at the Southwestern Alberta Leader's Dinner in November. This request will be brought up at the upcoming Bow Bloc Meeting January 29th.

[10:38 a.m. Cindy Simpson, Kasey Olson and Kevin Walcer entered the meeting.]

10:38 a.m. Brooks & District Health Foundation

Cindy Simpson – Chair and Kasey Olson – Trustee, of the Brooks & District Health Foundation; and Kevin Walcer – Alberta Health Services Advisor, were welcomed to the boardroom. The

representatives were in attendance to put forward a Kidney Dialysis fund raising initiative. Affected population, catchment area, available facilities and proposed local project were presented and discussed. The representatives were thanked for their presentation and time.

[11:13 a.m. C. Simpson, K. Olson and K. Walcer exited the meeting.]

A decision on this request for funding was deferred to a later board meeting.

[11:20 a.m. R. Gagley and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

6.01 Project Status

The occurrence of several cold weather shut-downs this past month slowed progress on all projects. Any more delays will necessitate additional measures to ensure timely completion of the projects. Progress is monitored on a daily or weekly basis, depending on the project. B. McKellar suggested the consideration of post-project landowner meetings to explain the decisions and actions taken by the District for any particular project.

| EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS | |
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| Project Name | Comments |
| EARTHWORKS | |
| Marshall Drain - 2.5 km | - cost-share with City portion largely complete, as of January 19 th the District is about \$70,000 over the estimate with January work/bills yet to be added in; the earthworks on the 800 m stretch west of 12 th Street should be complete this Friday |
| Summit Drain - 5.0 km | - 3.2 km of 5 km complete |
| One Tree - 3.0 km | - scheduled to begin once Marshall Drain is complete |
| PIPELINE | |
| Summit Drain - 3.5 km | - complete except inlet |
| 10-B Springhill - 3.5 km | - ready for construction |
| 04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km | - ready for construction |

| IRP PROJECTS | |
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| Project Name | Comments |
| EARTHWORKS | |
| 21 North Branch - 5.0 km | - 2.3 km of 5 km complete |
| 25 North Branch - 4.0 km | - 3.5 of 4 km complete |
| J West Bantry - 18.0 km | - 2.5 km complete |

6.02 Preliminary 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan

I. Friesen presented the preliminary 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan for the years 2015/2016 through 2017/2018. Focus and discussion was requested for the first year of the plan, with Bantry Summit Drain and Bow Slope being included; more details on Secondary A Rolling Hills will be brought to the February meeting. Projects were defined under 5 categories:

- medium to large laterals
- large drains and spillways
- small pipe extensions and small laterals
- systems that have been rehabbed 20 – 30 years ago that could be pipelined today

Directors and staff were requested to review and address any concerns; with the plan being brought back to the February Board Meeting for approval. It was confirmed that the District's annual budget for the County / EID Drainage Program remains at \$1 million, with flexibility for an additional \$200,000.

6.03 Bantry Summit Drain (Lower End) 2015 Construction – Pivot/Landowner Issues

R. Gagley presented a summary of pivot encroachment issues on the Bantry Summit Drain project, requesting further direction of the Board to clarify options for presentation at the upcoming landowner meeting. Existing alignments and proposed realignments were displayed. District and private encroachments were discussed case-by-case, with possible solutions suggested where identified.

[12:14 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

6.04 Structure Rehabilitation & Automation Program

I. Friesen presented the Structure Rehabilitation & Automation Program for 2015 as follows:

| STRUCTURE REHABILITATION & AUTOMATION PROGRAM | | |
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| Location | Project | Cost |
| 03 North Branch NE 16-21-18 W4M | - replacement of pipeline inlet structure | \$55,000 |
| Tilley Canal Q Check NE 12-17-13 W4M | - installation of flow control automation with communication | \$25,000 |
| Tilley Canal S Check SE 11-17-13 W4M | - installation of new leaf gate with automation for level control | \$77,000 |

2015-01-006 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 2015 Structure Rehabilitation and Automation Plan as presented, for an estimated cost of \$157,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.05 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Electrical Update

Mr. Friesen reviewed the progress report from Armax Electric Ltd. for the electrical upgrades at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. Significant issues with excavating through buried irrigation lines at the start of the project have been addressed, with trenching and locate practices to be utilized for the remainder of the project. Board direction was given that the remaining work be closely supervised. The project is on budget.

6.06 Letter from Duane Hale

A letter was received from Duane Hale regarding an invoice received for pipeline damage during construction excavation on land leased by him at Tanya Moss Prairie Feeders. Mr. Hale claims due diligence was done by calling Alberta One Call and that the EID should be part of this organization. I. Friesen explained that it is widely understood that landowners and utility companies excavating within the District boundaries do have the responsibility of contacting the EID in addition to Alberta One Call. As well, upon first appeal and in an effort to resolve the issue Mr. Hale's invoice was reduced from \$11,000 for materials, equipment and labour to just paying for materials. There was consensus of the Board that Mr. Hale has been accommodated to the fullest extent reasonable. Mr. Chrumka will forward a response letter to Mr. Hale.

[1:00 p.m. Tyler Mossey – CA, and Ed Chapman – CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants entered the meeting.]

1:00 p.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2013/2014 Year End Statements

Tyler Mossey – CA, and Ed Chapman – CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants were welcomed to the meeting. The financial records were found to be in order and there were no issues or concerns to report. A number of questions were asked of the auditors. Mr. Mossey and Mr. Chapman were thanked for their diligent work on the audit. Mr. Mossey commended administration and staff for their cooperation and effort, especially through the office renovation period.

[1:19 p.m. T. Mossey and E. Chapman exited the meeting.]

Mr. Bridges was requested to check the signage expenses and report back with more details.

2015-01-007 Moved by J. Culligan that the Independent Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2014 be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 December 31, 2014 Financial Statements

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

- YTD revenues total about \$10.5 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$5.7 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$4.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2015-01-008 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2014, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.02 2015 Remuneration Bylaw

The proposed 2015 Remuneration Bylaw was presented for review. The Director per diems have been revised according to the District's cost of living increase for 2015, and meal allowances have been increased to reflect current averages. The District mileage rate has been decreased from 60¢ /km to 57¢ /km to reflect current and projected fuel prices.

2015-01-009 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #900 (2015), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2015-01-010 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board read and approve Bylaw #900 (2015) the second time this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2015-01-011 Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #900 (2015) this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-01-012 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #900 (2015), 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

7.03 2015 Rates Bylaw

The proposed 2014 Rates Bylaw was presented for review, which is based on a '\$0' water rate, excepting surcharges for pressurized systems.

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- 2015-01-013 Moved by G. Graham that Bylaw #901 (2015), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED
- 2015-01-014 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board read and approve Bylaw #901 (2015) the second time this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED
- 2015-01-015 Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #901 (2015), this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2015-01-016 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #901 (2015), 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
- 7.04 2015 Fees Bylaw**
The proposed 2014 Fees Bylaw, with slight increases, was presented for review. A short discussion was held.
- 2015-01-017 Moved by B. McKellar that Bylaw #902 (2015), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED
- 2015-01-018 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board read and approve Bylaw #902 (2015) the second time this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED
- 2015-01-019 Moved by F. George that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #902 (2015), this 27th day of January, 2015. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2015-01-020 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #902 (2015), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[1:55 p.m. E. Wilson and N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

8.0 Basssano Dam Spillway Update

Mr. Wilson gave a verbal summary of Siksika negotiations in regards to the spillway project, commenting on the status of engineering design work. Test drilling has given evidence to gravel seams and an unstable saturated sandy silt layer.

9.0 Lands

9.01 Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine gave the following Oil & Gas Report.

9.01.1 CNRL Update

I. Friesen, E. Wilson and N. Fontaine attended a meeting with the District's solicitor Dennis Roth, of Ackroyd LLP in Edmonton on January 26th to discuss a number of items. Mr. Roth's opinion on CNRL compensation negotiations was discussed and direction given by the Board. CNRL has 2,780 oil & gas leases on District lands.

9.01.2 Water for Drilling Supply – Update/Clarification

Clause 9 of the Area Development & Operation Agreement, "Supply of Water for Drilling Purposes", particularly 9.1.3 was provided to Directors as backup to previous discussions. Schedule 3 of the Water Regulations from the Water Act "Diversions of Water or Operations of Works that are Exempt from the Requirement for a Licence", was also provided.

[2:48 p.m. – 2:53 p.m. Short break, E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

9.01.3 Lease Inspection Report

An inspection list of oil & gas sites was presented as information. Approximately 1,500 leases were inspected in the summer of 2014, and of the over 800 lease sites recorded so far, 3 ½ % need to be addressed. The lease inspections will resume this year when ground conditions are favourable; and a coordination of Lands staff is planned for additional District manpower and surveillance. Program development will proceed for inspections to be recorded in-field with use of a smart phone, eliminating redundant office data entry, and having capabilities such as GIS mapping layers, history, notifications, site pictures, etc. R. Owen suggested that a contact be made available for landowners to forward information directly to the Lands department regarding derelict leases. Grazing Association reps may email Mr. Fontaine directly with any concerns which they may have.

[3:01 p.m. B. Hale, M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

9.02 Rogers Communication Towers

In the summer of 2014 Rogers was granted access to look for suitable sites for two 103.5 m cellular towers. One site in the Bantry area in W ½ 05-16-13 W4M, and another near Finnegan Ferry in NW 06-25-15 W4M were identified by Rogers as possibilities. These sites were reviewed internally with the Grazing, Wildlife and Internet departments, and as no concerns were raised, a lease document was developed with Administration. Two open houses were held as part of Rogers' public consultation process, as required by their formal tower application. There was no opposition to the Finnegan area tower site, but due to some opposition in the south, Rogers is still looking for an alternative site in the Bantry area. In review of this process, the Board directed that for any future tower locates staff/admin obtain surrounding water users' input, prior to presenting site options to companies.

[3:13 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.03 Grazing**9.03.1 Request to Transfer PGL #7031 – Cliff (Dan) Buzogan to Janet Henry**

A request has been received from Mrs. Buzogan, Power of Attorney for Cliff (Dan) Buzogan, to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7031 from Mr. Buzogan to Janet Henry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Buzogan. Mrs. Henry meets eligibility requirements.

2015-01-021 Moved by F. George that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7031 to be transferred from Cliff (Dan) Buzogan to Janet Henry. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03.2 Community Grazing Eligibility – Joint Ownership Issues

Joint ownership and corporation land as Community Grazing eligibility was discussed. Mr. Friesen will obtain a legal opinion regarding "joint tenant as to an undivided ½ interest". This topic will be brought back to the February meeting for further discussion. B. Hale will contact all affected applicants once a conclusion is made.

9.04 4th Quarter Assessment Report

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

| EID WATER ROLL | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Acres on the Water Roll | Irrigation Acres | Terminable Acres | Total |
| October 1, 2014 | 292,864 | 5,020 | 297,884 |
| December 31, 2014 | 292,924 | 4,933 | 297,857 |
| Net increase | 60 | < 87 > | < 27 > |
| Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement) | | | < 18 > |
| Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) | | | 60 |
| Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres | | | 70 |
| Terminable Acres Canceled | | | 17 |

9.05 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Endersby (20-16 W4M)

A request was received from Endersby Cattle Company Ltd. (Dan Endersby) to transfer 134 acres of wild flood from N ½ 31-20-16 W4M and add 28 acres gained through efficiencies to accommodate the addition of a corner arm onto the section pivot in S ½ 15 & N ½ 10-20-16 W4M, and the extension of the wiper pivot in NW 11 & SW 14-20-16 W4M. The transfer benefits the District's operations as well; engineering will ensure that part of the canal is pushed in to ensure disuse.

2015-01-022 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve:

- the transfer of 134 irrigation acres from N ½ 31-20-16 W4M to S ½ 15 & N ½ 10-20-16 W4M and NW 11 & SW 14-20-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Endersby Cattle Company Ltd. (Dan Endersby); and
- the addition of 28 efficiency acres for the above parcels, gained in converting 134 acres from flood to pivot;

both conditional upon soils passing and the landowner obtaining County permission to farm road allowances. **Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

9.06 Darcy Walde Flood Claim – NE 03 & SE 10-23-16 W4M

A request for compensation was received from Darcy Walde who had incurred flooding on his property in NE 03 & SE 10-23-16 W4M from the operational drawdown of the Crawling Valley Reservoir. Mr. Walde estimated 1 ½ months loss of grazing for 110 head at 90¢/day, as removal of the cattle was necessary to limit damage to the pasture. A short discussion was held.

2015-01-023 Moved by F. George that the District pay out 100% of Darcy Walde's loss of grazing flood claim in SE 10 & NE 03-23-16 W4M, 1.5 months of grazing for 110 head @ 90¢/day = \$4,455. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 Request for Waiving of Conveyance Charges for Brooks Golf Club

A letter was received from the Brooks Golf Club requesting that their water conveyance fees for the 2014 and 2015 golf seasons be waived. A short discussion was held and this request was denied. Golf courses were not discounted for water conveyed in 2014 and will continue to be charged their full rate in future years. Mr. Chrumka will forward a response letter to the Brooks Golf Club.

3:50 p.m. The Board recessed until Thursday, January 29th, 2:48 p.m.]

Those in attendance on January 29th were:

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|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

The meeting was called to order at 2:48 p.m.

11.0 EIDNet Report

The new account plans are now in place and all customers have been converted to their corresponding plans. A list of customers is being maintained that want to upgrade to speeds over 3 Mbps and their equipment is being changed as soon as possible for the upgrade. Most areas have sector radios in place on the towers to allow these conversions and more are scheduled to be installed. The website has been changed showing the new plans and their availability, and emails will be forwarded soon.

12.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch

12.01 Grant Application Update

K. Bridges presented an update of the U of A research project funding status; a thorough discussion was held. Mr. Bridges was requested to communicate to Dr. Bork that if the U of A is willing to consider negotiations on a grass lease, the EID Board is open to a presentation from Dr. Carlyle on the scaled back research project and a reconsideration of the District's current conditions for project funding.

12.02 Proposed Conservation Easement

At the January 26th meeting with the District's solicitor Dennis Roth, of Ackroyd LLP in Edmonton, it was Mr. Roth's opinion that the District's original easements would not be affected by this new conservation easement. Mr. Friesen confirmed that all the irrigation acres on the Mattheis Ranch are terminable acres with the exception of SW 32-21-16 W4M; there are also Ducks Unlimited projects with their own water licenses on the Ranch. Directors requested that consideration be given to classifying some user groups in subcategories for water conveyance, (ex. research).

13.0 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George conveyed a request from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society to have 20 seasonal sites at the Crawling Valley Campground designated for local residents to assist the caretakers with security throughout the season. A short discussion on this request was held, along with an update regarding the electrical service issues.

2015-01-24 Moved by R. Owen that 15% (12 sites) of the 80 Crawling Valley Campground sites being drawn for seasonal use be guaranteed for EID residents, at the same fee, who will by agreement assist in the security needs of the campground. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

14.0 Bow River Basin Council Seat

B. Chrumka advised that E. Braun, WID General Manager, will be finished his term within the year representing the Bow districts at the BRBC. It was suggested by Mr. Braun that a Director

could take a turn sitting in this capacity. This seat will be discussed at the EID organizational meeting in April.

15.0 Possible Reports on Meetings/Conferences

15.01 Joint Shared Services Meeting

J. Culligan attended the Joint Shared Services Meeting at the City on January 13th, where he provided a map which outlined the Marshall Drain rehab project. A discussion was held on the project regarding natural spaces and possible pathways. A reorganizational meeting for NREDI (Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative) and Joint Shared Services is planned for February 4th; B. Chrumka and G. Graham will attend.

15.02 Alberta AIS Summit

The Alberta Aquatic Invasive Species 2015 Summit was held January 14th & 15th at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre; B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen, E. Wilson and M. Redelback attended. The Summit was hosted by Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, with Kate Wilson – Provincial AIS Specialist. Presentations were given on the Province's AIS education, outreach, rapid response planning, monitoring, watercraft inspections, policy and legislation. The conference was reviewed by Directors and admin of the EID, BRID and WID at the Bow Bloc Meeting prior to this meeting.

15.03 Newell Region Tourism Action Plan

B. McKellar and G. Graham attended the Newell Region Tourism Action Plan in Duchess on January 15th. An aggressive development plan for the Lake Newell Resort and marina was proposed. Directors requested that admin obtain additional information regarding these plans and to bring this information back to the Board.

16.0 Spring Information Meetings

Spring Information Meetings will not be held this year; meetings will be planned for January or February of 2016.

17.0 March 26, 2014 AGM Minutes – Review

The minutes from the 2014 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.

18.0 Calgary Junior Forest Wardens re Request for Spring Camp Location

In follow up to the request presented in December, the Calgary Junior Forest Wardens have chosen to hold their spring camp in Calgary but will consider the EID in the future.

19.0 Silver Sage Agricultural Society 2014 Financial Statements

The Silver Sage Ag Society 2014 financial statements were presented as information; the society is operating on a deficit this year.

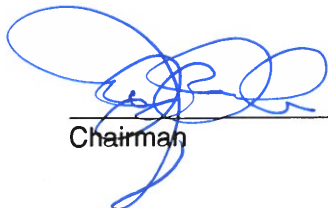
20.0 Upcoming Events

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| 20.01 | AIS Information Meeting | - Wednesday, February 18 th , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 20.02 | Regular Board meeting | - Tuesday, February 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 20.03 | Joint County / EID Meeting | - Thursday, March 5 th , 5:00 p.m., County Office |
| 20.04 | Lower Colorado River Tour 2015 | - March 10 th – 13 th , Nevada, Arizona, California |

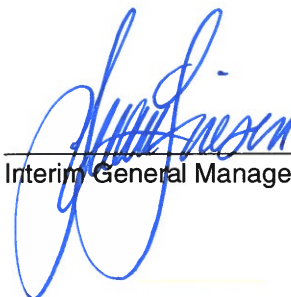
20.05 Annual General Meeting
20.06 Nominations Close

[R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar]
- Wednesday, March 25th, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- Thursday, March 26th, 5:00 p.m.
[Divisions 3 & 6]

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:27 p.m.



Chairman



Interim General Manager

February 24, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th of February, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| 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 | [Division 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:

- 11.04 Harley Tateson – Request for Dam on Sauki Drain

2015-02-025 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 27, 2015

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 9, 12.02, after “all the irrigation acres on the Mattheis Ranch are terminable acres” add “with the exception of SW 32-21-16 W4M”.

2015-02-026 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the January 27, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 AIS Detection Dog Training – Update on Funding

Funding commitments from other irrigation districts towards the training of permanent AIS detection sniffer dogs resulted in contributions of \$20,000 each from the BRID, LNID, TID, and WID; \$10,000 from the RID; and \$2,580 from the UID. This negates the need for the EID to contribute more than \$20,000. In relation to this, Mr. Chrumka recommended that an EID budget be set for the District's own AIS prevention; discussion ensued.

2015-02-027 Moved by G. Graham that the Board contribute \$20,000 towards the AIS detection dog training for Alberta border crossings; and that an additional \$30,000 be budgeted for AIS prevention, to be administered at the discretion of M. Redelback. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.02 Public Relations Signs

Information on the number, placement and cost of PR signs was provided to the Board. Three 8'x8', and ten 4'x8' “Thanks to Irrigation” signs were produced at the expense of the District, with one 8'x8' and nine 4'x8' having been installed. Ten Bassano Dam signs were installed on site at the cost of the District; six referencing the dam's original construction and four signs documenting the 2013 flood. Updated numbered highway directional signs to the Dam were replaced by Alberta Transportation, at the District's expense. As well, three 4'x4' and six 2'x2.5' Aquatic

Invasive Species signs were provided by Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development and installed at public access points on District reservoirs.

4.0 Sale of Irrigated Lease #8252 – Les Douglass

K. Bridges reviewed that Irrigated Lease #8252 expired December 31, 2014. Pursuant to Mr. Douglass' request and Board resolution #126-06-2003 of June 2003, the Board set the minimum acceptable price and the parcel was advertised for sale. Since no offers were received Mr. Douglass was given the opportunity to submit an offer to purchase; his submitted offer meets the District's requirements for the purchase of this parcel. A short discussion was held.

2015-02-028 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the acceptance of Les Douglass's offer of \$621,000.00 plus GST for the purchase of SE & Pt. SW 12-24-16 W4M (Irrigated Lease #8252). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

5.0 Proposed Amendments to the Irrigation Districts Act

I. Friesen summarized that most of the proposed amendments to the Irrigation Districts Act are clerical, with the exception of a few points for consideration. One new point being, a landowner's right to appeal on applications for Rural Water Use Agreements which also gives districts the right to put customers in arrears on the collector's roll. Questions were answered on a few other points. Consensus was for the acceptance of the proposed amendments. Mr. Friesen will forward a letter to AIPA and the Irrigation Secretariat.

[9:47 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

6.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson presented a Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway preliminary design report, site maps and a copy of the meeting summary letter provided to Siksika Nation, dated February 23, 2015. Mr. Wilson and F. George met with applicable Siksika Nation Councilors and department heads on February 20th. The summary letter was to be provided to both parties, summarizing the findings to date and outlining the proposed project contracts and project schedule. The geotechnical conclusions only enable this spillway to be operational when the river is in high flow, ie. emergency use only, not as an optional operational secondary spillway. Negotiations are continuing; a draft enabling agreement and draft easement document are in progress. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Wilson.

2015-02-029 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Preliminary Design Report (with acceptance of the recommendations within and the preferred option being 1B) and allow the negotiation of a sole source contract at fair market value with Niitsitapi-Graham LP for the:

- construction of the cofferdam,
 - construction of the sheet-steel piling wall,
 - installation of dewatering wells, and
 - supply of aggregate material
- as part of the negotiation for access and easements required from Siksika Nation. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Mr. Wilson similarly advised that the Bassano Dam hydro study has been completed and does not prove to be viable, providing quotes on rates of return and various partnership options. The report is available to Directors.

[10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

7.0 Water Stoppages Bylaw

Mr. Friesen advised that he is in agreement with the content of the Water Stoppages bylaw received from the Bow River Irrigation District. Further legal opinion and an EID specific re-write will take place, with the draft being brought back to the Board for approval. B. Chrumka will forward thanks to the BRID for sharing this document.

8.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Various snowpacks affecting the Bow River are recording average to slightly below levels, with probable increases as witnessed historically in the upcoming spring months.

8.02 County of Newell Policy Development re Farming of Road Allowances

One of the agenda items at the upcoming County/EID Joint Meeting will be the County's policy development of road allowances for farming. The estimated number of acres and possible procedure that would work for both the County and the EID will be discussed. Internally, the District has already begun a process in which any pivot drawings crossing over road allowances necessitate the landowner getting approval from the County to farm those road allowance areas.

8.03 Farm Improvement Policy

In follow up to the Farm Improvement Policy review in January, the second revised draft was presented for discussion. One wording change was requested and a short discussion was held.

2015-02-030 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Policy as revised, effective February 24, 2015. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

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

8.04 Farm Improvements**8.04.1 Dale Flatla – NE 29-16-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 110 acres wheels; new pivot area is 104 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 104 acres wheels to corner arm pivot. The Landowner is choosing to sell the 6 additional acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$1,000/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,368 (104 acres x \$42/acre).

2015-02-031 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dale Flatla for the conversion of 104 acres wheels to pivot in NE 29-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,368. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2015-02-032 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of Dale Flatla's 6 acres of water rights on NE 29-16-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 6 acres of water rights = \$6,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

8.04.2 Joel Van Wert – SE 16-17-13 W4M

From a Farm Improvement application in April 2014, the Landowner was penalized for retaining 24 acres in which he had planned for future development. The Landowner is now proceeding with this development, of which 22 acres are needed in a flood to wiper pivot conversion. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,848. The Landowner has yet to decide if he will be selling back the remaining 2 acres.

2015-02-033 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joel Van Wert for the conversion of 22 acres flood to pivot in SE 16-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$1,848. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2015-02-034 Moved by F. George that the penalty of \$300/acre applied in April 2014 for SE 16-17-13 W4M be returned to Joel Van Wert for 22 acres of new efficiencies; 22 acres x \$300/acre = \$6,600. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2015-02-035 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the purchase of Joel Van Wert's 2 acres of water rights on SE 16-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 2 acres of water rights = \$2,000. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

8.03 Farm Improvement Policy con'td.

Two further matters regarding the Farm Improvement Policy were brought up arising from discussions at the January Board Retreat. Subsurface irrigation conversion applications were deliberated, as well as development verification.

2015-02-036 Moved by J. Culligan that Farm Improvement applications for subsurface irrigation also be accepted on a 2 year retroactive basis. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2015-02-037 Moved by C. Chomistek that Farm Improvement Grant applicants be notified by letter that pivot position and size will be verified by the District prior to grant money being forwarded. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[11:12 a.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

9.0 Annual Report Book – 2014 Draft

A draft Annual Report Book was presented for review; no requests for changes were received. The ARB will be taken to the printers on the 25th, with a targeted mailing date of March 12th.

10.0 Irrigation Recording and Management App Project

M. Porter was in attendance to update the Board on the early development stages of the Irrigation Monitoring and Management Project. This project is in collaboration with:

- Darcy Driedger, Director – Food & Bio-Industrial Crops Branch, Crop Diversification Centre South
- Len Hingley, Soil & Water Technologist – Irrigation Management Branch
- Ted Harms, Soil & Water Specialist – Irrigation Management Branch
- Walter Garrison, Manager – Innovation & Scholarship, Medicine Hat College

Research and development is focusing on adding a soil moisture model to the District's Irrigation Recording and Management App. This model will use crop type, irrigation method, weather and irrigation data to determine the soil moisture deficit for the irrigated parcels. Future research will include connection to actual soil moisture probes in the farmers' fields to provide actual soil moisture deficit conditions instead of the calculated soil moisture deficit.

[11:31 a.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

11.0 Engineering

Mr. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

11.01 Project Status

This year's construction program presently consists of approximately 10.5 km of earthworks and 37 km of PVC pipeline. Approximately 17.5 km of pipeline remains to be installed by spring. 3.0 km of J West Bantry was put out for bids due to completion concerns to three companies on a cost per meter basis. Brooks Asphalt and Aggregate were low bid and they have already mobilized and begun construction; this should ensure completion of the pipelines in early April.

| EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Project Name | Comments |
| EARTHWORKS | |
| Marshall Drain - 2.5 km | - earthwork and armouring complete; cleanup remains |
| Summit Drain - 5.0 km | - earthwork and armouring complete; cleanup remains |
| One Tree - 3.0 km | - 1.5 km of 3 km complete |
| PIPELINE | |
| Summit Drain - 3.5 km | - pipeline complete; cleanup remains |
| 10-B Springhill - 3.5 km | - scheduled to start February 27 th |
| 04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km | - 1 km of 3 km complete; commenced construction February 13 th |

| IRP PROJECTS | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Project Name | Comments |
| EARTHWORKS | |
| 21 North Branch - 5.0 km | - pipeline complete; settling pond and cleanup remains |
| 25 North Branch - 4.0 km | - 3.5 of 4 km complete |
| J West Bantry - 18.0 km | - 5.5 km of 18 km complete |

11.02 3 Year Capital Works Rehabilitation Plan

04 Scott Canal, a small lateral, has been added to the 2017/2018 (Year 3) project list. Preliminary estimated cost for this rehab project is \$500,000. Beyond the 3 year mark an additional large canal that potentially is on the radar is the Scott Canal. This project would propose a pipeline which could come out of Lake Newell. This project could see large water savings and ease of operation if installed directly out of Lake Newell. The full 3 Year Plan will be brought back to the March meeting for approval.

[11:43 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

11.03 Secondary A Rolling Hills

The Secondary A Rolling Hills rehab project was brought back to the Board from the preceding meeting. Three options were presented for consideration involving preliminary design for single or double pipelines with various circumstances, and partial cost estimates. The project was discussed at length and will be investigated further; several of the Directors may also tour the area.

11.04 Harley Tateson – Request for Dam on Sauki Drain

I. Friesen and R. Gagley gave background concerning a reiterated request from Harley Tateson for a dam to be constructed in the Sauki Drain on his parcel of land in NE 32-14-15 W4M. Possible mutual benefits and any suitable and cost-effective compromises or alternate solutions will be looked into once more.

[12:29 p.m. – 1:04 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; lunch break.]

12.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

12.01 January 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to January 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$13 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$5.6 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2015-02-038 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.02 1st Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2014

The 1st Quarter Investment Report was presented on behalf of Lorna Smith, Accounting Administrator. The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2014 is \$754,000 more than the book value was at September 30, 2014. A fluctuation of this amount is considered normal. Short term investments totaling \$20 million matured and short term investments totaling \$7.9 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$6 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$3.8 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$9.0 million were purchased.

2015-02-039 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2014 as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.03 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2014

The 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report was also presented on behalf of Lorna Smith. Various accounts were discussed.

2015-02-040 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2014 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.04 Audit Findings Letter

As part of the finalization of the audit, an Audit Findings letter was presented to the Board for review, approval and execution. EID Management had also been required to confirm the fulfilment of financial statement obligations in a Representation letter earlier this month.

2015-02-041 Moved by G. Graham that the Audit Findings letter dated January 27, 2015 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants be approved and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorized to execute and return the Audit Findings letter to Bevan and Partners. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

13.0 EIDNet Report

Replacement equipment has been ordered and will be installed shortly to accommodate increased bandwidths and better provide for customer speed requests. The Tilley to Brooks backhaul link was failing which caused some slowdowns with customers; it has since been replaced. A list of customers is being maintained who want to upgrade to speeds over 3 Mbps, and staff are changing the equipment out for the upgrades as soon as possible. New equipment installation will be complete for all towers by the end of the month. As well, approximately \$330 was spent from the Research & Development Budget on new hard drives to test Windows 10.

14.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Grant Application Update

K. Bridges advised that the District's request for a grass lease with the U of A Rangeland Research Institute to consider as part of the research project funding negotiations was communicated and declined. The U of A specified that although the EID may forward a letter regarding consideration for grazing lease privileges, which would be referenced at the time of lease renewal, the Institute could not couple operations matters with research matters. A

thorough discussion was held covering advancement to date on a funding agreement between the U of A and the District and it was agreed that an impasse had been reached. It was requested that a letter be forwarded declining District contribution to the current proposed project, but being open to consideration of future projects which may be of benefit to the EID.

[2:01 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting.]

15.0 Irrigation Development / Private Grazing Leases in Rolling Hills

Mr. Friesen reviewed that as per the Board Retreat in January, preparation was to begin on irrigation development for Private Grazing Leases #7167, #7047, #7021, and S ½ of #7214, with details to be brought back this fall. Additional information was given and clarification requested for Private Grazing Leases N ½ of #7214 and #7116, and SE 25-14-13 W4M, whether to be long term private grazing leases, short term, annual or developed for irrigation. A recent site tour, parcel limitations and possible development options were conveyed to Directors. Direction was given for three 1 Year Permits to be advertised and included in the newsletter.

2015-02-042 Moved by G. Graham that three 1 Year Permits be advertised and included in the newsletter consisting of the 2 south quarters, the 4 north quarters and the 1 east quarter as indicated in the east Rolling Hills potential irrigation development map. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

16.0 South Slope Feeders Land Transfer

South Slope Feeders has approached the District to entertain a proposed land trade involving their land:

- SE 15 & Pt. NE 15-16-16 W4M (south of the canal), consisting of 181 acres more or less; in exchange for District land:
- Pt. N ½ 12-17-16 W4M, consisting of 147 acres more or less.

A request to purchase the acres in Pt. N ½ 12 was made some time ago but denied. The proposed transaction would have reduced the grazing acres for the Newell Grazing Association and caused access issues. The new proposal would eliminate the earlier issues.

[2:34 p.m. G. Graham exited the meeting.]

A thorough discussion was held, with the Grazing Lease Manager's input and conveyed Water User's comments taken into consideration. It was requested that Newell Grazing Association reps be invited to the March Board Meeting to speak directly to this request.

[2:51 p.m. – 2:57 p.m. Short break; G. Graham re-joined the meeting.]

17.0 Lands

17.01 Community Grazing Eligibility – Joint Ownership Issues

The Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures was reviewed in regards to land claimed for eligibility requirements. I. Friesen specified that legal advice from two separate lawyers indicated that land claimed for eligibility on title as "undivided ½ interest" was in essence equitable to "joint ownership" qualifiers. This point being deliberated, direction was given for staff to review all applications in this regard, forwarding correspondence to all applicants where deeded land is used for eligibility does not meet these clarified guidelines. Applicants are to forward a letter from a lawyer that indicates changes are in progress, for them to be eligible for the 2015 grazing season.

2015-02-043 Moved by J. Culligan that Community Grazing applicants not in compliance with eligibility requirements as defined by policy and recently reviewed, be contacted by letter to make

the necessary adjustments to be able to run cattle in the lease for the 2015 grazing season. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[3:10 p.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

17.02 Irrigated Lease Rate Reviews – 8215, 8216, 8217

In 2009 Lessees of Irrigated Leases #8215, #8216 and #8217 chose the option to extend their lease for 10 years for a one-time payment equivalent to a one year lease payment. These leases are now due for a rental rate review for the remaining years 2015 through 2019 (expiry). Comparatives were provided outlining current long term lease rates, new development lease-to-purchase rates, and recent long term lease auction rates.

2015-02-044 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8215, #8216, and #8217 at \$94/irrigated acre, plus \$5/dry acre, plus water and taxes for the years 2015 through 2019. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

17.03 Annual Irrigated Leases – 8290, 8323, Pt. NE 14-19-14 W4M

In correlation to setting 5 year rate reviews, annual irrigated leases #8290, #8323, and Pt. NE 14-19-14 W4M were addressed. Pivot encroachment matters were discussed in general, with the following motions being put forward.

2015-02-045 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the annual rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8290, #8323, and Pt. NE 14-19-14 W4M at \$150/irrigated acre. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED

2015-02-046 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the annual rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8290, #8323, and Pt. NE 14-19-14 W4M at \$125/irrigated acre. Seconded by B. McKellar. DEFEATED

2015-02-047 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the annual rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8290, #8323, and Pt. NE 14-19-14 W4M at \$140/irrigated acre. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

17.04 Alternate Parcel Applications

17.04.1 John Miller to Bow City Hutterian Brethren

For the 2015 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.

2015-02-048 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

17.04.2 Ray & Ruth Braun to J. & S. Vanstone

For the 2015 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 allow further rotation of his wiper pivot.

2015-02-049 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 G. Graham. CARRIED

18.0 Letter from Wade & Frances Tobler re Old CNR Right-of-Way

A letter was received from Wade & Frances Tobler regarding the old CNR right-of-way which intersects their land in SW 21-20-12 W4M. Mr. Friesen was requested to obtain legal advice concerning this matter.

19.0 Lake Newell Shoreline Encroachments – Update

Administration reported that in reference to the homeowner's previous developments on District ROW at Lake Newell Resort, they are satisfied with the reclamation results. A short discussion on reservoir encroachments followed.

20.0 Draft Vulcan County & County of Newell Intermunicipal Development Plan

An open house for the Draft Vulcan County and County of Newell Intermunicipal Development Plan bordering the Bow River is being held March 2nd at the Bow City Community Hall. M. Redelback will attend.

21.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2015 Rates

A review was provided of the 2014 District camping rates and current provincial rates. In reflection of the investments currently being added to the campground, Directors were in favour of modest increases.

2015-02-050 Moved by G. Graham that the camping rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2015 camping season be set at:

- \$35/night, including GST, on all daily sites,
- \$1,800/season, plus GST, for the Marina & Upper Tier seasonal sites,
- \$2,000/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 10th. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2015-02-051 Moved by B. McKellar that the boat slip rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for the 2015 boating season be set at:

- \$20/day, including GST,
- \$60/week, including GST, and
- \$450/season, plus GST;

and that the Seasonal Application Fee be set at \$450 plus GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[4:14 p.m. S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

22.0 Quotes on Purchase of Miscellaneous Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following equipment quotes, conveying operator preference, resale value, supervisor recommendations, etc.

22.01 Quotes on Purchase of Gravel Truck and Pup Trailer

| Gravel Truck & Pup | | |
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| Dealer | Make | Quote |
| Dunlop Western Star, Lethbridge | Western Star | \$209,691.00 |
| TransWestern Truck Centres, Calgary | Mac | \$217,118.25 |
| Greatwest Kenworth Ltd., Calgary | Kenworth | \$224,633.49 |

2015-02-052 Moved by B. McKellar that the District purchase a Kenworth Gravel Truck & Pup from Greatwest Kenworth Ltd., Calgary, for \$224,633.49. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

22.02 Quotes on Purchase of Mini Excavator

| Mini Excavator | | |
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| Dealer | Make | Quote |
| Brooks Farm Centre Ltd. | Bob Cat | \$72,291.08 |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd., Calgary | John Deere | \$82,500.00 |
| Finning, Medicine Hat | Cat | \$91,494.00 |
| Wajax Equipment, Calgary | Hitachi | \$98,910.00 |

2015-02-053 Moved by J. Culligan that the District purchase a Bob Cat Mini Excavator from Brooks Farm Centre Ltd, Brooks, for \$72,291.08. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

22.03 Quotes on Purchase of PTO Mowers

| PTO Mowers | | |
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| Dealer | Make | Quote |
| Robertson Implements, Brooks | New Holland | \$38,700.00 |
| Brooks Farm Centre Ltd. | Bush Hog | \$41,000.00 |
| Cervus Equipment | John Deere | \$43,880.00 |

2015-02-054 Moved by G. Graham that the District purchase 2 New Holland PTO Mowers from Robertson Implements, Brooks, for \$38,700 each. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

23.0 New Truck Shop

S. Dahl was in attendance to speak to the additional costs to date for the new truck shop. Natural gas, power, plumbing upgrades, fencing and east entry approach will be summarized for Board approval once all cost estimates are in.

24.0 Requests for Funding

24.01 Star Tech Automotive and Former Flex It Fitness Building Update

S. Dahl presented an interim building evaluation report, complete with cost estimates to date and a summary of evaluation work and estimates yet to be completed. In response to a lease enquiry from the Brooks Food Bank Foundation, the Board provided some principles to guide a response. K. Bridges was requested to meet with the Foundation to determine whether the guidelines can form the basis for a lease agreement.

[4:55 p.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

24.02 Brooks & District Health Foundation

This item will be brought back to the March meeting.

24.03 Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre

A request was received from the Village of Duchess to contribute towards the building of the new Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre. In-kind equipment work was previously explored in 2014 but not agreed upon. At this point there was no Board consensus for an alternate contribution.

24.04 Duchess Fire Department

A letter was received from the Duchess Fire Department requesting a contribution towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. The Board declined this request.

25.0 Reports on Meetings**25.01 Joint Shared Services Meeting, Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative**

B. Chrumka gave an update on the Joint Shared Services Committee and the Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative.

25.02 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce

B. McKellar gave an update on the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber consists of a new manager and part-time employee, new chairman, vice-chairman, and treasurer. As well, the upcoming Trade Show is near capacity.

25.03 Prairie Conservation Forum Report

R. Owen and M. Redelback attended the Prairie Conservation Forum Annual General Meeting on January 15th in Brooks. Mrs. Redelback presented an overview of the EID to the attendees covering the history, purpose, and benefit of the District, the management of District lands, and the threat posed by Aquatic Invasive Species.

26.0 Medicine Hat College Board of Governors Meeting

An invitation was received to attend the Medicine Hat College – Brooks Campus Board of Governors Meeting on March 17th. A Director will attend.

27.0 County / EID Joint Meeting – Agenda Items

A County / EID Joint Meeting is scheduled for March 5th at the County office. Agenda items include: encroachments, oil & gas lease roads, walking paths, Drainage Program, Aquatic Invasive Species, Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway, fire departments, farming & grazing of road allowances, cell tower approvals, TORQ relocation, Hwy #873 paving, bridge replacement and 2015 aerial photography project.

28.0 Newsletter – February 2015 Draft

The draft newsletter is to be revised according to the requested 1 Year Permit Grazing Leases and mailed out this week.

29.0 Annual General Meeting – Other Agenda Items

An update on the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway will be presented.

30.0 Upcoming Events

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| 30.01 | River Watch | - Thursday, February 26 th , 11:30 a.m., Calgary [B. Chrumka, M. Redelback] |
| 30.02 | AIS Emergency Response Planning | - Wednesday, March 4 th , 10:00 a.m., EID [B. Chrumka, F. George, I. Friesen, M. Redelback, |

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| 30.03 | Joint County / EID Meeting | <i>J. Thompson</i> - Thursday, March 5 th , 5:00 p.m., County [Directors, I. Friesen, K. Bridges, M. Redelback] |
| 30.04 | Joint Shared Services Meeting | - Tuesday, March 10 th , 12:00 noon, City [B. Chrumka] |
| 30.05 | Lower Colorado River Tour 2015 | - March 10 th – 13 th , Nevada, Arizona, California [R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar] |
| 30.06 | Brooks City Council | - Monday, March 16 th , 6:30 p.m., City [B. Chrumka, M. Redelback] |
| 30.07 | South Saskatchewan Region Biodiversity Management Framework Workshops | - Thursday, March 19 th , Medicine Hat [R. Owen, J. Culligan] |
| 30.08 | Brooks Rotary Presentation | - Thursday, March 19 th , 12:00 noon [M. Redelback] |
| 30.09 | Board Training Workshop | - Saturday, March 21 st , Medicine Hat [F. George] |
| 30.10 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, March 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 30.11 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 25 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 30.12 | Nominations Close | - Thursday, March 26 th , 5:00 p.m. [Divisions 3 & 6] |
| 30.13 | AIPA Executive Meeting | - Monday, March 30 th [C. Chomistek] |
| 30.14 | AIPA Board Meeting | - Thursday, April 2 nd , Taber |
| 30.15 | AIPA Booth at Aggie Days | - Friday, April 10 th , Calgary Stampede Park |

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:24 p.m.


Chairman
Interim General Manager

March 24 & 25, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th and 25th days of March, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera** [9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.]

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.0 AIPA
- 13.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch
- 14.01 Sec. Hwy #873
- 18.10 Teleconference with Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Development
- 23.04 Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Assoc. of Quebec – Tour Request
- 26.0 Staffing Update
- 27.0 Len Parker – Request to Attend Board Meeting

The following items were deleted from the agenda:

- 18.02.1 Rapid Response Initiative
- 18.03 Joint County / EID Meeting – March 5th

2015-03-055 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 February 24, 2015**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2015-03-056 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Water Stoppages Bylaw – Response from BRID, Potential Date for Review**

B. Chrumka thanked the Bow River Irrigation District for providing a copy of their Water Stoppages Bylaw; the BRID returned thanks for the sharing of expertise from the EID as well. A rewritten draft Water Stoppages Bylaw for the EID will be brought back to the Board for review at the May meeting.

3.02 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Request to Lease Land

The possibility of leasing grazing land from the U of A Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch was revisited. It was the consensus of the Board to not make this request at this time.

[9:11 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

Mr. Wilson advised that Siksika Chief & Council have given approval to enter negotiations with the EID for the access, easement and specified sole source contracts for the construction of the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway. The next meeting with Siksika is tentatively set for mid-April. An information meeting with Environment & SRD was also recently held.

2015-03-057 Moved by F. George that the downstream excavation for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway be included as part of the sole sourced contracts. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

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

[9:37 a.m. G. Graham exited the meeting, Bruce Christensen, Rae McColl, Tom Ovinge and B. Hale entered the meeting.]

9:37 a.m. Newell Grazing Association re South Slope Feeders Land Trade

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Bruce Christensen, Rae McColl and Tom Ovinge to the meeting. The Newell Grazing Association representatives were in attendance to speak to the land trade South Slope Feeders has proposed. It was expressed that the land the EID is to receive in trade does not have as good grass or fences as the land the EID will give up, and a suggestion was made to farm the land for a few years, then sow to grass. Severance was also discussed. B. Christensen, R. McColl and T. Ovinge were thanked for their time and input.

[9:53 a.m. B. Christensen, R. McColl and T. Ovinge exited the meeting.]

Further discussion was held on the quality of grass and fences, severance issues for both the grazing association and Sec. 12, the estimated \$170,000 in savings for the District in the future for not rehabbing to the land being gained in trade, the Grazing Association receiving more grazing acres than giving up, and the District's practice of turning reclaimed ROW land back to the existing parcel.

[10:20 a.m. – 10:24 a.m. Short break; G. Graham rejoined the meeting.]

Mr. Graham answered questions from the Board. Continued discussion on this proposal is to take place later in the meeting.

[10:42 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting.]

5.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

M. Redelback presented information regarding a preliminary cost analysis from Agriculture & Rural Development for potash (potassium chloride) and Zequanox treatment of invasive mussels. The report does not reflect labour and equipment costs, nor the removal of mollusk shells, additional filters, etc.

6.0 AIPA

C. Chomistek confirmed that the \$20,000 contributed by SMRID will be tagged for AIS educational materials for Kate Wilson – Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, and Cindy Sawchuk – Strategic Advisor, both of Environment & Sustainable Research Development. Mr. Chomistek will ask AIPA if irrigation districts have access to these materials for individual district PR purposes.

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen gave the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Snow pillows affecting the Bow are measuring on the lower percentile of average at this point in time. Mr. Friesen will be meeting with Alberta Environment & SRD, TransAlta and other Bow district managers on Thursday in Calgary regarding the management of the Bow River and Ghost Lake Reservoir.

7.02 Set Water Delivery Date

The earliest the District could start delivering water is the first full week of May.

2015-03-058 Moved by J. Culligan that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 8, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.0 Engineering

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

This year's construction program consists of approximately 10.5 km of earthworks and 37 km of PVC pipeline. Approximately 3.0 km of pipeline remain to be installed before spring, which should be completed by the first full week of April. Crews will then disperse to perform cleanup of this year's construction jobs, as well as maintenance items that are required prior to water delivery.

| EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS | |
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| Project Name | Comments |
| EARTHWORKS | |
| Marshall Drain - 2.5 km | - earthwork and armouring complete; cleanup remains |
| Summit Drain - 5.0 km | - earthwork and armouring complete; cleanup remains |
| One Tree - 3.0 km | - earthworks near complete (about 100 m left) |
| PIPELINE | |
| Summit Drain - 3.5 km | - pipeline complete; cleanup remains |
| 10-B Springhill - 3.5 km | - near complete; should be done by March 24 th |
| 04 Bow Slope - 3.0 km | - pipeline complete; cleanup remains |

| IRP PROJECTS | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Project Name | Comments |
| EARTHWORKS | |
| 21 North Branch - 5.0 km | - pipeline complete; settling pond near complete & cleanup remains |
| 25 North Branch - 4.0 km | - 3.5 of 4 km complete |
| J West Bantry - 18.0 km | - approximately 3 km remain |

[11:00 a.m. Wayne Dahl, Darren Drader, Tony Stydl entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre Presentation

Mr. Chromka welcomed Wayne Dahl, Darren Drader and Tony Stydl to the meeting. The Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre representatives were in attendance to speak to potential in-kind work for the District's consideration. Mr. Drader informed that the building itself is well under way, with hopes of completion in early June, and that the next phase is the parking lot area. It is a portion of this area which the EID is being requested to contribute the use of an excavator and truck(s) for as much time as the District warrants. A short question and answer period followed.

[11:12 a.m. W. Dahl, D. Drader and T. Stydl exited the meeting.]

Administration was requested to determine the amount of parking lot prep work which the District could contribute for the Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre, and to bring these estimates back to the Board for consideration.

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.02 Secondary A Rolling Hills

Additional options and details were provided for the further discussion of the rehabilitation of Secondary A Rolling Hills. Estimates included mobilization/demobilization, care of water, removal of abandoned structures, road crossings, hydrovacating utilities, fencing, seeding, backfilling of canal (not leveling large fills), and miscellaneous. Through discussion, it was the Board consensus to select Option 3C and 3D as presented; this will be included in the 3 Year Plan. The seepage and weir issues will also be addressed.

8.03 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan - Approval

The City of Brooks portion of Marshall Drain will also be added to the 3 Year Plan.

2015-03-059 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 3 Year Canal Rehabilitation Capital Works Plan as revised, for years 2015/2016 to 2017/2018. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

8.04 FI Drain Relocation – Bill Mortensen – SW 02-17-13 W4M

Bill Mortensen, SW 02-17-13 W4M, is requesting a drain relocation from bisecting the quarter into east and west portions, to along the west boundary. The relocation is estimated to cost \$25,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

2015-03-060 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Bill Mortensen – SW 02-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$25,000 (\$18,750 – EID, \$6,250 – Landowner). Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

8.05 FI Drain Relo, FI On-Farm Work & Farm Improvement – Dennis Endersby – SW 21-19-13

Dennis Endersby, SW 21-19-13 W4M, is requesting a drain relocation from bisecting the quarter into 3 segments, to along the south half of the west boundary. The relocation is estimated to cost \$4,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

2015-03-061 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Dennis Endersby – SW 21-19-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$4,000 (\$3,000 – EID, \$1,000 – Landowner). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

Mr. Endersby is also requesting the EID's assistance in clearing trees and pushing in ditches and dugouts to enable a proposed pivot to run full circle. The on-farm work to accommodate the pivot is estimated to cost \$25,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

2015-03-062 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis Endersby for on-farm filling of head ditches and dugouts, and brushing of trees to accommodate a new pivot in SW 21-19-13 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$12,000 District contribution, for a total project cost of \$25,000 (\$12,000 – EID, \$13,000 – Landowner). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

Current assessment is 123 acres flood; new pivot area is 131 acres (137 acre pivot less 6 acres drain). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot. 8 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,332 (123 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,400. New assessment on this quarter is 131 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-03-063 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis Endersby for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot in SW 21-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Water User is \$10,332. The capital assets charge is \$2,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.06 Request for Dam – Harley Tateson

In follow up to a request from Harley Tateson for a dam to be constructed in the Sauki Drain on his parcel in NE 32-14-15 W4M, cost estimates were presented to the Board. An earthen weir and plastic piling weir are estimated to cost \$56,000 and \$42,000 respectively, for a storage capacity of 1,500 m³. The request was denied.

8.07 Pivot Encroachments – Collin Burton, Meyer Seed Potatoes Inc. (Ben Meyer)

M. Redelback presented background on 2 parcels with pivot encroachment issues.

In SW 20-16-13 W4M – Collin Burton, a surveyed 123 acre pivot is short 13 acres in assessment. In 2007 a 110 acre pivot was approved for a Farm Improvement Grant and the additional 23 acres were sold back to the EID. The wheel of the last tower of the pivot is at least 15 m over the District's property boundary and irrigating 2 acres of EID titled ROW.

In SW 19-16-13 W4M – Meyer Seed Potatoes Inc., a recently installed corner-arm pivot is surveyed to be 10.5 m longer than the submitted drawing, extending into the EID titled ROW. As well, the Landowner is preferring to walk the corner-arm through the District's property rather than tucking it in and crossing a tower track.

Discussion ensued; pivot company drawings, pivot installation dates, irrigating and farming compromising District canals and drains, soil testing, shut-offs, policing, shortening of pivots, EID titled ROW and liability were all discussed.

[12:11 p.m. – 12:48 p.m. Lunch break.]

Further discussion was held; pivot shortening costs and possible cost-sharing were debated. Pivot encroachment issues will be conveyed in the next newsletter, slated for this coming fall.

2015-03-064 Moved by B. McKellar that the landowner of SW 20-16-13 W4M be required to shorten the pivot so that wheels are within the property lines and to use shutoffs to keep irrigation assessment within property lines. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2015-03-065 Moved by G. Graham that when the District requests a pivot to be shortened or moved from EID titled land, the District contribute 25% of the cost up to \$2,500, applicable to any pivot installed prior to 2014 water shut down. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2015-03-066 Moved by B. McKellar that the landowner of SW 19-16-13 W4M be required to shorten the pivot so that wheels are within the property lines and to use shutoffs to keep irrigation assessment within property lines. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

9.01 February 28, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to February 28, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$16.7 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$7.7 million.

2015-03-067 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2015, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.0 EIDNet Report

A replacement router has been installed and there are no throughput problems or any other major issues since the last report. The upgrades to the new bandwidth speeds have been greatly received by the customer base. Numerous enquiries have been received for new installations; this being attributed to the quality of EIDNet's internet and customer service. In order to ensure customer satisfaction and bandwidth levels, more sectors had to be installed than originally projected, increasing the capital budget by approximately \$50,000.

11.0 Lands

11.01 County Land Sale

I. Friesen advised that the County of Newell has offered for sale to the EID 7 parcels of land, 6 of which are within or adjoining District land and amount to approximately 27 acres. The purchase is conditional upon consolidating these parcels with the adjoining parcel.

2015-03-068 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the purchase of the 6 identified parcels, from the County of Newell; land value to be negotiated by staff. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[1:42 p.m. N. Fontaine and E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

N. Fontaine introduced Erinn McLeod who has been hired to fill the Land Administrator position vacated by M. Redelback. Miss McLeod was welcomed to the meeting.

11.02 Update on Rogers' Tower

N. Fontaine advised that Rogers Communication is seeking approval to install a communication tower at a new location in the Bantry area in NW 32-15-15 W4M. There are no conflicts with the local aerial crop sprayers, nor any major concerns from surrounding landowners.

11.03 CNRL Update

E. Wilson and N. Fontaine met with CNRL representatives on February 27th to continue the negotiations on the annual compensation increase. Again CNRL expressed that they are strictly shallow gas producers and that nothing has changed to merit a 25% increase. The access road / pipeline ROW trespass issue and potential associated cost to rectify was discussed with them. CNRL has requested time to audit the trespassing and come up with a cost analysis.

[1:47 p.m. B. Hale entered the meeting; N. Fontaine and E. McLeod exited.]

11.04 Grazing

B. Hale presented the following Grazing Report.

11.04.1 Set Turn-Out Date

Normally scheduled turn-out dates were once again recommended.

2015-03-069 Moved by R. Owen that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 1st and for Native Pasture May 15, 2015. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.04.2 Letter from Les Douglass re Payment for Grazing Lands

A letter was received from Les Douglass requesting compensation for the use of SE 18-24-16 W4M in the Gem Grazing Association. The prior arrangement was that his Community Grazing Lease deduction of 5 cow/calf pairs for PGL #7038 be waived in exchange for the Association to graze SE 18-24-16 W4M. As Mr. Douglass has not been in the Community Lease for the 2013 and 2014 seasons, he is requesting payment equivalent to a private grazing lease for those years and going forward.

2015-03-070 Moved by R. Owen that Les Douglass be paid an annual comparable private grazing lease rate for the Gem Grazing Association's use of SE 18-24-16 W4M; and that payment be made retroactively for the years 2013 and 2014. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.04.3 Summary of Community Grazing Letters re Land Eligibility

18 letters addressing 9 conflicting land eligibility issues have been forwarded to community grazing members earlier this month. B. Hale conveyed that most members are making the requested changes; although not all are in agreement with the request. The issue will be on the agenda at the upcoming GAC Meeting sometime next month.

11.04.4 1 Year Permit Private Grazing Leases – Results of Tenders

The following 1 Year Permit tender results were presented for review; 2 tenders not listed were received after the deadline; discussion followed. Future 1 Year Permit tenders are not to include the 640 acre maximum limitation.

| PGL # 7167 314 acres 25 cow/calf pairs a month NW 16 & SW 21-14-13 W4M | | |
|--|------------|-----------------|
| Bidder | Amount | Comments |
| Jacob & Carla de Jager | \$6005.00 | - no PGL leases |
| Robert McKnight | \$2,940.00 | - no PGL leases |
| Tyson Hemsing | \$2,625.00 | - no PGL leases |
| Loren Weaver | \$2,415.00 | - no PGL leases |

| PGL # 7214 645 acres 60 cow/calf pairs a month SW & NE 27, SE 34, & SW 35-14-13 | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bidder | Amount (inc. GST) | Comments |
| Nelson Weaver | \$6,667.50 | - has 613 acres of PGL leases |
| Tracy Hemsing | \$5,040.00 | - has 930 acres of PGL leases |
| Robert McKnight | \$4,620.00 | - no PGL leases |

| PGL # 7287 160 acres 12 cow/calf pairs a month SE 25-14-13 W4M | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bidder | Amount (inc. GST) | Comments |
| Robert McKnight | \$1,260.00 | - no PGL leases |
| Nelson Weaver | \$897.75 | - has 613 acres of PGL leases |

2015-03-071 Moved by R. Owen that the 1 Year Grazing Lease Permit #7167 be awarded to Jacob & Carla de Jager; #7214 to Robert McKnight; and #7287 be negotiated with George Murray V as previous leaseholder. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5 Year PGL #7169 (south of the office) will be advertised for tenders; this tender will include the 640 acre maximum qualifier.

Newell Grazing Association re South Slope Feeders Land Trade con'td.

Discussion continued concerning farming the exchange piece of land, water rights, total number of acres, and possible options.

[2:50 p.m. G. Graham exited the meeting.]

Directors further debated the requests from both parties.

[3:14 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Short break; B. Hale exited the meeting, G. Graham rejoined the meeting.]

12.0 Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women - Request for Sponsorship

A request was received from the County of Newell to help sponsor the Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women being held in July at Dinosaur Provincial Park. Although monetary sponsorship was denied, M. Redelback was requested to attend and give a presentation.

13.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch

Earlier this month, F. George attended the U of A Rangeland Research Institute announcement of a conservation easement with Western Sky Land Trust for the Mattheis Ranch. One of the largest conservation easements ever signed in Alberta, this agreement ensures that the 12,000 acre Mattheis Ranch will be conserved in perpetuity, i.e. no development will be allowed and the lands will continue to be used as a research facility. Secondly, Mr. George advised that the Board is likely to be invited to tour the ranch in June for the U of A's 100th anniversary celebration.

14.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

14.01 Sec. Hwy #873

B. Chrumka advised that County Councilors had the opportunity to speak with Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Transportation regarding the joint County of Newell and EID proposal on the table for

the paving of Sec. Hwy #873. The County has now offered to commit 50% towards the cost of paving; this is in addition to the District's original offer of donating and leasing land of interest to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park for their expansion plans. The Minister showed definite interest and indicated that partnerships would push projects forward. Directors requested that Admin estimate the value of the land being requested by Parks. This information is to be brought back to the Board for discussion.

14.02 Kinbrook Island Marina

I. Friesen presented information on Kinbrook Island Provincial Park's 10 phase redevelopment and expansion plan, and in particular their plans for the existing marina and parking lot. Parks is requesting agreement in principle for this first phase of their plan. Through discussion, consensus was given for agreement in principle for development of a new boat launch and marina, with the District's preference that the marina be limited to 50 boat slips at this time.

15.0 Squatter's Rights / Old CNR Right-of-Way

Mr. Friesen conveyed to the Board legal advice obtained from Orval Shantz and Dennis Roth regarding adverse possession caveats. Intent of caveat, legal process, affected landowners, the impact of privately owned ROW inside grazing boundaries, and presumed legal implications were discussed.

2015-03-072 Moved by J. Culligan that the District proceed with registering adverse possession caveats on old CNR ROW's that transect District property. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

16.0 Equipment

16.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids

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

| 2011 – 250 Excavator | | |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Company | Bid | F.O.B. |
| Michener Allen Auctioneering | \$102,888 | Calgary |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers | \$ 94,195 | Brooks |
| Canadian Public Auction | \$ 90,611 | Calgary |

| 2011 – 350 Excavator | | |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Company | Bid | F.O.B. |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers | \$135,196 | Brooks |
| Canadian Public Auction | \$126,609 | Calgary |
| Michener Allen Auctioneering | \$110,888 | Calgary |

2015-03-073 Moved by F. George that the District sell the 2011 250 Excavator for \$102,888 to Michener Allen Auctioneering, and the 2011 350 Excavator for \$135,196 to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

17.0 Public Relations Report

Mrs. Redelback attended the Social Licence in Agriculture conference in Leduc, March 11th & 12th hosted by Agriculture & Rural Development. The conference was geared towards Canadian producers and their proactive options with issue based non-agricultural groups targeting environment, food safety and animal welfare. On the 16th M. Redelback was introduced to City of Brooks Council where she presented an overview of the District's PR objectives.

Attendance is forthcoming at the Calgary Stampede Aggie Days ALPA booth on April 10th, Girl Guides organization meeting on April 18th, and Brooks & District Trade Show April 17th – 20th. Involvement is also being planned for a Governor General's Committee Tour May 29th.

18.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**18.01 Draft Vulcan County & County of Newell Intermunicipal Development Plan – March 2nd**

I. Friesen, K. Bridges and M. Redelback attended the above open house at the Bow City Community Hall; some concerns were expressed to the hosts regarding the potential dam in the area, medicine wheels, gravel sites and setbacks.

18.02 AIS Emergency Response Planning – March 4th

B. Chrumka, F. George, I. Friesen and M. Redelback attended the above meeting at the EID; other Bow River districts were represented along with A&RD, ASERT (Alberta Environment Support & Emergency Response Team) and AEMERA (Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency); the meeting was facilitated by Agriculture & Rural Development. The discussions were beneficial in aligning the input of both the government policy makers and the operational water users in prevention and response to aquatic invasive species.

18.03 Joint Shared Services Meeting – March 10th

B. Chrumka attended the above meeting at the City office, giving a review of agenda items such as JBS Food Canada Inc., Governor General's Committee Tour, and Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative.

18.04 Lower Colorado River Tour – March 10th – 13th

R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek and B. McKellar attended the above tour which consisted of stops at Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Big Bend Conservation Area, Lake Havasu, Central Arizona Project Pumping Plant, Southern California Intake Pumping Plant, Palo Verde Ecological Preserve, Imperial Valley, Coachella Valley and Salton Sea. The tour proved to be very informative and it was quite beneficial to see how the areas are dealing with drought, water access and delivery, spill water, water licenses, rental of water acres and board governance. Irrigation methods were noticeably behind that of southern Alberta.

18.05 Medicine Hat College Board of Governors Meeting – March 17th

G. Graham attended the above meeting at the MHC Brooks Campus; the outlook for the college is very optimistic and representation from the District was well appreciated.

18.06 South SK Regional Plan Strategies – Biodiversity Management Framework – March 19th

R. Owen and J. Culligan attended the above meeting in Medicine Hat that briefed on the regional biodiversity management framework which gives context to the government for decisions about future activities and management of existing activities in the South Saskatchewan region. Monitoring and performance indicators were reported on by the speakers.

18.07 Mussel Detection Dogs at Coutts Border Crossing – March 20th

B. Chrumka and M. Redelback attended the above event at the Coutts border crossing where Kyle Fawcett, Minister of Environment & Sustainable Resource Development announced mandatory boat inspections at border crossings as a means in the fight against aquatic invasive species entering the province. The EID and partners were thanked for funding the mussel

detection dog program; and Mr. Chrumka gave remarks representing AIPA. M. Redelback advised that the dogs are being sourced at the moment, and that sourcing and training is an extensive process.

18.08 PC Party Fund Raiser – Opportunity to Dialogue with Premier – March 21st

B. Chrumka attended the above event in Brooks and had the opportunity to connect with Premier Jim Prentice in relation to funding of capital projects such as the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway. Mr. Chrumka also had another opportunity to speak with Minister Fawcett, this time concerning the elk situation at CFB Suffield. Further measures are being taken which the District will be notified of at a later date.

18.09 Board Governance Training for Board Members – March 21st

F. George attended the above workshops in Medicine Hat facilitated by Alberta Culture and reported a beneficial experience, recommending that this opportunity be looked into for the EID this winter.

18.10 Teleconference with Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Dev. – March 26th

B. Chrumka and I. Friesen will participate in a conference call with a representative of Minister Olson's office and irrigation districts on March 26th; it is likely in respect to the provincial budget and IRP funding.

19.0 Annual General Meeting

I. Friesen asked if there were any AGM items needing discussion prior to the meeting the next day; none were brought forward.

20.0 Community Building Session re Development of Regional & Local Trails – April 13th

An invitation was received from the County of Newell to participate in the above meeting; M. Redelback was requested to attend.

21.0 Request from NRTA

An invitation was received from the Newell Regional Tourism Association for the EID to have a member sit on the board. M. Redelback will attend the next meeting on April 16th.

22.0 Letter from the Southern Francophone Education Region

K. Bridges presented a request from the Southern Francophone Education Region requesting to purchase/transfer a portion of the Brooks Public Library parking lot for École Le Ruisseau (Brooks Francophone School) if the school is successful in moving to that location. The request was considered premature at this time although the Board is open to revisiting this request if the location is secured by the school board.

23.0 Requests for Funding / In-Kind Work

23.01 Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery

Mr. Chrumka passed on a request from the Bethany Lutheran Church for assistance in backfilling a pond at their cemetery in Tilley.

2015-03-074 Moved by G. Graham that the District contribute an excavator, trucks and enough dirt to fill the pond at the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Tilley. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

23.02 Brooks & District Health Foundation

This item was deferred to next month's meeting.

[5:00 p.m. W. Enns exited the meeting.]

23.03 Brooks Food Bank Foundation re Building

The Brooks Food Bank Foundation has clarified that they are looking for donated space as the Foundation is unable to pay rent beyond utilities, taxes and insurance. B. Chrumka will have this matter added to the April Joint Services Committee Meeting agenda.

23.04 Questerre Energy and the Oil & Gas Services Association of Quebec – Tour Request

M. Redelback was requested to facilitate the coordination of contact with local farmers for the Quebec Farmers Tour.

24.0 NWIO Tour – Yakima, Washington, August 17th – 21st

Directors were requested to contact W. Enns in the next few months if wishing to attend the above tour.

25.0 Hunting on Undeveloped Road Allowances – Legal but Ethical?

This handout was presented as information.

26.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Friesen summarized the recent employee changes:

- Michael Weiss hired as Internet Technician
- Bill Kazimir promoted to Construction Foreman
- Dallas Beierbach hired as S8 Rolling Hills WDS
- Curtis Oftebro hired as Pesticide Applicator / Construction
- Erinn McLeod hired as Land Administrator

5:15 p.m. The Board recessed until Wednesday, March 25th, 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on March 25th were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Administration |
| Mr. Jim Culligan | Director | [Division 2] | Mrs. Margo Redelback | Public Relations Advisor |
| 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] | | |

11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

[11:00 a.m. B. Hale entered the meeting; G. Graham had not yet joined the meeting.]

Newell Grazing Association re South Slope Feeders Land Trade cont'd.

For clarification, B. Chrumka summarized South Slope Feeder's land trade proposal, Newell Grazing Association's comments and requests, the benefits and/or disadvantages for both parties and the District, the suggested scenarios, and associated details. A systematic discussion was held with the following motion being carried.

- 2015-03-075 Moved by F. George that the Board approve a land trade consisting of:**
- SE 15 & Pt. NE 15-16-16 W4M, 181.3 acres, for
 - Pt. N ½ Sec. 12-17-16 W4M, 147.1 acres, and
 - the transfer of 136 irrigation acres from SE 15 & Pt. NE 15-16-16 W4M to Pt. N ½ Sec. 12, conditional on soils passing; and
 - the transfer of 8 additional irrigation acres needed to complete the pivot infill.
- Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[11:30 a.m. B. Hale exited the meeting; G. Graham joined.]

The above offer was disclosed to Mr. Graham and accepted on behalf of South Slope Feeders. The offer does not include Pt. NW 07-17-15 W4M, nor moving the delivery in SE 24-16-16 W4M. Survey work, etc. will proceed.

[11:41 a.m. B. Hale re-entered the meeting.]

27.0 Len Parker – Request to attend Board Meeting

A request has been received from Leonard Parker to speak to the Board concerning community grazing issues. Mr. Parker will be invited to attend the April 28th Board Meeting. Mr. Hale was requested to gather information on any similar issues throughout the District.

28.0 Upcoming Events

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| 28.01 Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 25 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 28.02 E&SRD Mtg with Districts on the Bow | - Thursday, March 26 th , Calgary [I. Friesen] |
| 28.03 Nominations Close | - Thursday, March 26 th , 5:00 p.m. [Divisions 3 & 6] |
| 28.04 AIPA Executive Meeting | - Monday, March 30 th [C. Chomistek] |
| 28.05 AIPA Board Meeting | - Thursday, April 2 nd , Taber [B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar, G. Graham] |
| 28.06 AIPA Booth at Aggie Days | - Friday, April 10 th , Calgary Stampede Park [F. George, C. Chomistek, M. Redelback, W. Enns] |
| 28.07 Joint Shared Services Meeting | - Tuesday, April 14 th , 12:00 noon, City [B. Chrumka] |
| 28.08 Advance Voting (if election) | - TBA [likely week of April 13 th – 17 th] |
| 28.09 Newell Regional Expo Supper – Duchess Celebrating Rolling Hills | - Friday, April 17 th |
| 28.10 Brooks & District Trade Show | - April 17 th , 18 th , 19 th [M. Redelback, EIDNet] |
| 28.11 CWRA Conference | - April 19 th – 21 st , Red Deer [F. George, I. Friesen, M. Redelback] |
| 28.12 Election (if needed) | - Friday, April 24 th |

B. McKellar moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:54 a.m.


Chairman


General Manager

April 28, 2015

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 28th day of April, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera** [9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

I. Friesen took the chair and called for nominations for Chairman.

2015-04-076 Moved by F. George that B. Chrumka be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by J. Culligan.

Mr. Friesen 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.

2015-04-077 Moved by C. Chomistek that J. Culligan be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by B. McKellar.

2015-04-078 Moved by G. Graham that F. George be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by R. Owen.

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

2015-04-079 Moved by F. George that the ballots be destroyed. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

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 and B. McKellar will continue, with I. Friesen joining.

2.05 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

F. George will continue.

2.06 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Chrumka / J. Culligan / G. Graham will continue.

2.07 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council

F. George will continue.

2.08 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

This committee has been discontinued.

2.09 Silver Sage Committee

This committee has been discontinued.

2.10 Newell Regional Economic Development Initiative

This committee has been discontinued.

2015-04-080 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

A Board Retreat / Planning Session will be planned for next year, possibly in late January or early February. Location and length of planning sessions will be determined at a later date.

REGULAR MEETING**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.01 Water Delivery Date
- 9.11.7 Carl Chomistek – NE 25-14-14 W4M
- 18.0 Staffing Overview

2015-04-081 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 March 24, 2015**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2015-04-082 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre

I. Friesen and R. McLean examined the parking lot site at the Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre and concluded that a donation of x number of trucks for x number of days would be the most fitting contribution arrangement for the District as the scope of the project is indeterminate.

2015-04-083 Moved by J. Culligan that the District donate 3 trucks and drivers for approximately 2 weeks (up to 42 truck days) of parking lot prep work at the Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[9:45 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson advised that he and F. George met with Siksika Councilors in Edmonton April 16th. It was emphasized by the District that an easement is required prior to any other negotiations. An initial meeting with Niitsitapi-Graham LP went well; MPE is continuing with design work; and dialogues will begin with Siksika on an enabling agreement. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Wilson.

[10:04 a.m. – 10:08 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

5.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

5.01 Water Delivery Date

A dry spring has created an overall demand for earlier irrigation. Mr. Friesen advised that Operations is working towards charging pipelines sooner than first planned, and that an earlier water delivery date can be advertised on the radio promptly.

2015-04-084 Moved by C. Chomistek that the earliest date for Water Delivery to farmers be moved up from May 8th to May 4th. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.02 Snowpack Report

Snow pillows continue to track at the low end of average.

5.03 Reservoir Status

Reservoirs are in good shape; presently Lake Newell is at 90%, Rolling Hills at 82%, Snake Lake and Crawling Valley are at 95%, and Tilley B and Cowoki haven't been filled as yet. At the dam 1,000 cfs is currently being diverted and 800 cfs is being spilled.

6.0 Engineering

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status

A project costs-to-date summary was provided, with the 10 projects currently averaging just under 97% of project estimates, totaling \$18,213,000. Each project is reporting remaining costs for work such as clean-up, seeding, fencing, etc. Mr. Friesen will address year-end Landowner meetings with Engineering staff.

6.02 Don Petersen Farms Ltd.

Mr. Petersen has asked that there be a reconsideration of the rate set for his Annual Irrigated Lease. A review of the situation was given and discussed.

- 2015-04-085 Moved by F. George that the rental rate for Annual Irrigated Lease #8323 be adjusted from \$140/acre to \$94/acre. Seconded by G. Graham. DEFEATED**
This situation and others will be discussed after the Board Retreat / Planning Session early next year.

7.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 March 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to March 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$19.1 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$10.9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$8.2 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

- 2015-04-086 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

[11:00 a.m. Leonard Parker, N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Leonard Parker

B. Chrumka welcomed Leonard Parker to the meeting. Mr. Parker was in attendance to request the Board's intervention regarding the trespass of cattle and people trailing to the Rosemary Grazing Lease; his land being the last mile south of the lease gate. Complaints to the Association and Grazing Manager citing cattle herds and people straying off-road, damage of newly seeded fields and hay bales, and leaving gates open have not resolved the situation. Mr. Parker has repaired and installed some fence and is requesting that the remaining area on the west side of the road have fencing materials supplied and he would install, or the Association be required to truck all cattle. A number of questions were asked of Mr. Parker.

[11:18 a.m. L. Parker exited the meeting.]

As this grievance has not been adequately addressed over the years and cattle are being moved to and from EID grazing lands, the following motion was carried.

- 2015-04-087 Moved by G. Graham that the Rosemary Grazing Association be requested to either truck all members' cattle to and from the lease each year, or pay for fencing materials for the ¾ of a mile on the west boundary of W ½ 32-21-15 W4M. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

7.0 Financial Report con'td.

7.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2015

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2015 was \$4.74 million less than the book value at September 30, 2014. A fluctuation of this amount is within the range of variances experienced over the past 5 years. Short term investments totaling \$22.9 million matured and short term investments totaling \$11.35 million were purchased. IRP investments of \$13.97 million matured and IRP investments totaling \$6.63 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$10.9 million were purchased. \$8,162 was withdrawn from the Carl Anderson Trust Fund to fund part of the annual payment to the local libraries.

- 2015-04-088 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2015 as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

8.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues have occurred since last month. The backlog of equipment change-outs has been caught up to date and upgrades are now being completed as requests come in.

| Current EIDNet Customer Accounts | |
|---|-------------|
| Basic Water User Accounts | 514 |
| Residential Accounts | 840 |
| Business Accounts | 43 |
| EID Automation | 2 |
| Total | 1399 |

9.0 Lands**9.01 Oil & Gas Report – October 1, 2014 – April 16, 2015**

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas mid-year summary, noting that very few new wells are anticipated for this year.

| Oil & Gas Activity Report | |
|--|--------------------------|
| New Activity – October 1, 2014 to April 16, 2015 | |
| New Locations | 19 |
| Twinned Wells | 19 |
| Total | 38 |
| Pipelines | 117.65 acres or 19 miles |
| Abandoned & Reclaimed – October 1, 2014 to April 16, 2015 | |
| Abandoned Leases | 36 |
| Abandoned Twinned Wells | 18 |
| Reclaimed | 3 |
| Canceled Location | 17 |

9.02 Application to Transfer Irrigation Leases

Applications to transfer were received for the following 5 Irrigation Leases.

9.02.1 Irrigated Lease #8371 – Willem Klessens to 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claassen)

Eligibility requirements for this lease are to own land within the EID with irrigation acres, and not to lease more than 640 acres of irrigated leases which includes all irrigation leases plus lease-to-purchase leases. The applicant meets these requirements.

9.02.2 Irrigated Lease #8372 – Willem Klessens to 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claassen)

Eligibility requirements are as above; the applicant meets these requirements.

9.02.3 Irrigated Lease #8373 – Willem Klessens to 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claassen)

Eligibility requirements are as above; the applicant meets these requirements.

2015-04-089 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve Irrigated Leases #8371, #8372 and #8373 be transferred from Willem Klessens to 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claassen). Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

9.02.4 Irrigated Lease #8226 – Jozef & Bertha Versteegen to 1565567 AB Ltd. (Louis Claassen)

Eligibility requirements for this lease are as above, plus primary residency within the District. A letter has been received from the applicant's lawyer stating that the principle residence of 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claassen) is in SW 05-15-13 W4M. A short discussion was held.

2015-04-090 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve Irrigated Lease #8226 be transferred from Jozef & Bertha Versteegen to 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claassen), subject to proof of primary residency within the EID by December 31, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.02.5 Irrigated Lease #8310 – Wilhelmus & Jaceline Klessens to Jozef & Bertha Versteegen

Eligibility requirements for this lease are as above, including residency. As Irrigated Lease #8226 is approved for transfer, Versteegens qualify (will not exceed 640 acres) to hold this lease once again.

2015-04-091 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve Irrigated Lease #8310 be transferred from Wilhelmus & Jaceline Klessens to Jozef & Bertha Versteegen. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03 Irrigated Leases – Expiry of Terms

M. Redelback advised that 9 of the 20 year leases are due to expire December 31, 2015 and that letters were sent out to leaseholders outlining their options to: A) let the lease revert back to the District; B) extend the lease for a further 10 years for a one-time payment equal to the annual rental; or C) 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. 8 leaseholders chose to extend the lease and 1 has requested that the lease be put up for sale, with a further request that the lease be appraised by a 3rd party appraiser. It was the consensus of the Board that if an appraisal is desired, the leaseholder may have one conducted for his own information at his own cost. The sale of this lease will be addressed in early fall; the remaining leases will require rent reviews prior to next year.

[12:06 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.04 Grazing**9.04.1 Report on GAC Meeting**

In reference to the April 13th GAC Minutes included in the Board packages, I. Friesen advised that discussions on corporate farms, and a proposed renter solution will be held at the fall/winter GAC meeting.

9.04.1.1 Motion to Extend Agreements for Sale

The following April 13th GAC motion to extend Agreements for Sale from 1 year to 5 years was discussed by the Board of Directors and denied.

GAC15-03 Moved by W. Henry that policy be revised to allow agreements for sale as eligibility to be extended from 1 year to 5 years. Seconded by S. Tateson. CARRIED

9.04.2 Report on Special Grazing Meeting

Mr. Friesen recapped the Special Grazing Meeting held April 22nd with Association Presidents and Lease Riders. The meeting was well received, and all operational and management avenues were clearly addressed and assigned.

9.04.3 Private Grazing Lease #7169 Tender Results

Bids for 5 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169, based on an annual lease payment, closed April 22nd with the following results:

| 5 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169 – Tender Results 773 acres 150 AUM | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Bidder | Amount per AUM | x 150 AUM | GST | Total |
| Ellis Kropf | \$46.00 | \$6,900.00 | \$345.00 | \$7,245.00 |
| Harry Philipsen | \$40.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$300.00 | \$6,300.00 |
| Andrew Janzen | \$35.00 | \$5,250.00 | \$262.50 | \$5,512.50 |
| Daniel Christman | [\$21.50] | \$3,226.00 | \$161.30 | \$3,387.30 |

This lease consists of 773 acres, supports 150 AUM, and is a nontransferable 5 year lease. The highest bidder does not qualify as this lease would put him over the 640 acre maximum. After discussion, the lease was awarded to Harry Philipsen.

2015-04-092 Moved by R. Owen that 5 Year Private Grazing Lease #7169 be awarded to H. Philipsen. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.04.4 Application to Transfer PGL #7076 – Neufeld to Paetkau & Paetkau

An application has been submitted by Henry Neufeld to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7076 to Paul Paetkau & Art Paetkau. The 331 acre lease is located in Pt. W ½ & E ½ Sec. 01-24-16 W4M and is a long term lease transferable to any eligible water user. Both Paul Paetkau and Art Paetkau meet eligibility requirements.

2015-04-093 Moved by F. George that Private Grazing Lease #7076 be transferred from Henry Neufeld to Paul Paetkau and Art Paetkau. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.04.5 Summary of Community Grazing Letters re Land Eligibility

I. Friesen summarized the correspondence forwarded and received regarding the land eligibility issues identified within the Community Grazing applications, advising that in total, 9 issues affecting 18 members were identified. 4 issues affecting 8 members met the April 1st deadline to either rectify the matter or provide a letter from their lawyer indicating that a land transfer (if necessary) was in the process to meet eligibility requirements for the 2015 grazing season. Due to an apparent miscommunication, the remaining applicants were given an extension to May 1st to meet requirements; this deadline will be enforced.

9.04.6 Letter from 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Barry Fleming)

A letter was received from 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Barry Fleming) requesting to rent or lease Pt. NW 07-17-15 W4M. Mr. Fleming had been advised that the Newell Grazing Association presently uses this piece to hold cattle. Board consensus was to decline this request.

9.04.7 Fire in Bassano Grazing Lease

A 30-50 acre fire on the northwest edge of Crawling Valley Reservoir occurred earlier this month. The fire began from an illegal random camper's campfire; Newell Hutterite Colony aided in extinguishing the fire. Directors advised harrowing the burned grass area (not discing) to allow the grass to grow back.

[2:05 p.m. E. McLeod entered the meeting, N. Fontaine exited.]

9.05 PHD Annual Report

The Partners in Habitat Development 2014 Annual Report was received as information. In summary, approximately 20,000 seedlings were planted on 7 new project sites and as replacements. A total of 2,500 m of fencing materials were provided to landowners for installation to protect habitat sites from livestock access. The monitoring program continued in completing a

number of wildlife surveys throughout 2014. The total budget was \$156,055.07 including financial and in-kind support.

9.06 Silver Sage Rent Review

E. McLeod advised that the rental rate for the Silver Sage Ag Society Lease is due to be reviewed. Given compliance with providing a budget, year-end financial statements and 3 year development plan; prompt two-way communication and forthcoming construction regarding the development plan, a 1 year renewal of the 2014 rental fee was recommended.

2015-04-094 Moved by R. Owen that the annual rental fee for the Silver Sage Agricultural Society land lease be set at \$1 for the period from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016, to be reviewed prior to May 31, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

9.07 Assessment Report to March 31, 2015

Ms. McLeod presented the Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 as follows:

| EID WATER ROLL | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Acres on the Water Roll | Irrigation Acres | Terminable Acres | Total |
| January 1, 2015 | 292,924 | 4,933 | 297,857 |
| March 31, 2015 | 292,952 | 4,933 | 297,885 |
| Net increase | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement) | | | < 6 > |
| Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) | | | 34 |
| Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres | | | 0 |
| Terminable Acres Canceled | | | 0 |

9.08 Application to Convert from Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres

An application was received from S. & J. Skanderup Farms Ltd. to convert 9 acres in Pt. NE 13-16-14 W4M and 21 acres in Pt. SE 13-16-14 W4M to irrigation acres. Water delivery for Pt. NE 13 is off the 02-18-H West Bantry pipeline and water delivery for Pt. SE 13 is off the 03-18-H West Bantry Canal. The capital assets charge to convert from terminable acres is \$100/acre.

2015-04-095 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the conversion of:

- 9 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Pt. NE 13-16-14 W4M, and
 - 21 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Pt. SE 13-16-14 W4M,
- at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by S. & J. Skanderup Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

9.09 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Pt. Sec. 13-19-16 W4M - Giles

An Irrigable Unit exists on Pt. S ½ 13-19-16 W4M. Irrigation development was approved for the NE and a pivot is now in place; both pivots will be served by the delivery in the SE corner of SE 13-19-16 W4M. It is advised to remove the existing Irrigable Unit and register one that encompasses all 3 quarters.

2015-04-096 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SE 13-19-16 W4M and Pt. SW 13-19-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Del, Jean, Murry and Jason Giles. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2015-04-097 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 13-19-16 W4M, Pt. SW 13-19-16 W4M, and NE 13-19-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Del, Jean, Murry and Jason Giles. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.10 Farm Improvement Overview

Mr. Friesen gave a Farm Improvement overview for Directors explaining the independences and limitations of the grant, which can be summarized as follows:

- water users being eligible for any of the Farm Improvements on their own merit on the same quarter (no cap); i.e. a grant for conversion to more efficient irrigation and a cost-share grant for a drain relocation on the same quarter
- water users being disqualified from a Farm Improvement Grant when they are qualified for an Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant as part of a pipeline project due to efficiencies; i.e. flood to pivot (whichever grant is higher is what is offered)
- water users being qualified for both a Farm Improvement Grant (ex. flood to pivot) and the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant when the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant has nothing to do with efficiencies; i.e. eliminating a pipeline or moving a delivery upstream on a pipeline

9.11 Farm Improvements

M. Redelback presented the following applications for Farm Improvements.

9.11.1 Christianson Agro (Ronn & Joan Christianson) – SE 34-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 80 acres under wiper pivot, 12 acres under flood irrigation; new pivot area is 122 acres less 6 acres in ROW. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 12 acres flood to pivot. 24 additional acres are needed; 6 of these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and all are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008 (12 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$7,200. Net owing by the Landowner is \$6,192. New assessment on this quarter is 116 acres, all under pivot irrigation. The 6 acres within the old ROW will be added to the Assessment Roll in the future once the area is considered farmable.

2015-04-098 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Christianson Agro for the conversion of 12 acres flood to pivot in SE 34-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008. The capital assets charge is \$7,200. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

9.11.2 Tracy & Connie Hall – NW 17-21-17 W4M

Current assessment is 83 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 89 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 83 acres flood to pivot. 6 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiency from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,972 (83 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment on this quarter is 89 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-04-099 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Connie Hall for the conversion of 83 acres flood to pivot in NW 17-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,972. The capital assets charge is \$1,800. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.11.3 Nevin & Joyce Maldaner – NE 16-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 78 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 73 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 73 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 5 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,132 (73 acres x \$84/acre) - \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) = \$3,632. Assessment remains the same.

2015-04-100 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nevin & Joyce Maldaner for the conversion of 73 acres flood to pivot in NE 16-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,632. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.11.4 Martha Penner – SE 08-23-16 W4M

Current assessment is 145 acres flood; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 145 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner has chosen to sell back the 9 acres outside the pivot area to the EID at \$1,000/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,424. New assessment on this quarter is 136 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-04-101 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Martha Penner for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in SE 08-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,424. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2015-04-102 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Martha Penner's 9 acres of water rights on SE 08-23-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 9 acres of water rights = \$9,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.11.5 Retzlaff Farms Ltd. (Richard Retzlaff) – NE 33-20-15 W4M

Current assessment is 104 acres flood; new wiper corner-arm pivot area is 98 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 98 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 6 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,232 (98 acres x \$84/acre) - \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) = \$5,232. Assessment remains the same.

2015-04-103 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Retzlaff Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 98 acres flood to pivot in NE 33-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,232. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.11.6 Craig & Tara Dyck – NW 14-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 141 acres flood; new pivot area under Landowner's parcel is 128 acres. The Landowner is maximizing the pivot area by rotating the pivot full circle, partially reaching into the neighbour's parcel due to the irregular shape of the quarter. Sprinklers are shut off in this area, and verbal permission has been granted from the neighbour for the pivot to cross his land. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 13 extra acres in pivot corners at a deduction of \$500/acre. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 116 acres flood to pivot (128 acres - 12 acre wedge). The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,744 (116 acres x \$84/acre) - \$6,500 (13 acres x \$500/acre) = \$3,244. Assessment remains the same.

2015-04-104 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Craig & Tara Dyck for the conversion of 116 acres flood to pivot in NW 14-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,244. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:32 C. Chomistek exited the meeting.]

9.11.7 Carl Chomistek – NE 25-14-14 W4M

C. Chomistek will be required to further shorten the pivot in NE 25-14-14 W4M to keep it and the irrigated area off of the District ROW. Once the pivot is shortened the Landowner may apply for a Farm Improvement for the 6 acres of flood to subsurface irrigation acres in the NE and SE corners.

[2:37 p.m. C. Chomistek rejoined the meeting; E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

9.11.8 Request for Additional Water Rights & Farm Improvement – Colin Van Hall

A letter was received from Colin Van Hall requesting additional water rights and a Farm Improvement Grant for converting from flood to pivot. This letter was received as information and the request will be dealt with in regular process.

10.0 Squatter's Rights / Old CNR Right-of-Way

Mr. Friesen confirmed that the adverse possession caveat is in legal process.

11.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

M. Redelback gave the following AIS Update.

11.01 AIS Update

Jason Thompson, Safety & Environmental Technician, attended the Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination Training workshop at Lake Mead, Nevada last week. The workshop proved to be very informative, with the decontamination process being fairly complex.

The WID is in discussions with the City of Chestermere on creating a monitoring and approvals system that would see boats that are known to be free of any possible contamination, receiving a sticker/emblem of some sort. This would streamline the inspections process and not impact boaters' time with repetition. If and when they develop a program the EID has requested that we join with a similar program that can be used throughout our region.

11.02 Mussel Detection Dogs

Interviews and short listing have been conducted for the mussel detection dog handler positions for the Vermillion, Dunmore and Coutts border crossings. A 4th dog will be handled by Cindy Sawchuk, Strategic Advisor, E&SRD, for inspections and promotions purposes. The dogs are currently being sourced, with training to soon follow in California. Signs have been viewed at border crossings indicating "Mandatory Boat Inspections – it's the law".

11.03 Request from Crawling Valley Recreation Society

A letter was received from the Head of Maintenance at the Crawling Valley Campground requesting that the EID hire a staff person to address AIS concerns with boaters, and possibly handle the decontamination of boats if necessary. A second letter was received from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society requesting 2 sign replacements, dust abatement for the road leading to the inlet, and 3 gates.

In consideration of these requests, direction was given to supply a summer student to the Crawling Valley Campground for AIS educational purposes; M. Redelback and J. Thompson to train. Any concerns with boats and possible needs for decontamination are to be funneled through Environment & Sustainable Resource Development's report hotline 1-855-336-BOAT (2628). Signs are to be installed by opening day for all boats to report to the campground office; at both the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and the Crawling Valley Campground. The gravel road between the campground office and inlet will have calcium applied, and gates will be priced. The directional sign in the pasture and the map sign by the shower building will be updated and replaced as well.

12.0 Public Relations Report

B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek, M. Redelback and W. Enns manned the AIPA booth at Aggie Days in the Calgary Round Up Centre April 10th. 1,000 bags with educational and promotional items were handed out to grades 1-3 students and their supervisors. M. Redelback also co-staffed the EID booth at the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show April 17th – 19th; with EIDNet staff sharing the booth. An AIS display was featured and it was estimated that 80% of individuals

stopping had some previous knowledge on the matter. Two Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) presentations for grade 4 classes are planned, along with Bassano Dam tours in June.

Ms. Redelback attended a meeting April 13th with County representatives regarding the potential development of regional and local trails. This concept is in its infancy; consideration of EID participation in this committee can wait until the group develops a terms of reference and conceptual plan. Attendance was also had at the Newell Regional Tourism Association board meeting April 16th. The EID is being requested to sit on the board; Directors declined this invitation.

13.0 New Truck Shop

Mr. Friesen presented S. Dahl's report on the remaining projects for completing the new truck shop. Concrete pads, tie-in to water and sewer lines, chain link fence, access road and approach are yet to be completed.

14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

Mr. Dahl's report also advised that the electrical upgrades at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground are near complete; sprinkler repairs and ground reclamation will follow. Fresh water has been delivered, marina docks and piles repaired and all else is on track for campground opening May long weekend.

15.0 Brooks Food Bank Foundation

At the Joint Shared Services Meeting April 14th, B. Chrumka had suggested that it is not in the EID's jurisdiction to provide for social programs such as the Food Bank. It was the consensus of the Board to allow time for the City and County to have talks with the Brooks Food Bank Foundation before making any definite plans for the old Flex It Fitness space.

16.0 Brooks & District Health Foundation

16.01 Request for Funding

This item has been deferred to a later meeting.

16.02 Invitation to Attend Donor Recognition Evening

Directors may attend the Donor Recognition Evening on a personal basis.

17.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

17.01 E&SRD Meeting with Districts on the Bow – March 26th

I. Friesen attended a meeting with Alberta Environment & SRD, TransAlta, WID and BRID March 26th regarding the operational management of Ghost Reservoir. For flood mitigation purposes, it is being planned to drop the level of Ghost Reservoir to 1,185 m by early June, then to refill from early July to the 21st – 28th. As the EID's practice is to have reservoirs close to full prior to mid-May, this strategy has marginal benefits to the District, plus it could affect the off-river users in July when the river starts dropping. Alberta Environment assures districts that they have operational control of the reservoir and decisions will be based on a number of factors such as snowpack, weather forecasts and diversion forecasts. Fortunately, the BRID has large storage at the head of their system, and with good communication between the Bow districts, the river can be well managed.

17.02 AIPA Board Meeting – April 2nd

B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar and G. Graham attended the AIPA Board Meeting April 2nd in Taber. R. Hohm spoke to IRP plans in general; an intervener may be secured for power bill rates; an inquiry is being made for potash as AIS treatment; and the economic study may be 3 months longer in completion.

17.03 CWRA Conference – April 19th – 21st

F. George, M. Redelback and R. Gagley attended the Canadian Water Resources Association Conference in Red Deer April 19th – 21st. Presentations centered around floods, measurement of water, water quality and future use. A national conference is being planned for Lethbridge in 2017 with themes of trans-boundary water issues, with representation from across Canada.

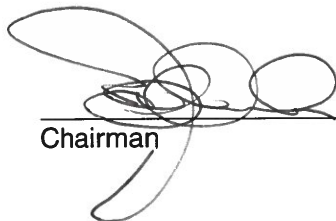
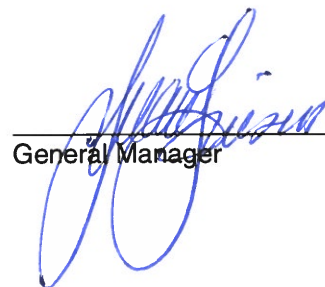
18.0 Staffing Overview

Mr. Friesen displayed the Power Point presentation that would be presented to staff the next day regarding the forthcoming corporate structure changes and staff evaluation/review process. A possible code of conduct was proposed by Directors.

19.0 Upcoming Events

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| 19.01 Retirement Lunch – Sandra Hajash & Rick Martin | - Wednesday, April 29 th , 12:00 noon, EID Truck Shop |
| 19.02 CFB Suffield Post Season Brief re Elk | - Thursday, April 30 th , 2:00 p.m., Ralston Theatre [B. Chrumka, J. Culligan] |
| 19.03 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 19.04 NWIO Tour – Yakima, Washington | - August 17 th – 21 st |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:56 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

May 26, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of May, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | 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 | [Division 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:

- 15.01 Holy Family Academy Literacy Program
- 17.0 Other
- 17.01 Ammonite Shell Agreement

2015-05-105 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 28, 2015**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 46, motion 2015-04-101, add “George” to “F.” to complete the name of the mover.

2015-05-106 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the April 28, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre**

Mr. Chrumka conveyed thanks from the Village of Duchess Mayor for the in-kind work on the Duchess Recreation & Fitness Centre parking lot. Mr. Friesen confirmed that the District work is near complete.

[9:05 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

Mr. Wilson summarized the last meeting with Siksika Nation and presented his draft counter offer; discussion followed. The counter offer will be forwarded prior to this Friday's meeting with Siksika.

2015-05-107 Moved by J. Culligan that E. Wilson & F. George proceed with the compensation counter offer guidelines for the Emergency Spillway, as presented to the Board. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[9:22 a.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- **Board, I. Friesen & E. Wilson In-Camera**

[9:39 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson exited the meeting; K. Bridges and W. Enns rejoined.]

[9:42 a.m. Henry Giesbrecht & Tim Doerksen entered the meeting.]

9:42 a.m. Henry Giesbrecht re Grazing Application Appeal

B. Chrumka welcomed Henry Giesbrecht and Tim Doerksen, speaking on behalf of Mr. Giesbrecht, to the meeting. Mr. Giesbrecht gave a short history and then turned representation over to Mr. Doerksen. T. Doerksen distributed and read an appeal letter addressing eligibility for the 2015 grazing season, and eligibility requirements going forward. A thorough discussion was held. Eligibility issues and policy requirements as described in previous letters were reiterated by Directors.

[10:28 a.m. – 10:34 a.m. Short break; H. Giesbrecht and T. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

2015-05-108 Moved by R. Owen that Henry Giesbrecht be allowed in the CGA on an allotment equal to his 1st year allotment in 2014 (27 cow/calf pairs), and that he has until November 30, 2015 to become eligible for the 2016 grazing season. Seconded by J. Culligan.

2015-05-109 Moved by F. George that motion 2015-05-108 be amended by adding that if a letter is received from a lawyer that specifies what changes are in progress to meet requirements, and these changes satisfy administration's concerns, then Mr. Giesbrecht can run 56 pair as his 2015 application requested. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2015-05-110 Moved by R. Owen that Henry Giesbrecht be allowed in the CGA on an allotment equal to his 1st year allotment in 2014 (27 cow/calf pairs); that he has until November 30, 2015 to become eligible for the 2016 grazing season; and that if a letter is received from a lawyer that specifies what changes are in progress to meet requirements, and these changes satisfy administration's concerns, then Mr. Giesbrecht can run 56 pair as his 2015 application requested. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

A response letter will be emailed and mailed to Mr. Giesbrecht as soon as possible.

5.0 Water Stoppages Bylaw

Mr. Bridges presented the draft Water Stoppages Bylaw, with supporting documents. Key clauses were identified for Directors' review this month. This item is to be brought back to the June meeting for discussion and possible readings.

[11:00 a.m. Russ Tanner entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Russ Tanner re City of Brooks Presentation re Field House

B. Chrumka welcomed Russ Tanner, Facility Manager for the City of Brooks, to the meeting. Mr. Tanner was in attendance to present plans for the Lakeside Leisure Centre facility expansion and to update the Board as to the progress on this project. This project is part of an ongoing overall plan for recreation and leisure/cultural facilities for the City of Brooks. The demolition of the old Centennial Arena is to be complete by mid-June, providing increased space for parking. The soccer field house will be constructed directly west of the curling rink, and a new expanded library will be built adjacent to the pool and main entrance on the east side. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Tanner; and he was thanked for his time and presentation to the Board.

[11:28 a.m. R. Tanner exited the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 April 30, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to April 30, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$23.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$13.1 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.1 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2015-05-111 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2015, as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2015

The 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report was presented on behalf of Lorna Smith. Various accounts were discussed.

2015-05-112 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2015 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues have occurred since last month.

| Current EIDNet Customer Accounts | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Basic Water User Accounts | 520 |
| Residential Accounts | 847 |
| Business Accounts | 47 |
| EID Automation | 24 |
| Total | 1438 |

8.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Snowmelt is tracking 2-3 weeks earlier than average, with Sunshine and Three Isle Lake retaining the largest snow pillows at this point.

8.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

The Bow River is currently flowing at approximately 5,000 cfs, of which the District is diverting approximately 2,700 cfs. Crawling Valley Reservoir is full, Lake Newell is 8-9" lower than FSL and will be totally full in a couple weeks. 611 parcels are irrigating, with 67 orders waiting.

9.0 Squatter's Rights / Old CNR Right-of-Way

An article on squatter's rights, or adverse possession, in the Cardston area was provided as information.

10.0 Costs for Completion of Truck Shop

A summary of additional costs for the completion of the new truck shop was provided for Directors' review. To date, an additional \$121,328.83 has been expended for gas, electrical, plumbing, heating, fencing, core replacement, building permit and internal department work.

11.0 Results of Sale of ½ Ton Trucks

Bids for the sale of 9 pickups, 2 bush hogs and 1 trailer were received as follows:

| 9 Pickups, 2 Bush Hogs, 1 Trailer | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Company | Outright Purchase | Auction Consignment |
| Annett Auction Services | \$46,928.00 | 5% |
| Charlton Auction Service Ltd. | - | 10% |

Annett Auction Services was awarded the sale of the equipment on a 5% consignment basis. The equipment sold May 16th for a total of \$67,050 less 5% = \$63,697.50.

12.0 Lands**12.01 Grazing****12.01.1 Leonard Parker / Rosemary Grazing Association re Fence**

Comments from some members of the Rosemary Grazing Association regarding last month's ruling on community cattle being trailed were reiterated by Directors.

12.01.2 Request to Tender Standing Hay at Kitsim

The field was evaluated at approximately ½ ton/acre, and if current weather conditions persist it was recommended to not tender out this year. The Board was in consensus with this recommendation.

[11:58 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break; M. Redelback and E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

12.01.1 Leonard Parker / Rosemary Grazing Association re Fence cont'd.

A letter from the Association was received during lunch and then shared with Directors. A short discussion was held. Rosemary Grazing representatives are to be invited to attend a future board meeting, if they wish, for discussion on this matter.

12.02 Farm Improvements

E. McLeod presented the following Farm Improvement applications.

12.02.1 AFAR Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) – SE 08-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 80 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 94 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to pivot. 14 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360 (80 acres x \$42/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 94 acres all under pivot irrigation.

2015-05-113 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for AFAR Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SE 08-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360. The capital assets charge is \$4,200. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.02.2 AFAR Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) – S ½ 09-21-15 W4M

Current assessment on these parcels is 180 acres wheels; new small pivot and large wiper pivot area is 216 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 180 acres wheels to pivot. 36 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,560 (180 acres x \$42/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$10,800 (36 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 216 acres all under pivot irrigation. E. McLeod will verify whether an Irrigable Unit is already in place.

- 2015-05-114 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for AFAR Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer) for the conversion of 180 acres wheels to pivot in S ½ 09-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,560. The capital assets charge is \$10,800. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

12.02.3 CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) – SE 35-15-16 W4M

Current assessment is 126 acres flood; new corner-arm pivot area is 151 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot. 25 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,584 (126 acres x \$84/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$7,500 (25 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 151 acres all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-05-115 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) for the conversion of 126 acres flood to corner-arm pivot in SE 35-15-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,584. The capital assets charge is \$7,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

12.02.4 Dennis & Ella Endersby – NW 16-19-13 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 16-19-13 W4M for the amount of \$10,000 and is applying for the 50/50 cost-share grant of which the EID by policy will pay up to \$3,000. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,000.

- 2015-05-116 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the farm improvement for Dennis & Ella Endersby for the conversion of open ditch flood to gated pipe in NW 16-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

12.02.5 Bob & Judy McKnight – NE 14-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 92 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 74 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 74 acres flood to pivot. The remaining 18 acres have had prior approval for transfer to Sec. 09 & 10-21-13 W4M upon completion of the pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,216 (74 acres x \$84/acre). New assessment is 74 acres all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-05-117 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bob & Judy McKnight for the conversion of 74 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 14-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,216. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

12.02.6 Bob & Judy McKnight – SE 10-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 93 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 80 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 80 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is requesting to transfer the remaining 13 acres to Sec. 09 & 10-21-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,720 (80 acres x \$84/acre). New assessment is 80 acres all under pivot irrigation.

2015-05-118 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bob & Judy McKnight for the conversion of 80 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 10-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,720. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2015-05-119 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from SE 10-21-14 W4M to Sec. 09 & 10-21-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Bob & Judy McKnight. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.02.7 Earl & Colleen Skriver – NE 07-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 151 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 15 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,424 (136 acres x \$84/acre) - \$7,500 (15 acres x \$500/acre) = \$3,924. Assessment remains the same.

2015-05-120 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Earl & Colleen Skriver for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot in NE 07-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,924. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.03 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres

Ms. McLeod presented the following irrigation transfer, development and alternate parcel requests.

12.03.1 Folkerts Farms Ltd. (Art Folkerts) – S ½ 30-17-13 W4M to SE 32-17-13 W4M

Folkerts Farms Ltd. is requesting to transfer 20 irrigation acres from SW 30 and 21 irrigation acres from SE 30-17-13 W4M to SE 32-17-13 W4M. This will enable the existing pivot in NE 29 to run full circle by crossing into SE 32. Soils have been tested and have proved irrigable.

2015-05-121 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the transfer of 20 irrigation acres from SW 30-17-13 W4M and 21 acres from SE 30-17-13 W4M, to SE 32-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Folkerts Farms Ltd. (Art Folkerts). Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.03.2 Shalon Sugden – SE 09-21-14 W4M to SW 10-21-14 W4M

Shalon Sugden is requesting to transfer 8 irrigation acres from SE 09 to SW 10-21-14 W4M for infill between the wiper pivot and Sec. G-SH Canal. This will provide assessment for the wheel irrigation being used on this wedge.

2015-05-122 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 8 irrigation acres from SE 09-21-14 W4M to SW 10-21-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Shalon Sugden. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.04 Irrigation Application – 358645 AB Ltd. (Neil Douglass) – N ½ 25-24-16 W4M

358645 Alberta Ltd. is applying for infill acres on an existing 286 acre wiper pivot in N ½ 25 and S ½ 36-24-16 W4M. The 33 acre wedge is in N ½ 25 and would allow the pivot to run full circle. Soils have been recently retested and prove irrigable. Ms. McLeod was requested to confirm title of the old canal ROW which runs along the outer boundary of the wedge.

2015-05-123 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve Neil Douglass' application for 33 new irrigation acres in N ½ 25-24-16 W4M. Purchase of 33 infill acres at \$300/acre = \$9,900. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.05 Alternate Parcel Applications**12.05.1 Graham Feeders Inc. to South Slope Feeders Ltd. – SW 26 to NE 24-16-16**

For the 2015 season, Graham Feeders Inc. is requesting to transfer 16 irrigation acres from SW 26-16-16 W4M to South Slope Feeders Ltd. in NE 24-16-16 W4M to allow further rotation of the existing pivot.

2015-05-124 Moved by F. George that for 2015 the Board approve the transfer of:

- 16 irrigation acres from SW 26-16-16 W4M, lands owned by Graham Feeders Inc., to
- NE 24-16-16 W4M lands owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd.

Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.05.2 Ken & Dollie Link to EID – E ½ 15-15-16 W4M to N ½ 12-17-16 W4M

For the 2015 season, Ken & Dollie Link are requesting to transfer 110 acres from E ½ 15-16-16 W4M to the EID in N ½ 12-17-16 W4M to allow further rotation of the existing pivot.

2015-05-125 Moved by F. George that for 2015 the Board approve the transfer of:

- 110 irrigation acres from E ½ 15-16-16 W4M, lands owned by Ken & Dollie Link, to
- N ½ 12-17-16 W4M lands owned by the Eastern Irrigation District.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.05.3 Ken & Dollie Link to South Slope Feeders Ltd. – E ½ 15-15-16 W4M to N ½ 12-17-16 W4M

For the 2015 season, Ken & Dollie Link are requesting to transfer 26 acres from E ½ 15-16-16 W4M to South Slope Feeders Ltd. in N ½ 12-17-16 W4M to allow further rotation of the existing pivot.

2015-05-126 Moved by F. George that for 2015 the Board approve the transfer of:

- 26 irrigation acres from E ½ 15-16-16 W4M, lands owned by Ken & Dollie Link, to
- N ½ 12-17-16 W4M lands owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.05.4 Graham Feeders Inc. to South Slope Feeders Ltd – SW 26-16-16 W4M to N ½ 12-17-16 W4M

For the 2015 season, Graham Feeders Inc. is requesting to transfer 8 acres from SW 26-16-16 W4M to South Slope Feeders Ltd. in N ½ 12-17-16 W4M to allow further rotation of the existing pivot.

2015-05-127 Moved by F. George that for 2015 the Board approve the transfer of:

- 8 irrigation acres from SW 26-16-16 W4M, lands owned by Graham Feeders Inc., to
- N ½ 12-17-16 W4M lands owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.06 ROW Encroachment – Ken Davidson – NE 13-20-14 W4M

This farmyard encroaching on titled District ROW will be brought back to the June meeting for further discussion. A formula/policy may need to be developed to assist in handling yard site types of encroachments.

12.07 Letter from Mike & Anne Van Dijk

A letter was received from Mike & Anne Van Dijk requesting that the annual rental rate for the 10 acres of District ROW be reduced, or that the pivot be allowed to cross without cultivation of the land. This lease and the other 2 annual leases were discussed.

2015-05-128 Moved by F. George that the rental rate for Annual Irrigated Lease #8290 (Mike & Anne Van Dijk) be adjusted from \$140/acre to \$94/acre. Seconded by G. Graham. DEFEATED

[1:14 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

13.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

M. Redelback gave a verbal update on AIS:

- AIS posters and Quick Fact brochures have been distributed to the managers of Lake Newell Marina, Crawling Valley Campground and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground
 - managers were informed of the mandatory inspection legislation for boats that are being brought into Alberta from any direction, and were instructed to:
 - distribute brochures to owners, inform of mandatory inspection, ask if the boat has been out of Province, if it has – ask if an inspection has been completed, if not – inform the owner that they need to call 1-855-336-BOAT (2628) to arrange for an inspection of their boat prior to launching, if the owner is unwilling – staff can report the boat with a description and license plate number
- mussel detection dogs and handlers are commencing training and should be operational by the end of July
- Alberta Parks is going forward with their own inspections/staff
- the District has requested to be included in the Environment & SRD's roving inspections; with the priority of Crawling Valley Reservoir
- Quick Fact brochures have been distributed to recreational businesses and they have been positively received
- a freelance videographer was in the area getting footage for an article on AIS; once the project is complete, footage will be available to the District
- Operations staff have been advised to be particularly watchful
- new signs continue to be placed as well as replacement ones
- follow up was done with someone who thought they saw a Zebra mussel; it turned out to be a fresh water clam
- Stephanie Losier, North Division Summer Student, will be doing AIS educational outreach at Crawling Valley Reservoir at various times, mostly on weekends
- \$24,000 of the funds for the collaborative mussel detection dog training program has been spent for 3 months of Working Dogs for Conservation (WDC) services
- the infested boat found at Sylvan Lake came from Ontario; Sylvan's inspection team identified it and prevented access
- the Clean/Drain/Dry poster has been redesigned to target anglers
- additional brochures, wallet cards and boat chamois could be used for distribution

14.0 Public Relations Report

Mrs. Redelback reviewed that 4 Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) presentations have been given to approximately 80 Grade 4 students in Brooks. Interesting to note was that in one classroom of 40 students only 2 were farm kids, proving the program is definitely reaching the less informed.

The Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference will be touring through the area on May 29th and a presentation will be given at the District office for tour attendees.

[1:34 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

15.0 Requests for Sponsorship / Funding

15.01 Holy Family Academy Literacy Program

A verbal request was received by a Director from Sheila Hirsch of Holy Family Academy enquiring if the District would sponsor the school's literacy program. This request was denied.

15.02 Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference

A request for bronze sponsorship was received from organizers of the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference, to be held February 16 – 18, 2016 in Saskatoon. Prairie Conservation Forum is one of the organizing partners in this conference.

2015-05-129 Moved by R. Owen that the District donate \$1,000 to the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference to be hosted in Saskatoon, SK, February 16-18, 2016. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

15.03 Brooks & District Health Foundation

This item is to be brought back to a summer meeting.

16.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**16.01 CFB Suffield Post Season Brief re Elk – April 30th**

B. Chrumka and J. Culligan attended the Post Season Brief for CFB Suffield in Ralston on April 30th to hear an update on the management of the elk herd. 1,100 hunters were allowed on the base; of the elk harvested, 25% were bulls. The Department of National Defence is working hard towards administering the program in the confines of the Base, including maintenance of the fences. It was suggested to CFB that a wider region be opened for the hunt next year to accommodate herd movement.

16.02 Joint Shared Services – May 12th

B. Chumka attended the Joint Shared Services Meeting on May 12th. The Brooks Food Bank Foundation business plan was provided to Directors as information.

16.03 Stakeholder Meeting with MLA Derek Fildebrandt – May 20th

Derek Fildebrandt has been invited for a presentation/discussion on the EID at his convenience; the District is awaiting a response.

17.0 Other**17.01 Ammonite Shell Agreement**

A letter was received from Richard Morgan in regards to an Ammonite Shell Agreement his company has through Environment & SRD in portions of 23 & 24-25-16 W4M. Mr. Morgan is proposing to excavate 12 acres in NE 23 over the next 2 ½ years. Directors requested that N. Fontaine investigate the claim, and deal with surface access agreement/compensation, notification of access, pre and post inspection of the site, monitoring, fire hazard, reclamation, etc.

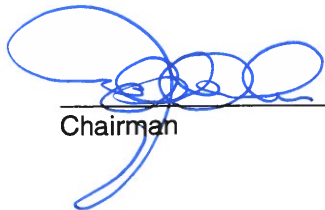
18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | EID Rodeo Breakfast | - Friday, June 5 th , 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., EID Truck Shop <i>[all Staff, Directors, & Families]</i> |
| 18.02 | 2015 Irrigation Technical Conference | - Thursday, June 11 th , 9:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge <i>[I. Friesen, M. Porter, M. Redelback, R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach, D. Senneker, D. Syvret, D. Slomp]</i> |
| 18.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

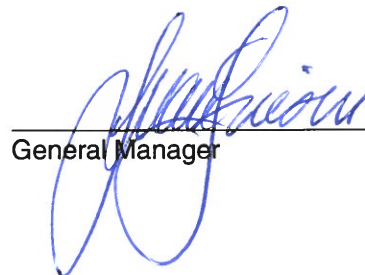
[2:28 p.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera**

B. McKellar moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:00 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

June 23, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of June, 2015. Those in attendance were:

| | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 8:52 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Henry Giesbrecht Grazing Application Appeal
- 8.01 Water Delivery Date
- 1:45 pm Conference Call with Erwin Braun
- 16.01 Prairie Conservation Forum
- 16.02 AIPA
- 16.03 Bow River Basin Council
- 16.04 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce

2015-06-130 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 26, 2015**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2015-06-131 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Henry Giesbrecht Grazing Application Appeal**

Staff have attempted confirmation from the Gem Grazing Association regarding the number of head and date of entry for Henry Giesbrecht. It was directed that this information be obtained as soon as possible.

[8:56 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson, Special Projects Manager, advised that Siksika Council passed a resolution accepting the District's revised counteroffer for compensation on the Emergency Spillway flood lands, with consideration of 10 years prepayment of the annual payment.

[8:58 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

Mr. Wilson, Siksika, and both parties' legal counsel are now drafting the Enabling Agreement. It was directed to email a final copy of the enabling agreement to Directors for review.

Pictures of MPE's physical model depicting water flow on the downstream side of the emergency spillway and dam were displayed; Directors were invited to attend a demonstration before the model is dismantled. The physical model did replicate the computer program for flow out the bottom end of both structures.

[9:36 a.m. I. Friesen rejoined the meeting.]

[9:40 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

- 2015-06-132 Moved by F. George that the Board ratify the offer to Siksika Nation for compensation of the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway flood lands wherein:**
- the initial payment is \$1,350,000; and
 - the annual payment is \$90,000/year;
- proposing to:**
- prepay 10 years annual rental, resulting in the initial payment being \$2,250,000 and the annual payment being \$90,000/year beginning in October of 2025 containing the same inflation factor as the Bassano Dam Settlement Agreement.
- Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

- 2015-06-133 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Enabling Agreement and authorize the Board Chairman and General Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

5.0 JBS Food Canada Inc. – Request to Discharge Industrial Wastewater

Pat Gummeson, Farm Manager for JBS Food Canada Inc.'s Lakeside plant contacted the District concerning the plant's wastewater. Discussions on various remediation options are continuing between the District and JBS.

[10:13 a.m. – 10:18 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 May 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to May 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$26.67 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$15.73 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.94 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

- 2015-06-134 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**

6.02 Appointment of the Auditors

In order to secure a firm to conduct the audit of the District's 2015 financial statements, an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented.

- 2015-06-135 Moved by J. Culligan that the engagement letter, dated June 16, 2015 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2014/2015**

financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[10:31 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

7.0 EIDNet

Ronan Moen, Internet Services Supervisor, was in attendance to update the Board on matters pertaining to EIDNet.

7.01 EIDNet Update

Customers very much appreciate the increased speeds and continuous bandwidth provided by EIDNet. Even with the increased demand for more multi-media streaming, the system is meeting the demand. Michael Weiss, the new Internet Technician – Installations & Repairs, is doing really well and performing the full requirements of the job.

7.02 EIDNet Monthly Report

Backordered radios arrived in early June and the delay in repairs and installs has now been caught up. On June 13th power outages occurred at the One Tree and Patricia towers, and a sector failed in the Bantry area. The damaged antenna at Bantry forced changes and upgrades.

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

8.0 Operations

8.01 Water Delivery Date

C. Chomistek suggested that in dry spring conditions the District consider providing water to the areas in greater demand a couple days earlier than the set Water Delivery Date, if at all possible. It was discussed that providing to different areas at different times could be problematic, and that early access to water can be detrimental to District infrastructure depending on temperatures. It was noted that ensuring the availability of operations staff, allowing early irrigation where water can be accessed, and considering incentives for the construction of irrigation dugouts could be ways for the District to be mindful of this demand.

8.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Mr. Friesen advised that in this morning's conference call with the major water users on the Bow River, the Ghost Reservoir (head supply to the Bow River, near Canmore) is currently being raised 5', drawing 1,200 cfs from the river. This is projected to be complete by July 1st. FSL on Ghost is another 5' above this level.

The EID's reservoirs are full, permitting diversion at Bassano Dam to be on the conservative side. High temperatures and immediately after first cut of hay will see large spikes in demand for water users. As of meeting day, 433 parcels were irrigating and 78 were on order.

[10:51 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 Projects for Review

9.01.1 01 Bow Slope

J. Kabut, Design Technologist, presented the 01 Bow Slope rehabilitation project for review. This project is located approximately 3 km NW of Rainier and is slated for the 2015/2016 construction year, to be funded under the IRP Program. The proposed rehab consists of a closed gravity

pipeline system to supply 7,500 acres. A landowner meeting was held in late March; there are 7 quarters in which landowners are interested in converting from flood to pivot. Concerns for a 6 m fill, and options for size of pipe and Infrastructure Cost-Share Grants will need to be deliberated. This project will be brought back for further discussion.

9.01.2 C North Branch Drainage

Ryan Gagley, Design Technologist, advised that last fall a group of landowners requested that the drainage system serving their 9 connecting parcels be considered for a rehab project. A preliminary design was presented and was well received. The project cost of \$230,000, if approved for the drain relocation on landowner's timeline cost-share grant, would result in 75% EID / 25% landowners (or \$6,388.89 per). Consenting contribution, drainage rehab program, and possible timelines were discussed with Directors. The following 3 options were approved:

- 75/25 cost-share (landowners' total share being \$57,500); or
 - drain relocation only on Plett's land (bottom end); or
 - prioritize this project in the County / EID Drainage Program;
- with preference given to include the project in the County / EID Drainage Program at an approximate 2-3 year timeline until construction.

2015-06-136 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation project on C North Branch, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowners, for a total project cost of \$230,000 (\$172,500 – EID, \$57,500 – Landowners). Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[11:12 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

10.0 Water Stoppages Bylaw

Mr. Bridges advised that further legal counsel has been requested concerning the EID Water Stoppages Bylaw. This bylaw has been redrafted from the one shared by the Bow River Irrigation District, and it is now anticipated that two bylaws will be recommended to better serve the requirements of the District and the Irrigation Districts Act. Mr. Chrumka asked for Director input at this point, advising that the bylaw will be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion once additional advice from legal counsel has been received. A couple clauses were discussed, with the understanding that this document clarifies and backs up current policy and practices, and can be used as a tool for enforcement of policy when necessary. A suggestion was made that the bylaw be presented at any upcoming Farmer Information Meetings.

[11:24 a.m. N. Fontaine, E. McLeod, R. Volek, and J. Hill entered the meeting.]

Janice Hill, Pay & Benefits Specialist, and Rick Volek, Land Administrator – Grazing were introduced as recently hired employees. The new staff were welcomed to the EID by the Board of Directors.

[11:27 a.m. J. Hill exited the meeting.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Grazing

11.01.1 Grass Supply

R. Volek advised that a survey of Grazing Associations over the last couple days resulted in opinions that there is lots of carryover grass in community leases overall. Some Associations report having some fields that haven't been grazed for 2 years, and that with any moisture this summer, there will be no risk of a grass shortage this year. Questions were posed, however, if an early round-up date is mandated, would late entry cattle have to return home on the same date? It was the Board's understanding that late entry grazers comply with all round-up dates; i.e. if

cattle are called off the leases early the late grazers take the risk in not getting as many AUMs as early entry grazers. W. Enns was requested to locate minutes/backup substantiating this.

[11:34 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

11.02 Oil & Gas Report

N. Fontaine, Land Supervisor, presented the following Oil & Gas Report and Irrigation Lease transfer requests.

11.02.1 Lease Inspection Database Update

The Lease Inspection Database program which Mark Porter, Information Services Technologist, designed is now functioning and in use; commenting on the various visual, commentary and data tools built into the program. Directors enquired whether queries could be made relating to the most frequent issues, or certain issues, for example. Mr. Fontaine will confirm the program's ability to do so; and he added that future development of the program is being looked at for utilization on community grazing leases, private grazing leases, etc.

11.03 Application to Transfer Irrigation Leases

11.03.1 8226 Jozef & Bertha Versteegen to Jelmer Tilma

This irrigated lease was a 20 year lease and the previous leaseholder opted to extend the lease for a further 10 years; the lease expires in May of 2021 with no option to purchase. Eligibility requirements for this lease are to own land within the EID with irrigation acres, to not lease more than 640 acres of irrigated leases which includes all irrigation leases plus lease-to-purchase leases, and to have primary residency within the District. In April the current leaseholders applied to transfer the lease to 1565567 Alberta Ltd. (Louis Claasen). The applicant has since been denied on the basis of residency. Versteegen's are now applying to transfer this lease to Jelmer Tilma. Mr. Tilma meets all the requirements.

2015-06-137 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve Irrigated Lease #8226 be transferred from Jozef & Bertha Versteegen to Jelmer Tilma. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.03.2 8310 Wilhelmus & Jaceline Klessens to Jozef & Bertha Versteegen

Eligibility requirements for this lease are to own land within the EID with irrigation acres, and to not lease more than 640 acres of irrigated leases which includes all irrigation leases plus lease-to-purchase leases. The next review date is in December of 2016 and the lease expires in February 2021. As Versteegen's have transferred Irrigated Lease #8226 to Jelmer Tilma, they are now eligible to hold this lease (are not over the 640 acre maximum).

2015-06-138 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve Irrigated Lease #8310 be transferred from Wilhelmus & Jaceline Klessens to Jozef & Bertha Versteegen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[11:53 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine and E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

[12:30 p.m. M. Redelback, N. Fontaine, and E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

11.04 Irrigated Lease #8268 - Russell Douglass – Set Minimum Price

This irrigated lease is a 20 year lease which expires in December of 2015. The leaseholder has chosen the option to have the lease put up for bid with the right to match the high bid. A minimum purchase price will need to be set, with the cost of the mainline being added to the price for buyers other than the leaseholder. Oil & gas revenue information and recent land sale amounts for each Division were provided. Ms. McLeod added that there is \$130,000 remaining on the financing agreement for the pipeline extension; discussion ensued. It was requested that this item be brought back for further discussion with additional information being provided concerning the cost-shared pipeline and remaining costs owing on the financing agreement.

11.05 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres

E. McLeod, Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Land, presented the following transfer and Irrigable Unit requests.

11.05.1 Rommens Farms Ltd. – SW 16-18-16 W4M to NE 16-18-16 W4M

Rommens Farms Ltd. is requesting to transfer 4 acres from SW 16-18-16 W4M to NE 16-18-16 W4M, and will then automatically transfer 6 acres from SW 16 to SE 16 (within the irrigable unit);, in both cases to match assessment with the area irrigated by pivot. The actual area irrigated by pivot in SW 16 (13 acres) would then have a terminable agreement, as it is less than 40 acres. The request for a terminable agreement was denied, and the Board directed staff to re-discuss the situation with the landowners.

11.05.2 Robert Milne – NW 33-23-15 W4M to NE 32-23-15 W4M

Robert Milne is requesting to transfer 10 flood acres from NW 33-23-15 W4M to under his pivot in NE 32-23-15 W4M. Irrigation development for NE 32 was approved in October; the landowner has moved forward with development and in order to finalize the application approval for the transfer is required.

2015-06-139 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigation acres from NW 33-23-15 W4M to NE 32-23-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert Milne. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.05.3 Robert Milne – SE 05-24-15 W4M to NW 32-23-15 W4M

Robert Milne is requesting to transfer 40 acres from SE 05-24-15 W4M to under his pivot in NW 32-23-15 W4M. Irrigation development for NW 32 was approved in October; the landowner has moved forward with development and in order to finalize the application approval for the transfer is required.

2015-06-140 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 40 irrigation acres from SE 05-24-15 W4M to NW 32-23-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert Milne. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.06 Irrigable Unit Registrations**11.06.1 Robert Milne – SE & SW 05-24-15 W4M**

After transferring 40 acres off of SE 05-24-15 W4M there will be less than 40 irrigation acres assessed to the parcel therefore an irrigable unit will need to be registered on the S ½ of 05.

2015-06-141 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW & SE 05-24-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert Milne. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

11.06.2 AFAR Farms Ltd. – SE & SW & NE 09-21-15 W4M

A condition for the AFAR Farms Ltd. Farm Improvement on S ½ and Pt. NE 09-21-15 W4M was the registration for an Irrigable Unit as the pivot in SE 09 crosses the property boundaries to the west and to the north.

2015-06-142 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW, SE & NE 09-21-15 W4M, all lands being owned by AFAR Farms Ltd. (Robert Peltzer). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[1:06 p.m. M. Redelback and E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

[1:06 p.m. Brad Hall, Leonard Retzlaff and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

1:06 p.m. Rosemary Grazing Association

B. Chrumka welcomed Brad Hall and Leonard Retzlaff of the Rosemary Grazing Association to the meeting. Mr. Hall and Mr. Retzlaff were attending the meeting to speak to the Leonard Parker fencing matter addressed by the Board in April. The Association Reps presented their background to the matter. They then asked why they were not given opportunity to speak to the issue, and whether the District's decision to require the Association to pay for fencing materials, or truck cattle, when cattle trailing issues arise would be precedent setting. Directors responded that this case would not set precedent; that the decision was made to be in a timely manner as time was essential prior to cattle being trailed to the lease; and with the commitment by the landowner to install the fence on the remaining open portion. Further discussion was held; it was also indicated that the fencing material was sourced from the Association's stockpile and that they have not yet been invoiced. Mr. Chrumka thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Retzlaff for their input and time.

[1:25 p.m. Brad Hall and Leonard Retzlaff exited the meeting.]

Directors gave further comment.

2015-06-143 Moved by J. Culligan that the materials cost for fencing $\frac{3}{4}$ mile along the west boundary of W $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-21-15 W4M be applied to the general Community Grazing Lease expenses. Seconded by G. Graham. DEFEATED

2015-06-144 Moved by R. Owen that 50% of the materials cost for fencing $\frac{3}{4}$ mile along the west boundary of W $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-21-15 W4M be applied to the general Community Grazing Lease expenses, and 50% be invoiced directly to the Rosemary Grazing Association. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[1:32 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

1:45 p.m. Conference Call with Erwin Braun, GM of WID

A call was put through to Erwin Braun, General Manager of the Western Irrigation District to hear his recap of a meeting AIPA representatives had with Hon. Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry and 2 of his assistants on June 22nd in Edmonton. Topics discussed at that meeting included water storage, water licenses, flood mitigation, district conservation and efficiency programs, and support for the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP). Minister Carlier is quite familiar with and is a supporter of irrigated agriculture. An executive summary of AIPA's economic study, just recently completed, was presented. The Minister was invited to participate in the forthcoming press release of the economic study. B. Chrumka thanked Mr. Braun for his overview and time.

[1:52 p.m. M. Redelback, N. Fontaine and E. McLeod re-entered the meeting.]

11.0 Lands cont'd.

11.07 Farm Improvements

E. McLeod presented the following Farm Improvement applications.

11.07.1 Robert Milne – NE 32-23-15 W4M

Current assessment is 74 acres flood; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 74 acres flood to pivot. 62 additional acres are needed, of which 50 acres are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre, and 12 acres are at a capital assets charge of \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,216 (74 acres x

\$84/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$23,400. New assessment is 136 acres all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-06-145 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Robert Milne for the conversion of 74 acres flood to pivot in NE 32-23-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,216. The capital assets charge is \$23,400. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED**

11.07.2 Robert Milne – NW 32-23-15 W4M

This Farm Improvement will be brought back to the following meeting with confirmation of past practices for transferring irrigation acres to a dry parcel and charging \$700 capital assets charges for additional acres.

11.07.3 Todd Irwin – Sec. 09-21-12 W4M & NE 04-21-12 W4M

Current assessment is 236 acres wheels; new pivot area is 186 acres and new wheel line area is 66 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 186 acres wheels to pivot. 16 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,812 (186 acres x \$42/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$4,800 (16 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 252 acres, 186 under pivot irrigation and 66 under wheel line irrigation.

- 2015-06-146 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Todd Irwin for the conversion of 186 acres wheels to pivot in Sec. 09-21-12 W4M and NE 04-21-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,812. The capital assets charge is \$4,800. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

11.07.4 Skretting Land & Cattle Co. Ltd. – SW 11-18-14 W4M

Current assessment is 140 acres flood; new pivot area is 136 acres less 1 acre of drain. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner has chosen to sell back the 5 acres outside the pivot area to the EID at \$1,000/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,340 (135 acres x \$84/acre). New assessment is 135 acres all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-06-147 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Skretting Land & Cattle Co. Ltd. (Duane Skretting) for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in SW 11-18-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,340. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

- 2015-06-148 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the purchase of Skretting Land & Cattle Co. Ltd.'s 5 acres of water rights on SW 11-18-14 W4M to the District. Payment of 5 acres of water rights = \$5,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

11.07.5 Dennis Zawadzki – SW 36-21-13 W4M

Current assessment is 52 acres wheels; new pivot area is 93 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 52 acres wheels to pivot. 41 additional acres are needed at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,184 (52 acres x \$42/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$12,300 (41 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 93 acres all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-06-149 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis Zawadzki for the conversion of 52 acres wheels to pivot in SW 36-21-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,184. The capital assets charge is \$12,300. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

11.08 ROW Encroachment – Ken Davidson – NE 13-20-14 W4M

E. McLeod and N. Fontaine presented discussion points for the development of a Right-of-Way Encroachment Policy, touching on:

- Procedure (permission – agreement or sale of land; denial – timeframe for removal, non-compliance consequences);
- Land Sale Formula (land value, encroachment penalty, associated costs, minimum amount); and reviewing some past and current encroachment situations. Discussion ensued.

2015-06-150 Moved by J. Culligan that land sold to accommodate existing permanent structure encroachments (buildings) be valued at:

- assessed land value + 50%, plus
 - all costs (subdivision, legal, fencing, etc.),
- with no minimum charge. Seconded by B. McKellar. DEFEATED**

This item is to be brought back for further discussion.

[2:14 p.m. N. Fontaine and E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

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

Mr. Friesen presented quotes for the lease-to-purchase of one 250 excavator and one 350 excavator, conveying shop and operator preference.

| 250 Excavator | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Company | Make | Quote | \$/Month |
| Strongco Corp. | Volvo | \$294,100 | \$8,550 |
| Finning Canada | CAT (329 – bigger than 250) | \$307,521 | \$10,750 |
| Wajax Equipment | Hitachi (new 2014) | \$322,875 | \$12,000 |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd. | John Deere | \$324,500 | \$10,000 |

| 350 Excavator | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Company | Make | Quote | \$/Month |
| Finning Canada | CAT (336F – smaller than a 350) | \$350,114 | \$12,250 |
| Strongco Corp. | Volvo | \$391,475 | \$11,250 |
| Wajax Equipment | Hitachi (new 2014) | \$413,175 | \$15,000 |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd. | John Deere | \$422,600 | \$14,000 |

2015-06-151 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a CAT 329 Excavator for \$307,521 from Finning Canada, Medicine Hat. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED**2015-06-152 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a John Deere 350 Excavator for \$422,600 from Brandt Tractor Ltd., Calgary. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED****13.0 County Grant Application re Pathways**

The County of Newell had earlier this month requested a letter of commitment from the EID to complete their grant funding application towards a pathway project south of their administration and operations complex. A letter of support was written, but with no specific commitment for the

sale of land. The District will consider a request for land once a project plan is complete and Board discussions can be held.

14.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

M. Redelback, Corporate Relations Advisor, presented the AIS Update as follows:

- no suspect matter has been found on any of the mussel substrates
- Nicole Seitz, Water Research Specialist for Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, is developing a protocol for mussel inspection of irrigation infrastructure
- Stephanie Losier, Bassano Dam Summer Student, has been conducting AIS education and outreach at Crawling Valley Campground
- staff at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground will be provided with "Clean-Drain-Dry" t-shirts
- awaiting progress report from Cindy Sawchuk, Strategic Advisor for Alberta Environment & Parks, and Aimee Hurt, Director of Operations for Working Dogs for Conservation, on the Mussel Detector Dog Program; handlers and dogs are currently in intensive training in California

Partner funding summary and rapid response questions were responded to by administration.

15.0 Corporate Relations Report

M. Redelback presented the Corporate Relations Report as follows:

- presentation given to the Governor General's Leadership Conference, a group of 16 individuals, mostly from eastern Canada, touring through the area
 - EID Staff & Family Rodeo Breakfast held June 5th in thanks to a number of staff; it was well attended
 - Crystal Lintott, Records Management Administrator, and with the help of additional staff built and showed a first-place winning float for the Brooks Kinsmen Rodeo Parade, based on the theme "Agriculture – Past, Present, Future"
 - Bassano Dam Tours were given to 395 County of Newell Grade 5 students in June; E. McLeod assisted with the larger classes
 - 11 staff attended an employee tour of the Bassano Dam
 - Communities in Bloom have once again requested a short presentation on the EID for their judges in July
 - organizers of the International Rangeland Conference in Saskatoon have requested a presentation on the EID when tour groups are scheduled for the area in July
- G. Graham will attend the Communities in Bloom presentation on July 29th.

16.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

16.01 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen reported that he attended a PCF meeting June 17th noting the following:

- the next 5 year blueprint for the Prairie Conservation Action Plan is being drafted; the blueprint addresses the conservation, protection and management of native prairie, parkland species, communities and habitats
- there is a movement from the Hanna area that when provincial grazing lease land is sold, to not allow land along stream beds, etc. to be included
- the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute's report is expected in the near future
- Antelope Creek Ranch is using radio collars on cattle to monitor grazing
- attended a walking tour of the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area just west of Spruce Meadows

16.02 AIPA

C. Chomistek noted the following regarding his last AIPA Executive Meeting:

- efforts are being made to balance the budget; radio ads and promotional bags may be canceled
- a districts tour for the MLAs is in the early planning stages
- investigation is being done on an intervener for power companies

Mr. Chomistek was requested to enquire why livestock sales/industry data was not used in AIPA's irrigation impact economic study. Mr. Chrumka suggested that, given the new government, the EID possibly work alongside other districts in increasing government introduction/lobby efforts.

16.03 Bow River Basin Council

I. Friesen attended a BRBC meeting June 17th in Calgary to review their model of 3 years extreme drought. The model consists of 3 levels: what can be done today, in the attainable future, and large scale projects such as the Eyremore Dam proposal. It was also noted that Brian de Jong, County of Newell Deputy Reeve, took over the position Martin Shield, City of Brooks Mayor, held on the Council.

16.04 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce

B. McKellar reported that the 2015 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show in April was a success, and that it is being planned to take place in the Centennial Regional Arena next year.

17.0 Requests for Funding**17.01 Multiple-Time step Optimization (MTO) based Water Management Model**

A request for funding was received from Dr. Nesa Ilich and Dr. Evan Davies, working with the University of Alberta in the civil/environmental/computer engineering departments regarding a multiple-time step optimization (MTO)-based water management model which was presented at the AIPA Technical Conference earlier this month. The model is a reservoir management tool which would provide districts with guidance for reducing risks of irrigation deficits, expanding irrigation, increasing water volumes for irrigation, and providing outcomes of decisions. The funding, if contributed, would be apportioned to the one third partner organization funding which Alberta Innovates requires for consideration of their financial backing on this project. It was noted that the BRID has contributed to this project as well.

2015-06-153 Moved by F. George that the District contribute \$4,000 towards the Multiple-Time step Optimization (MTO) based Water Management Model being developed by the University of Alberta. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

18.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Friesen reviewed that Janice Hill, Pay & Benefits Specialist was hired in April to replace Sandra Hajash; Rick Volek has just begun as Land Administrator – Grazing to replace Bob Hale; and Dan Buell was hired to begin at the end of July to replace Rick Martin as Land Administrator – Habitat, Wildlife & Access.

19.0 Upcoming Events

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| 19.01 | MPE Physical Model Demonstration | - Wednesday, June 24 th , Lethbridge [B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen, E. Wilson] |
| 19.02 | Meeting with MLA Derek Fildebrandt | - Friday, June 26 th , EID Office, 1:30 p.m. [all] |
| 19.03 | Duchess Recreation Centre Tour | - Friday, July 3 rd [J. Culligan] |
| 19.04 | Meeting with MP Gerry Ritz | - Tuesday, July 7 th , Strathmore [B. Chrumka, R. Owen] |

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| 19.05 | Mattheis Ranch Field Day | - Friday, July 10 th [F. George, J. Culligan] |
| 19.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 19.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:08 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

July 28, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of July, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager [9:20 a.m.] |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

The meeting was called to order at 8:52 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.02 C North Branch Drainage
- 7.0 Campgrounds
- 7.01 Crawling Valley Campground
- 7.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground
- 11.12 Pivots on EID Lands – Sec. 14-23-18 W4M and Sec. 23-23-18 W4M

2015-07-154 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 23, 2015**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2015-07-155 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.02 March 25, 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes – Review

The minutes from the 2015 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 next year's AGM.

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 AIPA Economic Study – Livestock Sales/Industry Data**

The economic value of the livestock industry within southern Alberta's irrigation districts was discussed in regards to the Water Users' contribution of raising, finishing and sale of cattle, as well as the industry packing plants. It was acknowledged that although identifying a value for live cattle operations is somewhat nebulous, this amount should be scrutinized further in the irrigation impact economic study contracted by the AIPA.

3.02 C North Branch Drainage

F. George requested clarification from the Engineering department on cost-sharing for the County / EID Drainage Program. For comparison use, information is to include circumstances/variables of projects, expensing, and reasoning.

[9:10 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson advised that Siksika has signed the Enabling Agreement; and related applications, reports and tenders are being dealt with. It was confirmed that the first installment of Alberta Government funding was received, for \$5 million.

4.01 Project Announcement / Sod Turning Ceremony

A Project Announcement / Sod Turning Ceremony for the Emergency Spillway will be planned, likely in mid-October. The Minister of Environment & Parks, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, Siksika Nation, and all associated dignitaries and parties will be invited and included.

[9:20 a.m. E. Wilson exited, I. Friesen joined the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 June 30, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to June 30, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$29.5 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$18.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$11.1 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration. A new budget line will be added for Emergency Spillway revenue to track the Alberta Government funding.

2015-07-156 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2015, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

5.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2015

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2015 was \$1.64 million less than the book value at September 30, 2014. The June 30, 2015 balance is \$241,000 or 0.34% higher than the June 30, 2014 balance. Short term investments totaling \$6.36 million matured and short term investments totaling \$11.6 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$1.85 million were purchased.

2015-07-157 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2015 as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

5.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2015

The 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report was presented on behalf of Lorna Smith. Various accounts were discussed.

2015-07-158 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2015 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.04 Authorization to Open Bank Accounts

Higher interest rates are being offered on 30, 60 and 90 day "demand notice" bank accounts, which meet ATB's AAA credit ratings. In order to take advantage of the interest rate premium 30, 60 and 90 day accounts are required for each of the 4 primary bank accounts which the District holds with ATB. Several questions were responded to by Mr. Bridges, as well as confirming that current administration of cash flow generally reflects this type of account management.

2015-07-159 Moved by G. Graham that approval be granted to open 3 demand notice bank accounts for each of the District's primary bank accounts at ATB Financial and that execution of the related application and account forms be approved. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

Power was lost to the North Gem Tower early in the morning of June 26th. Fortis had the power back up by mid-morning, resulting in an outage of about 4 hours for EIDNet customers.

7.0 Campgrounds**7.01 Crawling Valley Campground**

Information is to be gathered regarding the spraying invoices for Crawling Valley Campground and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, agreements on which party is responsible for which costs, and comparative pricing for aerial spraying. It was requested that this information be brought back to the next meeting.

7.02 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

Discussion will be needed on the number of campsites allotted for water users in the seasonal campsite draw; and to make staff aware that there are no special privileges at the campground.

[10:13 a.m. – 10:18 a.m. Short break; M. Porter entered the meeting.]

8.0 Irrigation Recording and Management App (IRMA) Project

M. Porter, Information Services Technologist, joined the meeting to present an update on software development. The next version of the IDARS (Irrigation Data Recording System) will see it migrate to IRMA (Irrigation Recording and Management App), which has expanded capabilities such as a responsive web design to conform to phones, tablets, laptops or desktop computers. An oil & gas lease review module was developed this spring as part of IRMA, and has been in use for a couple of months. Further modifications for both Operations and Lands department requests will be built in as time permits. Once these and other planned enhancements are complete, work on the AIMM joint project (CDC South, Alberta Agriculture & EID), and forthcoming District technological developments will take place. A number of questions were answered.

[10:42 a.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

9.0 Operations**9.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date**

I. Friesen advised that reservoirs are in good shape at above 90% capacity, with the exception of Tilley B and Cowoki, and there is little risk of shortage for off-river acres. Demand has been high but will be dropping; some water users are in the 15"-18" range. Diversion to date is recording at 373,000 acre feet, which is equivalent to the total diversion for 2014.

[10:48 a.m. R. Summach, J. Kabut and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

10.0 Engineering**10.01 Project for Review – Rosemary Drain**

R. Summach presented the Rosemary Drain rehabilitation project for review. This project begins just SE of the Village at Sec. Hwy 550 and runs north approximately 12 km where it meets the Matzhiwin Creek. Much of the drain is in a natural state, with considerable snaking. Capacity is at 75 cfs at the south end and 350 cfs at the north end. A preliminary cost estimate for the entire project is \$3,700,000. Village drainage, landowner requests, grazing land, cropland and potential capacity demands were discussed. As concerns were raised for reworking the entire drain, it was requested that 2 scenarios be brought back to the Board providing further detail and cost

estimates on rehabbing the entire drain vs rehabbing only the necessary portions and on land where landowners are in support of the project. A further request was made for clarification on past drain relocations as part of projects. For comparison purposes, information is to include circumstances/variables of projects, expensing, and reasoning.

10.02 FI Drain Relocation – Ron Sereda – NW 34-14-13 W4M

J. Kabut presented the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation application from Ron Sereda in NW 34-14-13 W4M. The Landowner is proposing to install a pivot and is requesting that the drain, which runs through the center of the quarter, be swaled to allow his pivot to walk through. The project is estimated to cost \$13,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

2015-07-160 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Ron Sereda – NW 34-14-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$13,000 (\$9,750 – EID, \$3,250 – Landowner). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.03 FI Drain Relocation – Jeff Van Wert – SE 22-17-13 W4M

J. Kabut presented the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation application from Jeff Van Wert in SE 22-17-13 W4M. The Landowner is proposing to install a pivot and is requesting that the drain, which severs the center of the quarter, be relocated to outside the pivot. The project is estimated to cost \$35,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

2015-07-161 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Jeff Van Wert – SE 22-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$35,000 (\$26,250 – EID, \$8,750 – Landowner). Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

10.04 Bantry Summit Drain

R. Gagley presented the following drain relocations as part of the Bantry Summit rehabilitation project.

10.04.1 Mark Benson – NW 36-16-14 W4M

This portion of the Bantry Summit drain currently severs the west portion of NW 36-16-14 W4M and the landowner is requesting that the drain be relocated outside the west edge of the pivot as part of the overall project. The drain relocation is estimated to cost \$106,000 for the excavation only, although the rehab cost down the existing alignment would be considerable as well. Hauling material from the new drain to backfill the old drain is estimated at \$60,000. As it is standard practice for the District to swale out the old drain, and this is estimated at \$30,000, approval was requested to apply this amount to the cost of hauling backfill dirt. A thorough discussion was held.

2015-07-162 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Mark Benson – NW 36-16-14 W4M, as part of the Bantry Summit Rehabilitation Project:

- **the District will haul dirt to fill in the existing drain, up to a cost of \$50,000 (of which the landowner's portion is \$20,000);**
- **after which the District will assess any remaining work required to complete the filling of the existing drain and bring this information back to the Board.**

Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

Policy is to be discussed regarding the hauling of dirt when relocating drains. Consideration of a possible capped amount to be covered by the District, a capped amount to be cost-shared with the landowner, or a contingency factor were put forward.

10.04.2 Don Peterson – NE 01-17-14 W4M

This portion of the Bantry Summit drain currently deviates off center into the E ½ of NE 01-17-14 W4M and the landowner is requesting that the drain be relocated outside the west edge of the

wiper pivot as part of the overall project. The drain relocation is estimated to cost \$72,000 for the excavation only; the cost to rehab the existing alignment is estimated at \$51,000.

- 2015-07-163 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Don Peterson – NE 01-17-14 W4M, as part of the Bantry Summit Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

10.04.3 Keith Benson – W ½ Sec. 25-16-14 W4M

This portion of the Bantry Summit drain currently strays into the west edge of the pivot in W ½ Sec. 25-16-14 W4M and the landowner is requesting that the drain be relocated outside the pivot edge as part of the overall project. The drain relocation is estimated to cost \$80,000 for the excavation only; the cost to rehab the existing alignment is estimated at \$59,000.

- 2015-07-164 Moved by F. George that the Drain Relocation for Keith Benson on W ½ Sec. 25-16-14 W4M, as part of the Bantry Summit Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[12:09 p.m. R. Summach, J. Kabut and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

[12:09 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

11.0 Lands

N. Fontaine presented the following Lands items.

11.01 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Set Land Value for EID Lands

The request to set a monetary value on lands adjacent to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park was deferred until Parks revisits the redevelopment project with the District.

11.02 Dinosaur Dig on Duchess Community Grazing Lease

Researchers from the U of A were permitted access to the Duchess Community Grazing Lease along the Red Deer River and the Matzhiwin Creek to search for any evidence of fossils. One fossil was located and permission was given to access the site by foot and extract the specimen with hand or small powered tools. As helicopters are not available due to the amount of forest fires, extricating the fossil out of the coulee has not yet occurred. It was requested that Board notification be given for any unique land access requests such as this.

11.03 Update on Ammonite Shell Mine

In follow up to a request received in May for access to an ammonite shell claim in portions of Sec. 23 & 24-25-16 W4M, a meeting was held with the group on June 17th where a draft lease agreement was received. This agreement will be reviewed by the District lawyer. Concerns were raised by the Board with regards to the request for a temporary work camp, and for acceptable reclamation of the site.

11.04 Dirt Sales

From January 1, 2015 to date the District has sold \$29,961 of fill material to 4 separate entities. Haul tickets and invoices are used to verify amounts. It was confirmed that the practice to survey dirt stockpiles to monitor usage is now in place.

There was some unauthorized removal of material from the Patterson pit by a Water User. EID Staff informed the individual that this pit is closed and a request must be made prior to removal of any material from District lands. Water Users may request up to a total of 100 m³ of reject sand per year by contacting Nathan Fontaine through the EID Office.

11.05 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.05.1 JBS Food Canada Inc. – Request to Discharge Industrial Wastewater

I. Friesen advised that JBS has now made an official application to Environment & Parks for a discharge of treated industrial wastewater into the EID's canal system after the irrigation season. The Board directed that a letter be forwarded to JBS outlining the District's requirements if this request was approved by Environment & Parks, and insistence that this matter must be resolved for the long term.

11.05.2 Update on Grass Conditions, Confirmation of Late Entry Round-Up Rules

Grass conditions are good overall, although precipitation has been lighter south and east of Brooks. The extra carry-over grass has been a benefit, and Associations are utilizing some fields which weren't grazed last year and resting others that were utilized more. Most regrass pastures did not produce much grass this year.

The Round-Up Date will be set at August's meeting; at this point no extension is being considered. It will be reviewed as information at the next GAC Meeting that if at any time an early Round-Up Date is enforced, late entry cattle must abide by this date and are not compensated monetarily (late grazers take the risk).

11.05.3 Mattheis Ranch Field Day, Lease Rider Incident

F. George, J. Culligan and R. Volek attended the Mattheis Ranch Field Day hosted by the U of A Rangeland Research Institute on July 10th. Sessions included area soil structure, plant biodiversity, bees in the native ecosystem, feed efficiency under grass conditions by use of radio collars and pedometers, and the impact of soil compaction during the construction of power lines.

A side tour onto the Duchess Grazing Lease resulted in an incident between a Lease Rider horse and a tour participant. It was requested that Associations be informed when outside groups have access to their lease lands and that Lease Riders, etc. be directed to keep their horses away from these events.

11.05.4 Waterline Development for Newell Grazing

A dugout located in SE 23-16-14 W4M in the Newell Grazing regrass field east of Rolling Hills Reservoir is dry due to limited runoff and low precipitation. This dugout has been filled with overland piping during other drought years, and the central water supply aids in cattle movement. It is being proposed to install 930 m of pipeline from the drain to the east, at an estimated cost of \$25,000. It was confirmed that the water bodies shown on the map do not exist.

2015-07-165 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Newell Grazing pipeline project in SE 23-16-14 W4M, at an estimated cost of \$25,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.05.5 Corrals / Underpass Improvements

Approximately 400-500 pair of cattle in the Tilley Swingfield are dropped off in the spring on the north side of Hwy #1, and in the fall they are trailed back over the highway to the main corrals in the south. As this practice is no longer preferred, it is being proposed to either build a set of corrals on the north side of Hwy #1 in NE 14-16-11 W4M, or rebuild the north holding area and repair the south part of the underpass in SE 12-17-12 W4M. The other underpass next to the Swingfield corrals is not favored due to it being only one culvert, cattle have to turn a corner, and it is often under water. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2015-07-166 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Tilley Underpass Rebuild project in SE 12-17-12 W4M, at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.05.6 Letter from Adrienne G. Waller Prof. Corp. re Henry Giesbrecht

A letter dated July 7, 2015 was received from Adrienne G. Waller Prof. Corp. concerning Henry Giesbrecht's application for community grazing. A letter from the District's lawyer has been sent in response stating that the letter received does not meet the EID's requirements and Mr.

Giesbrecht's allotment will remain at 27 cow/calf pairs for the 2015 grazing season. As a note, Mr. Giesbrecht's Turn-Out date for his listing was May 28th with 27 cow/calf pairs.

11.05.7 "Good Standing" Qualifications

"Good standing" qualifications as they relate to actions taken by Water Users subsequent to the appeal process, were discussed by Directors. Staff, Administration and Directors' time, legal fees, and possible ramifications were deliberated. It was requested to have this item discussed at the next Board Retreat.

[2:16 p.m. – 2:22 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting, E. McLeod entered.]

11.06 Assessment Report to June 30, 2015

Ms. McLeod presented the Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 as follows:

| EID WATER ROLL | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Acres on the Water Roll | Irrigation Acres | Terminable Acres | Total |
| April 1, 2015 | 292,952 | 4,933 | 297,885 |
| June 30, 2015 | 293,270 | 4,930 | 298,200 |
| Net increase | 318 | < 3 > | 315 |
| Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement) | | | < 5 > |
| Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) | | | 323 |
| Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres | | | 0 |
| Terminable Acres Canceled | | | 3 |

11.07 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Peter Conacher – SW 16 to SE 16-20-13

Peter Conacher is installing pivots in SW & SE 16-20-13 W4M, and is requesting to transfer the 5 extra acres outside the pivot in the SW to under the pivot in the SE.

2015-07-167 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SW 16-20-13 W4M to SE 16-20-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Peter Conacher. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.08 Farm Improvements

11.08.1 Peter Conacher – SW 16-20-13 W4M

This Farm Improvement is to be brought back to the Board with further information pertaining to the south wheels portion and NW pivot corner.

11.08.2 Peter Conacher – SE 16-20-13 W4M

This Farm Improvement is to be brought back to the Board with more information pertaining to the allowable increase in irrigation acres and whether soils must be done.

11.08.3 Endersby Ranching Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 32-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 57 acres gated pipe flood; new wiper pivot area is 57 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot. A grant has not been given previously for the gated pipe. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,788 (57 acres x \$84/acre). Assessment remains the same, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-07-168** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Endersby Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 57 acres flood to pivot in Pt. Sec. 32-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,788. Seconded by G. Graham. **CARRIED**

11.08.4 Robert Milne – NW 32-23-15 W4M

This Farm Improvement was brought back from last month where approval was given to transfer 40 acres from SE 05-24-15 W4M to under the proposed pivot in NW 32-23-15 W4M. Confirmation was given that when acres are transferred to a dry parcel for the purpose of reducing new acres needed for irrigation development, the landowners are required to pay \$700/acre on all new acres.

Acres transferred in are 40 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 120 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot. 80 additional acres are needed at a capital assets charge of \$700/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360 (40 acres x \$84/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$56,000 (80 acres x \$700/acre). New assessment is 120 acres all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-07-169** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Robert Milne for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in NW 32-23-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360. The capital assets charge is \$56,000. Seconded by C. Chomistek. **CARRIED**

11.08.5 DLM Feeders Inc. – SE 03-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 87 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 104 acres. As a large flood field remains in the NE corner of the quarter where the pivot cannot rotate, there is no deduction for these acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 69 acres flood to pivot. 35 additional acres are needed at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,796 (69 acres x \$84/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$10,500 (35 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 122 acres; 104 acres under pivot irrigation and 18 acres remaining as flood.

- 2015-07-170** Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for DLM Feeders Inc. for the conversion of 69 acres flood to pivot in SE 03-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,796. The capital assets charge is \$10,500. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

11.09 Irrigable Unit Discharges / Registrations

11.09.1 DLM Feeders Inc. – SE 03-21-15 W4M

The pivot for the previous Farm Improvement in SE 03-21-15 W4M requires the registration of an Irrigable Unit as the pivot crosses 2 subdivided parcels, all lands titled to DLM Feeders Inc.

- 2015-07-171** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 03-21-15 W4M, all lands being owned by DLM Feeders Inc. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

11.09.2 Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. – Pt. Sec. 35-20-13 W4M

Irrigation development for Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. was approved for Pt. Sec. 35-20-13 W4M and the section pivot is now in place. In order to finalize the development an Irrigable Unit is required.

- 2015-07-172** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ and Pt. E ½ 35-20-18 W4M, all lands being owned by Bow Cattle Co. Ltd. Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

11.09.3 Todd Irwin – Sec. 09 & Pt. NE 04-21-12 W4M

A Farm Improvement for a pivot and a wheel line was approved for Todd Irwin in Sec. 09 and Pt. NE 04-21-12 W4M. As both the pivot and the wheel line will be served from one delivery, an Irrigable Unit is necessary. The current Irrigable Unit which does not include NE 09 and Pt. NE 04 will need to be discharged, and a new Irrigable Unit registered on all affected parcels.

2015-07-173 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SE, SW & NW 09-21-12 W4M, all lands being owned by Todd Irwin. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2015-07-174 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 09 and Pt. NE 04-21-12 W4M, all lands being owned by Todd Irwin. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.09.4 Van den Hoek Farms Ltd. – NW 12-16-16 W4M & Pt. SW 12-16-16 W4M

A Farm Improvement for a pivot and a corner-arm system for an existing pivot was approved for Van den Hoek Farms Ltd. in NW 12 & Pt. SW 12-16-16 W4M. As both pivots will be served from one delivery, an Irrigable Unit is necessary. The current Irrigable Unit which does not include Plan 9611494, Block 1 in Pt. SW 12 will need to be discharged, and a new Irrigable Unit registered on all affected parcels.

2015-07-175 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NW & Pt. SW 12-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Van den Hoek Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2015-07-176 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & Pt. SW 12-16-16 W4M and Plan 9611494, Block 1 in Pt. SW 12-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Van den Hoek Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

11.10 Irrigated Lease #8268 - Russell Douglass – Set Minimum Price

This item was brought back from last month. Additional information was provided concerning the cost-shared pipeline and remaining costs owing on the financing agreement. A thorough discussion was held covering comparative values, quality of land, and amounts being owed to the District.

~~**2015-07-177 Moved by J. Culligan that the minimum purchase price for Irrigated Lease #8268 be set as follows:**~~

- ~~• \$4,100/irrigation acre plus \$1,000/dry acre plus 5 years oil & gas lease compensation;~~
- ~~• plus 50% of mainline cost for purchaser other than the current leaseholder.~~

~~**Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2016-08-205]**~~

11.11 North Headgates / Bantry Bay Residential Areas

N. Fontaine and K. Bridges gave background to the North Headgates and Bantry Bay residential areas situated on the NE edge of Lake Newell listing a number of concerns. A lengthy discussion was held, and direction was given to begin dealing with these areas.

11.11.1 North Headgates

The North Headgates area, which requires several changes to conform to the County of Newell's development policy, involves encroachment, water use, possible contamination, and access issues on EID land. It was requested that this item be brought back to the Board with additional information for further discussion, primarily concerning the boat slips and docks. In keeping with other restrictions placed on similar District lands, the Board was in agreement with:

- selling land for the development of a road, with conditions of it being developed to County standards and the County assuming title and maintenance
- entering into Other Purposes Agreements for all water use

- requesting all encroachments to be removed that are not approved
- allowing the small beach area to continue in use

11.11.2 Bantry Bay

The Bantry Bay area is a legal subdivision which has some encroachments that have or did have associated agreements, and other encroachments which do not. The Board was also in agreement with:

- entering into Other Purposes Agreements for all water use
- requesting all encroachments to be removed that are not approved or have an expired agreement
- not renewing any agreements upon expiry, other than the residences

[4:05 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

11.12 Pivots on EID Lands – Sec. 14 & Sec. 23-23-18 W4M

A letter was forwarded to the Clearview Hutterian Brethren, owners of Sec. 14 and Sec. 23-23-18 W4M regarding pivots encroaching onto District lands. F. George indicated that there was a previous land trade that should be investigated which may shed light on this situation.

[4:08 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting, S. Dahl entered.]

12.0 Star Tech Automotive & Former Flex It Fitness Building – Update on Renovations

K. Bridges and S. Dahl, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, reviewed itemized renovation estimates for the Star Tech Automotive and former Flex It Fitness building. Prior work and necessary renovations for both portions of the building were discussed. Requests from the possible new leaseholder as well as a contributory budget were also conveyed.

It was requested that information be brought back to the Board regarding estimates for:

- a no-frills renovation
- the demolition of the front building addition, and outer wall repair

2015-07-178 Moved by C. Chomistek that this agenda item and the remaining agenda items be tabled to the next meeting.

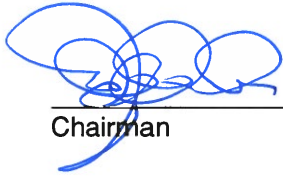
A Special Board Meeting will be tentatively set for Monday, August 17th, time TBA. It was requested that the old Flex It Fitness building and the North Headgates / Bantry Bay area be toured by the Directors that day as well.

[4:36 p.m. S. Dahl, W. Enns and K. Bridges exited the meeting.]

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Presentation for Communities in Bloom | - Wednesday, July 29 th , 10:00 a.m., EID Office [G. Graham, M. Redelback] |
| 13.02 | Irrigation Council Meeting | - Wednesday, August 5 th , 10:00 a.m., EID Office [B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar, G. Graham, I. Friesen, M. Redelback] |
| 13.03 | Mussel Detector Dog Media Event | - Thur, August 7 th , Park Lake Provincial Park, 11:00 a.m. [B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek] |
| 13.04 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, August 10 th , Lethbridge, 10:00 a.m. [Bob, Floyd, Carl, Ross, Bruce, Ivan] |
| 13.05 | Special Board Meeting & Tour | - Monday, August 17 th , time TBA |
| 13.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:40 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

August 17 & 25, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 17th and 25th days of August, 2015. Those in attendance on August 17th were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

8:30 a.m. Tour of Star Tech Automotive & Former Flex It Building

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
[9:00 a.m. S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.05 Irrigation Council Meeting – Request for Information
- 7.0 Tree Removal for County/EID Drainage Program – Rainier Project
- 12.09 Communities in Bloom Presentation – Wednesday, July 29th, EID Office
- 12.10 Bow Slope Shipping Association 75th Anniversary – Friday, August 14th, Brooks
- 14.0 Duchess Golf Club – Request to Waive Water Conveyance Fee
- 15.0 Board Retreat – Set Date

2015-08-179 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 July 28, 2015**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

2015-08-180 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the July 28, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Crawling Valley Campground – Spraying Invoices**

S. Dahl updated the Board as to the insecticidal spraying contracted for Crawling Valley Campground carried out on a preventative basis, in tandem with Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. The necessity and expense were discussed, and it was noted that aerial spraying would not be effective at the campgrounds because of the water body setback restrictions. The annual weed spraying expense came in at the usual amount. It was requested that an arborist or similar expert be consulted as necessary when considering insecticidal spraying at either campgrounds. Campground management's input is to be taken into consideration, although the District will make the final call, for the betterment of the landscape investment.

- 2015-08-181 Moved by C. Chomistek that the \$5,056.25 invoice for insecticidal spraying this season for Crawling Valley Campground be applied to the Campground expenses covered by the District. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

4.0 Star Tech Automotive & Former Flex It Fitness Building

4.01 Demolition Cost Estimate for East Portion

Mr. Dahl provided a summary of estimates to demolish the east portion of the building which encompassed the former Flex It Fitness gym. A tour of the building was conducted just prior to the meeting.

4.02 Decision on Demolition or Renovation

Immediate repairs to provide for the use of the building for the remainder of the lease, and demolishing a portion of the building now or the entire building later, were discussed by the Board. It was directed that Star Tech Automotive, the Brooks Food Bank Foundation and the City of Brooks be notified of the Board's decision regarding this building. Information is to be brought back to the Board estimating the costs for maintaining the empty portion of the building for the remainder of the lease (until December 31, 2017), and for requirements to address any safety issues.

2015-08-182 Moved by F. George that:

- **Star Tech be offered the use of the old Flex It Fitness building space for the cost of utilities, insurance and taxes for the remainder of their lease agreement (until December 31, 2017);**
- **the Star Tech lease not be renewed upon expiry; and**
- **the entire building be demolished upon expiry of the lease agreement.**

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.0 Final Costs for Completion of Truck Shop

The final completion costs for the new truck shop were provided. To accommodate additional use of the originally proposed building, upgrades to natural gas, power, and plumbing were made. As well, an access road and approach, with modified fence was built. These costs, along with ground core replacement, permit, design and sundry materials and equipment expenses brought the total expense for the truck shop to \$1,007,634.22. A short discussion was held. It was noted that the original plan for a basic storage building shell was approved with later consideration for upgrades to the structure's use beyond just storage.

[9:33 a.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting; E. McLeod entered.]

6.0 Lands

E. McLeod presented the following Lands reports.

6.01 Unauthorized Farming on EID Lands

6.01.1 Clearview Hutterian Brethren – Sec. 14 & Sec. 23-23-18 W4M

A letter was forwarded this summer to the Clearview Hutterian Brethren instructing that the farming of District ROW in SE 23-23-18 W4M be stopped after this harvest season and that the area be reseeded back to native pasture. In follow up to a discussion at July's meeting, the Board was advised that included in the trade of lands for the development of Crawling Valley Reservoir, the Colony was permitted to farm the lands along the shoreline for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985. A short discussion was held. Since this example is very similar to many other encroachments to District property, it will be added to the upcoming Retreat agenda. A common direction to deal with all boundary situations is necessary.

6.02 Farm Improvements**6.02.1 Peter Conacher – SW 16-20-13 W4M**

Current assessment is 134 acres (107 under flood and 27 under wheels); new pivot area is 113 acres. 11 acres of wheel line on the south end will remain; all 10 additional acres in corners must be transferred to SE 16-20-13 W4M as additional acres are needed for the proposed pivot in that quarter. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 100 acres flood to pivot, and 13 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,946 (100 acres x \$84/acre + 13 acres x \$42/acre). New assessment is 124 acres; 113 acres under pivot irrigation and 11 acres remaining under wheel line.

2015-08-183 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter Conacher for the conversion of 100 acres flood to pivot, and 13 acres wheels to pivot in SW 16-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,946. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

6.02.2 Peter Conacher – SE 16-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 89 acres flood; new pivot area is 120 acres. 10 flood acres will be transferred from SW 16-20-13 W4M; a transfer was approved at the July's meeting. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 99 acres flood to pivot. 21 additional acres are needed at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,316 (99 acres x \$84/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$6,300 (21 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 120 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-08-184 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter Conacher for the conversion of 99 acres flood to pivot in SE 16-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,316. The capital assets charge is \$6,300. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.02.3 Peter Wolf – N ½ SE 26-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 75 acres flood; new corner arm wiper pivot area is 74 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 75 acres flood to pivot. The landowner is choosing to keep the additional acre outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,216 (74 acres x \$84/acre) - \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) = \$5,716. Assessment remains the same.

2015-08-185 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter Wolf for the conversion of 74 acres flood to pivot in SE 26-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,716. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.02.4 Peter Wolf – Pt NE 04, Pt SE 09 & Pt NW 09-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 92 acres flood; new area of 2 wiper pivots is 104 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot. 12 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,728 (92 acres x \$84/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 104 acres, all under pivot irrigation. An Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant has already been approved for Pt SE 09, NE 09 & Pt NW 09-17-13 W4M.

2015-08-186 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter Wolf for the conversion of 92 acres flood to pivot in Pt NE 04, Pt SE 09 & Pt NW 09-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,729. The capital assets charge is \$3,600. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

6.03 Irrigable Unit Discharges & Registrations

6.03.1 Carl Chomistek – NW & SW 30-14-13 W4M and NE 25-14-14 W4M

NW & SW 30-14-13 W4M and NE 25-14-14 W4M are served by the same delivery. An existing Irrigable Unit on NW & SW 30 needs to be discharged, and a new Irrigable Unit registered which encompasses all 3 quarters.

2015-08-187 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NW & SW 30-14-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Carl Chomistek. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2015-08-188 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & SW 30-14-13 W4M and NE 25-14-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Carl Chomistek. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

6.03.2 Fred & Nancy Klassen and Dwayne & Teresa Klassen – W ½ 26, E ½ 27 & SW 27-22-17 W4M

A new corner arm has been added to the existing pivot which now reaches into SW 26-22-17 W4M. The current Irrigable Unit on SW & NW 26 and SE & NE 27-22-17 W4M needs to be discharged, and a new Irrigable Unit registered which includes SW 27 as well.

2015-08-189 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SW & NW 26-22-17 W4M and SE & NE 27-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Fred & Nancy Klassen and Dwayne & Teresa Klassen. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2015-08-190 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW & NW 26-22-17 W4M and SE, NE & SW 27-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Fred & Nancy Klassen and Dwayne & Teresa Klassen. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

6.03.3 Wade Tobler – NE 21-20-12 W4M

A 10 acre subdivision in the NE corner of this quarter has 2 acres of assessment that are being irrigated with the rest of the quarter. Both portions are titled to the same landowner. An Irrigable Unit needs to be registered on both parcels (the entire quarter), as the subdivision contains less than 40 irrigation acres.

2015-08-191 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 21-20-12 W4M, all lands being owned by Wade Tobler. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

6.03.4 M & L Farms Ltd. – NW 30 & Pts SW, NE, SE 30-20-17 W4M

A wiper pivot crosses onto all 4 quarters of Sec. 30-20-17 W4M. As well, the landowner is proposing to transfer 5 acres from the W ½ of NW 30, dropping the assessment below 40 acres on that titled parcel. For these reasons, an Irrigable Unit needs to be registered on NW 30 and Pts. SW, NE, SE 30-20-17 W4M.

2015-08-192 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 30, Pt SW, Pt NE, Pt SE 20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by M & L Farms Ltd. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

6.04 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres

6.04.1 M & L Farms Ltd. – NW 30-20-17 W4M to NE 25 & SE 36-20-18 W4M

The landowner would like to transfer 5 irrigation acres from NW 30-20-17 W4M to NE 25 & SE 36-20-18 W4M to accommodate a new end gun for his wiper pivot.

2015-08-193 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from NW 30-20-17 W4M to NE 25 & SE 36-20-18 W4M, all lands being owned by M & L Farms Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

[10:26 a.m. – 10:32 a.m. Short break; E. McLeod exited the meeting, M. Redelback entered.]

7.0 Tree Removal for County/EID Drainage Program – Rainier Project

A Director conveyed a landowner's complaint regarding trees that were removed, potentially off ROW, on the Rainier drainage project. A short discussion was held. It was requested that information be brought back to the Board regarding this project, the possible replacement of trees, and also for a previous estimate on a proposed drain relocation in SW 34-16-16 W4M.

8.0 EIDNet Report

On August 3rd the Bassano Dam automation radio was destroyed when the tower was hit by lightning. Once a lift was obtained, the radio was repaired and working by August 5th. An EIDNet 20th Anniversary BBQ will be held Wednesday, September 16th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the truck shop.

| Current EIDNet Customer Accounts | |
|---|-------------|
| Basic Water User Accounts | 506 |
| Residential Accounts | 867 |
| Business Accounts | 50 |
| EID Automation | 24 |
| Total | 1447 |

9.0 Requests for Funding

9.01 HALO Medevac Rescue Helicopter

A request to give a presentation to the Board regarding HALO (Helicopter Air Lift Operation) based out of Medicine Hat was cordially declined.

9.02 Brooks & District Health Foundation

A request from the Brooks & District Health Foundation for funding towards the Kidney Dialysis fund raising initiative was considered and postponed until other funding on this project is realized.

10.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

M. Redelback presented the AIS Update as follows:

- “Clean-Drain-Dry” shirts delivered to employees at Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley campgrounds
- watercraft inspection statistics as of July 13th summarize that 7,917 inspections have taken place at the 10 permanent stations; 2,300 inspections have been performed at boat launches; 242 were identified as “high risk”; 8 mussel infected boats have been identified; and an estimated 3,117 watercraft have driven past inspection stations
- 3 dog/handler teams have been trained and are deployed at their respective check stations; the 4th team is awaiting approval to continue training as per the original proposal from partners

11.0 Corporate Relations Report

M. Redelback also updated the Board as to Corporate Relations.

11.01 Corporate Relations Update

- employee newsletter was distributed with the July pay stubs
- water user newsletter is being drafted

- website development is in progress in conjunction with Mark Porter
- presentation was given to a travelling tourism blogger at the Brooks Aqueduct, to assist Alberta Agriculture

11.02 Shaw Communications, and Irrigating Alberta

Shaw TV Medicine Hat is interested in shooting 1 or more stories on the EID for the Medicine Hat community channel, which would also be posted to their website, with links to other cities and YouTube. A story on AIS was discussed, as well as the possibility of using the Bow River vignettes. Secondly, Irrigation Alberta is interested in some articles on the EID, as well as other irrigation districts. The Board was in agreement with proceeding with these PR proposals, and in inviting Shaw Communications to the sod-turning event for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway.

11.03 Newsletter Articles

Two articles were presented for review, to be included in the upcoming Water User newsletter. One article will give notice of assessment invoicing this fall, based on a '0' water rate, which will outline assessment, water use and any associated charges (such as pressure pipelines) per parcel. The invoice will also outline the cost to deliver water based on the EID's cost to deliver to the farm gate, and waive to \$0 as per the 2015 Rates Bylaw. The second article for review will give notice of the District undertaking an actual irrigation land base assessment, the purpose of such, and the directive to also identify any encroachments. No revisions were requested by Directors for initial review of these articles. A draft newsletter is to be brought back for final review, for projected mailing in late September or early October.

6.0 Lands con'td.

6.05 Irrigation Council Meeting – Request for Information

On August 5th a meeting was held with Irrigation Council at the EID to review IRP funded projects and discuss a number of items; no tour was held this year. It was requested, however, that the District forward a copy of the soils testing for any new (previously dry) parcels being added to the assessment roll. This procedure is covered in all other districts when notice is given to adjust their boundaries to encompass new parcels.

2015-08-194 Moved by C. Chomistek that the District provide land classification information to Irrigation Council when adding irrigation acres to the assessment roll on new parcels. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[11:15 a.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

12.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

12.01 MPE Physical Model Demonstration – June 24th, Lethbridge

B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen and E. Wilson attended a physical model demonstration in Lethbridge which MPE built to show the downstream water flow from the emergency spillway. This model was built to scale to verify the computer programming which calculates the same. It was demonstrated that the physical model did replicate the computer programmed expectation and cost-savings to the spillway size can be implemented.

12.02 AIS Roving Inspections – June 27th & 28th, CV, RHR & Kinbrook Marinas

B. Chrumka viewed the AIS detector dog roving inspections held at Crawling Valley Reservoir and Rolling Hills Reservoir. The dog and handler team were received well and it was a positive exercise. The team also inspected watercraft at Kinbrook Provincial Park before departing the District.

12.03 Duchess Recreation Centre Tour – July 3rd

J. Culligan toured the new Duchess Recreation Centre on July 3rd. A sign will be mounted acknowledging the EID's contribution. A public grand opening is slated for Saturday, August 22nd.

12.04 Meeting with MP Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada – July 7, Strathmore

B. Chrumka and R. Owen attended a meeting with MP Gerry Ritz, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Strathmore on July 7th. They did get the opportunity to speak with Minister Ritz about numerous topics including the elk situation, and also met with the WID and Martin Shields.

12.05 Enviro Analysis Conference – July 13th – 15th, Banff

C. Chomistek attended the Enviro Analysis Conference in Banff from July 13th – 15th. One or two of the presenters were approached to speak at the AIPA Conference in fall. Naturally occurring metals, contamination from spills, quantifying chemicals, possible health effects, etc. were some of the topics presented.

12.06 Luncheon with MLA Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry – July 22nd, Lethbridge

B. Chrumka, F. George and I. Friesen attended a luncheon with MLA Oneil Carlier, Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, south of Coaldale on July 22nd. The topic of dry and wet dams was included in the discussion, and there was the opportunity to meet directly with the Minister. Minister Carlier grew up on an irrigation farm in Saskatchewan, and also is quite familiar with the Bassano Dam and Crawling Valley Reservoir from his experience working with PFRA.

12.07 Mussel Detector Dog Media Event – Thursday, August 7th, Park Lake Provincial Park

B. Chrumka and C. Chomistek travelled to Park Lake Provincial Park north of Lethbridge on August 7th for a media event highlighting the mussel detector dog and handler teams newly placed in southern Alberta to combat the threat of AIS. MLA Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment & Parks was present and spoke to the Province's ongoing support of the program. Mr. Chrumka gave words of thanks on behalf of the irrigation districts, for the provincial government's funding and legislation applied to the fight of Aquatic Invasive Species, primarily invasive mussels.

12.08 AIPA Directors Meeting – Monday, August 10th, Lethbridge

B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar and I. Friesen attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Lethbridge on August 10th. Consultant work and associated fees was one of the topics of debate. It was noted that this year's AIPA Conference will be held in Lethbridge.

12.08.1 Letter of Support for Chemical Registration

Also at the AIPA Directors Meeting, districts were requested to forward letters of support for the chemical registration of potash, to enable the use of the product in water bodies as a means to fight invasive mussels, should they be detected. A draft letter was reviewed by the Board and forwarded to the Minister.

13.0 County Land Auction

The notice of public auction tax sale was discussed in regards to parcels at Lake Newell Resort, and was received as information at this point in time.

14.0 Duchess Golf Club – Request to Waive Water Conveyance Fee

A letter was received from the Duchess Golf Club requesting that their water conveyance fees for the 2015 golf season be waived. Although golf courses were discounted in 2011, 2012 and 2013, when a short period of consideration was allowed and fees were lifted, they were not discounted for water conveyed in 2014. Water conveyance rates for golf courses are already subsidized 15% under municipal purposes. A short discussion was held and this request was denied.

12.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd.**12.09 Communities in Bloom Presentation – Wednesday, July 29th, EID Office**

G. Graham participated in the Communities in Bloom Presentation July 29th at the EID Office. This presentation, facilitated by M. Redelback, is an informative overview of the District, its history and significance to the area, given annually to out-of-province judges for the Communities in Bloom competition. Mr. Graham advised that it was well presented and received.

12.10 Bow Slope Shipping Association 75th Anniversary – Friday, August 14th, Brooks

F. George presented a framed picture to BSSA on behalf of the EID in recognition of their 75th anniversary. The picture portrayed the Bassano Dam in normal flows.

15.0 Board Retreat – Set Date

The upcoming Board Retreat will be tentatively arranged for January 17th – 20th, 2016.

11:56 a.m. The Board recessed until Tuesday, August 25th, 8:30 a.m.

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera**

Those in attendance on August 25th were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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] | | |

8:30 a.m. Tour of North Headgates / Bantry Bay Residential Areas

The meeting was called to order at 9:26 a.m.

16.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 18.02 Update on CNRL Negotiations
- 18.03 Request from Big Country Oilmen's Association
- 18.04.1 Fire in Newell Grazing Lease
- 18.04.3 Letters re Henry Giesbrecht
- 18.04.4 JBS Food Canada Inc. – Request to Discharge Industrial Wastewater
- 19.0 Duchess Golf Club – Request for In-Kind Work
- 20.0 Equipment – Results of Bids on Sale of Gravel Truck & Pup
- 23.0 Water Allocation Sale / Transfer
- 24.0 Water Quality Testing

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

2015-08-195 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

17.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

17.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

430,000 acre feet has been diverted as of August 13th; compared to 685,000 acre feet total in 2001 when the area experienced the last extremely dry year. Reservoirs are full and will be drawn down to winter levels through normal operational activities. Demand has reduced significantly after the last rainfall event, has increased slightly again due to the hot weather, but should drop considerably for harvest. Some parcels have used their maximum 24" and have been shut off; others which were suspect have had pivots flow-measured and adjusted if required. TransAlta Utilities will be taking a little more from the river than usual for this time of year to boost storage levels in some of their lakes. This will not affect the District's off-river acre requirements.

17.02 Set Water Shut-Down Date

A water shut-down date is again being recommended for the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend.

2015-08-196 Moved by R. Owen that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Friday, October 9, 2015. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[9:33 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

13.0 County Land Auction cont'd.

Additional information was provided regarding the process for the County's Public Tax Auction. N. Fontaine was asked to speak with the developer concerning the lots at Lake Newell Resort.

18.0 Lands

N. Fontaine gave the following Lands reports.

18.01 North Headgates / Bantry Bay Residential Areas

In follow up to the tour earlier, Directors discussed the North Headgates and Bantry Bay residential areas. Shoreline encroachments, property lines, public shoreline access, road allowance and marina access options were deliberated; Kinbrook Island was referenced as well. Additional information is to be brought back to the September meeting for discussion to develop a standardized policy on land and shoreline encroachments.

18.01.1 Proposed Roadway – Set Land Value

This item will be brought back to the September meeting as well.

18.02 Update on CNRL Negotiations

CNRL has assured the District that they will have a response by the end of August concerning the trespass matters brought to light at the meeting held with them in March. Directors are to be notified once CNRL has contacted the District.

18.03 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 26th, and the organization is requesting to run the event on selected lands in various EID Community and Private Grazing Leases. Organizers of this event are to be informed that they should have

District approval prior to speaking with grazing lessees, and require participants to be equipped with fire suppression equipment on the day of the hunt.

- 2015-08-197 Moved by F. George that general approval for a one day pheasant hunt on September 26th be given, conditional on sites being approved by R. Volek, D. Buell and the applicable Grazing Association(s) and/or Private Grazing lessees. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

18.04 Grazing

18.04.1 Fire in Newell Grazing Lease

Approximately 80 acres of grass was burned in the Newell Community Grazing Lease east of Lake Newell on August 19th. The fire was ignited from 3 individuals shooting Tannerite for target practice. Although Tannerite use is not illegal, its use on District lands is not permitted. Both Brooks and Tilley Fire Departments responded to the 911 call made by the individuals, who also stayed to help fight the fire. Grass conditions on the lease were extremely dry. N. Fontaine will speak with Kevin Swanson, Brooks Fire Chief regarding possible financial charges for fire department services, and will bring this information back to the September meeting.

[10:21 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. Short break; R. Volek entered the meeting, N. Fontaine exited.]

18.04.2 Set Round-Up Date

Some precipitation has occurred, but mostly in the north and west regions, leaving the east and south areas still extremely dry. A mid-month Round-Up Date of October 17th was recommended by R. Volek. A short discussion was held. It was noted that the date set is the absolute last day for being in the lease; if trucking is an issue associations have the option of rounding up earlier.

- 2015-08-198 Moved by F. George that cattle are to be out of community leases by October 20, 2015. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

18.04.3 Letters re Henry Giesbrecht

Another letter was received from Adrienne G. Waller Prof. Corp. as to Henry Giesbrecht's 2015 grazing application, and with inferences to a 2016 application. Advisement was given to Mr. Friesen on the wording of the response letter to be sent by the District's lawyer.

[10:33 a.m. J. Kabut, R. Gagley, R. Summach entered the meeting.]

18.04.4 JBS Food Canada Inc. – Request to Discharge Industrial Wastewater

From a conversation with Pat Gummeson, Farm Manager for JBS, Mr. Volek conveyed that there may be less wastewater for disposal than originally forecasted, and that their current land may be able to take more effluent application than first thought. JBS will have a firmer idea in about a month once analysis reports are received. As well, they are looking into discharging up to 150 acre feet to a low lying area on their land, east of Hwy #36, in Section 36. Starting next week, JBS will begin application of wastewater on native grass east of Hwy #36, approximately 100 acres, with a walking end-gun.

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

19.0 Engineering

19.01 01 Bow Slope

J. Kabut presented the 01 Bow Slope synopsis, beginning with some landowner grant opportunities.

19.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant – 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony Brummelhuis) – NW 09-17-16 W4M

The Landowner is proposing to extend a pipeline south to his existing pump site to eliminate a ditch which feeds his pump site for 3 pivots. The cost to extend the pipe is \$22,000. The Farm Improvement Grant for eliminating spill past a pump site is a 50/50 cost-share grant, up to \$12,000. The Landowner's share for this pipeline is \$11,000 plus GST.

- 2015-08-199 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony Brummelhuis) for extending a pipeline to eliminate spill past a pump in NW 09-17-16 W4M. The total project cost is \$22,000; the 50/50 cost-share grant (up to \$12,000) payable to the Landowner is \$11,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

19.01.2 Consideration of Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants

It was reviewed that there are 7 quarter sections in this reach of 01 Bow Slope in which landowners are proposing to convert from flood to pivot. Only 3 of these conversions impact the 01 Bow Slope project by saving the District money in pipe costs. A thorough discussion was held debating current policy and proposed revisions to policy; and the complications for project planning if adopting these changes. Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants consist of a 50/50 cost-share, up to \$20,000 per quarter section. Those landowners not receiving Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants can still apply for Farm Improvement Grants. The following motion was defeated.

- 2015-08-200 Moved by G. Graham that half of the District infrastructure savings on the 01 Bow Slope rehab project be split among the 7 landowners affected, and that the share for any landowners not committing to converting to pivots default back to the District. Seconded by F. George. DEFEATED**

Abraham Dyck – NE 04-17-16 W4M

Presently the Landowner has a wiper pivot on the west and north side of the ditch and has wheels on the east side. Installation of the pipeline will enable the pivot to turn full circle, eliminating the wheels and saving the District \$53,000 in pipe costs. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

- 2015-08-201 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Abraham Dyck in NE 04-17-16 W4M, for converting from wheels to pivot, saving the District \$53,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Chris Schmidt – SW 21-16-16 W4M

The Landowner is proposing to convert from flood to pivot; there is an existing pipeline and turnout he would use for the pivot. As a result, the District would save \$63,000 in downsizing the pipe further upstream. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

- 2015-08-202 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Chris Schmidt in SW 21-16-16 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, saving the District \$63,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

Ron Schmidt – NW 21-16-16 W4M

The Landowner is proposing to convert from flood to pivot; there is an existing pipeline and turnout he would use for the pivot. As a result, the District would save \$42,000 in downsizing the pipe further upstream. The Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

- 2015-08-203 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Ron Schmidt in NW 21-16-16 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, saving the District \$42,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

19.01.3 Project Approval

This reach of 01 Bow Slope is located approximately 3 km NW of Rainier and is slated for the 2015/2016 construction year. The existing and new system supplies 7,478 acres, 80% which is sprinkler. The proposed rehabilitation consists of a closed gravity pipeline system; the first 4.5 km would be twinned with 48" pipe to supply positive head pressure. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$11,558,000; to be funded under the IRP program.

2015-08-204 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01 Bow Slope by installing a closed gravity pipeline, at an estimated cost of \$11,558,000; to be funded under the IRP Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

19.02 Comparisons for Drain Relocations

A chart comparing drain relocations over the last 5 years was provided by R. Gagley as information. In addition to the data supplied, it was requested that the spreadsheet include the rationale of funding on each project. These comparisons are to be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat.

19.03 Drain Relocation – Derek Christensen – SW 27-16-16 W4M

This drain relocation is being handled in conjunction with the County / EID Drainage Program for the Rainier area. The existing drain runs from the NE corner through the center of the quarter and the Landowner is requesting that it be relocated to run west along the north boundary of the parcel. The proposed relocation was designed to turn south to meet the road borrow ditch somewhat south of the NW corner, but the Landowner is requesting that it runs parallel the full length of the quarter. This change in alignment would require additional excavation of the road ditch and perhaps additional land acquisition, both needing approval from the County. This relocation, and drain relocations in general were discussed. The following motion was approved.

2015-08-205 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Derek Christensen – SW 27-16-16 W4M as presented, to be funded 100% under the County / EID Drainage Program, for a total project cost of \$12,000; and that the NW corner be straightened out conditional on the County agreeing to further excavation of the road ditch and the landowner paying 100% of this portion. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

19.04 Summit Drain – Project Approval

The Summit Drain begins at the aqueduct and winds its way south approximately 36 km where it meets 12 Mile Coulee and eventually spills into the Bow River. 2 portions have been completed in 2013 and 2014. The length being proposed for rehab this year is approximately 10 km long, consisting of vegetation, rusted out culverts and sloughing side slopes. It is being proposed to trim and armour the ditch, and to fence where animals would have access, at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million, to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2015-08-206 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Summit Drain by trimming and armouring 10 km, and fencing portions, at an estimated cost of \$2,700,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

19.05 Rosemary Drain – Project Approval

R. Summach brought back additional information on the proposed rehabilitation of the Rosemary Drain. The preliminary estimate for the entire drain has been raised to \$4.1 million. 2 options were presented and discussed, Option #1 being 3 portions totaling 5.5 km and estimated to cost \$1,682,000; and Option #2 being 4 short portions totaling 1.7 km and estimated to cost \$685,000. Both options were given discussion, moved, and defeated.

2015-08-207 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Rosemary Drain through 4 short portions totaling 1.7 km, at an estimated cost of \$685,000 (Option #2); to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. McKellar. DEFEATED

- 2015-08-208 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Rosemary Drain through 3 portions totaling 5.5 km, at an estimated cost of \$1,682,000 (Option #1); to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by G. Graham. DEFEATED**

The Board requested that Mr. Summach bring back additional estimates with more information to the September meeting. A Director tour of the drain will be held Friday, September 11th.

[11:51 a.m. J. Kabut, R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

20.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

20.01 July 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to July 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$37.5 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$20.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$16.7 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

- 2015-08-209 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

20.02 Setting the Interest Rate applicable to Financing Agreements

In correlation with the Capital Assets Bylaw, it was requested that loan financing rates be reviewed by the Board in August of each year. Consensus was for no change to the current rate of 5%.

4.0 Star Tech Automotive & Former Flex It Fitness Building cont'd.

K. Bridges advised that he conveyed to the current Lessee, Brooks Food Bank Foundation and the City of Brooks the decision of the Board to demolish the Star Tech Automotive and former Flex It Fitness building once the lease has expired at the end of 2017. The City and Foundation were thanked for their time and assistance in pursuing the preliminary proposal. Mr. Bridges summarized several questions which were posed to him in conversation with Star Tech Automotive. The Board agreed to hear the proposal(s) they may have for this space. This information will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

21.0 Duchess Golf Club – Request for In-Kind Work

A request was received from the Duchess Golf Club for in-kind work to replace a pump in-take on their course, which is used for irrigation of the soccer fields and ball diamonds as well. A short discussion was held.

- 2015-08-210 Moved by J. Culligan that the District donate in-kind work to install the pump vault on the Duchess Golf Course, and to give consideration for the removal of the old concrete. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

22.0 Equipment – Results of Bids on Sale of Gravel Truck & Pup

I. Friesen presented as information bids from 3 auctioneer companies for the purchase of the 2008 Kenworth Gravel Truck and 2008 Renn Pup. No private bids were received. The sale of the truck and pup was awarded to CPA.

| Bidder | Delivery | Gravel Truck & Pup | Gravel Truck | Pup |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| CPA Industrial Auctioneers | FOB Brooks | \$55,790.00 | \$50,690.00 | \$5,100.00 |
| Michener Allen Auctioneering | FOB Brooks | \$52,888.00 | - | - |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers | FOB Brooks | \$47,500.00 | \$41,250.00 | \$4,750.00 |

It was requested that a discussion be held at the Board Retreat on the District's practice of requesting quotes for the purchase of equipment.

23.0 Water Allocation Sale / Transfer

Mr. Friesen advised that the Village of Champion has notified the EID of their intention of selling their 105 acre water license. It was agreed that with the District already having a significant license on the Bow River that this information be passed on to the County for their consideration.

24.0 Water Quality Testing

Alberta Agriculture is wanting to expand their water quality testing program and are proposing a \$300,000 project which requires 10 – 30% industry partnership for project grants and approval.

2015-08-211 Moved by B. McKellar that the District contribute \$5,000 towards Alberta Agriculture's water quality testing proposal. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

7.0 Tree Removal for County/EID Drainage Program – Rainier Project cont'd.

Mr. Friesen advised that he had spoken with staff and looked into the trees being removed on a portion of the Rainier Drainage project, the landowner's complaint, and the landowner's previous request for a drain relocation. To rectify the issue, it is likely that trees will be planted to replace any that were removed from this landowner's property not included in the right-of-way.

25.0 Upcoming Events

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| 25.01 | Joint Shared Services Meeting | - Tuesday, September 8 th , 11:00 a.m., City |
| 25.02 | Tour of Rosemary Drain | - Friday, September 11 th |
| 25.03 | 20 th Anniversary EIDNet BBQ | - Wednesday, September 16 th , 11:00 a.m., Truck Shop |
| 25.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:26 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

September 29, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of September, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

- **Board In-Camera** [9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.]

[9:30 a.m. I. Friesen, K. Bridges and W. Enns entered the meeting.]

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.01 Delivery of Water - Cliff Sewell – SE 22-18-16 W4M
- 8.04 Drain Relocation – Pete Conacher – Pt. S ½ 16-20-13 W4M
- 8.08 Reed Crapo – Infra. Cost-Savings Grant – NE 27-23-16 W4M - Encroachment Issue
- 10.01.1 Leonard Parker re Fence
- 10.01.2 Letter from Arno Doerksen
- 10.08 Fence Line in PGL #7024 – SW 31-19-12 W4M

2015-09-212 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 August 17 & 25, 2015**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

2015-09-213 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Minutes of the August 17 & 25, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

[9:38 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update**4.01 Project Update**

E. Wilson advised that final governmental approvals for the project have not yet been received; and that a 30 day advertisement of the project and license amendment approval is to occur prior to final sanction from Alberta Environment & Parks. In preparation for the work to commence

once ready, it was recommended that the negotiated contract with Niitsitapi-Graham LP be authorized. Several questions from Directors were responded to by Mr. Wilson.

[10:02 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

2015-09-214 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board award the first contract to Niitsitapi-Graham LP for the cofferdam, initial excavating, sheet steel piling and dewatering of the site for the construction of the first phase of the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway, for \$8,184,095.44; and that this authorization be subject to project approvals being received from the Federal Government and Alberta Environment & Parks. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

4.02 Project Announcement / Sod Turning Ceremony

The project announcement / sod turning ceremony for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway is being postponed to the spring of 2016 or upon project completion.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 August 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements to August 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$23.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$17.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Administration. Directors requested that the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway summary which tallies expenses, include revenues as well.

2015-09-215 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues have occurred since last month. The EIDNet 20th Anniversary BBQ held September 16th went well with approximately 160 – 170 people attending.

| Current EIDNet Customer Accounts | |
|---|--------------|
| Basic Water User Accounts | 505 |
| Residential Accounts | 890 |
| Business Accounts | 51 |
| EID Automation | 24 |
| Total | 1,470 |

7.0 Operations

7.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

I. Friesen described the river as being quite strong, with very little diversion by the District. Reservoirs are in good shape, and some are being drawn down to winter levels. The irrigation season went well; 19" per irrigation acre was diverted, with no big concerns of water shortages.

7.02 Flood Claim – Gordon Musgrove (Leon Torkelson) – NE 24-20-13 W4M

During the summer the R North Bantry pipeline burst causing significant flooding to a portion of land in NE 24-20-13 W4M. The District survey calculated 5 acres of affected land. The water

was pumped to remove it from the low area, however the result was damage to the green feed crop. A short discussion was held.

- 2015-09-216 Moved by F. George that the District pay 100% of Gordon Musgrove's loss of crop flood claim in NE 24-20-13 W4M; 5 acres of green feed at 4 ton/acre x \$200/ton = \$4,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

8.0 Engineering

8.01 Delivery of Water - Cliff Sewell – SE 22-18-16 W4M

An issue with water delivery to SE 22-18-16 W4M was brought forward by a Director. Mr. Friesen responded that there are a few areas in the District that water delivery can become difficult at low flow times, and having looked into this particular situation, it is possible to rectify with some structural changes. The landowner will be contacted to propose these changes. As well, Water Operators are encouraged to be proactive in their communications with landowners where delivery may be an issue during low demand.

[10:31 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. R. Summach and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

8.02 Rosemary Drain

Several options for the Rosemary Drain rehabilitation project were discussed this summer, and a tour for Directors held September 11th. Discussion at the meeting summarized the Board's comments on the tour, focusing the project to only the essential areas.

- 2015-09-217 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the rehabilitation of Rosemary Drain through all of SW 06-21-15 W4M, plus 6 patches consisting of approximately 350 – 400 m, at an estimated cost of \$400,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

8.03 Farm Improvement Cost-Share – Bob McKnight – SE 10-21-14 W4M

R. Summach presented the Farm Improvement Cost-Share application from Bob McKnight in SE 10-21-14 W4M. The Landowner installed a pivot this spring and had the drain, which runs diagonally through the quarter, swaled to some degree but it is too shallow and water is backing up. The project is estimated to cost \$22,900 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

- 2015-09-218 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bob McKnight for swaling the drain in SE 20-21-14 W4M to accommodate his pivot; to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$22,900 (\$17,175 – EID, \$5,725 – Landowner). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

8.04 Drain Relocation – Pete Conacher – Pt. S ½ 16-20-13 W4M

R. Summach presented the Drain Relocation application from Pete Conacher in Pt. S ½ 16-20-13 W4M. The Landowner is proposing to relocate the drain, which runs diagonally through the quarter from the NW to the SE, to along the north quarter section boundary. The Landowner is also requesting that a dugout be dug in the NW pivot corner. Upon review of this application, the Board requested information regarding the filling of an existing dugout in SW 15-20-13 W4M for PGL #7031 if the drain is relocated. Secondly, the drain relocation and on-farm work portions of this project are to be split out and apportioned to the applicable cost-share amounts. The application is to be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

8.05 Drain Relocation – Graham Feeders Inc. – SW 26-16-16 W4M

This drain relocation was brought back for review solely at Mr. Friesen's request, in light of his audit of projects to date and mitigating factors on this application. G. Graham declared a pecuniary interest and excused himself from the meeting.

[10:59 a.m. G. Graham exited the meeting.]

A thorough conversation was held covering drain relocations requests as part of the County/EID Drainage Program, comparable projects, size of project, and relocation costs vs rehabbing down existing alignment costs.

2015-09-219 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Graham Feeders Inc. in SW 26-16-16 W4M as presented; to be funded 100% under the County / EID Drainage Program, for a total project cost of \$63,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. DEFEATED

2015-09-220 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Graham Feeders Inc. in SW 26-16-16 W4M as presented; to be funded by:

- the County / EID Drainage Program paying 100% of the estimate if the drain was rehabbed in its present location (\$28,000), and
- the EID and Landowner cost-sharing the difference on a 75/25 basis to have the drain relocated (\$26,250 – EID, \$8,750 – Landowner);

for a total project cost of \$63,000. Seconded by R. Owen.

A vote on the motion was deferred to later in the meeting.

[11:35 a.m. G. Graham rejoined the meeting.]

8.06 Drain Relocation – Chris Schmidt – NE 27-16-16 W4M

R. Gagley presented the Drain Relocation application from Chris Schmidt in NE 27-16-16 W4M. This relocation is being handled in conjunction with the County / EID Drainage Program for the Rainier area. The Landowner is proposing to have the drain relocated outside the SE corner of the pivot circle. Upon review of this proposal, it was requested that the option of straightening out the drain along the quarter section line be presented to the Landowner.

2015-09-221 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Chris Schmidt – NE 27-16-16 W4M, to be funded 100% under the County / EID Drainage Program, for a total project cost of \$4,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

8.07 County / EID Drainage Projects – Update on Progress

The County / EID Drainage Program has completed roughly 16 km of ditch work with about 85% of it being the County's road borrow ditches. At the end of August, \$986,531.51 has been spent in the Rainier area this construction season, with plans to continue at least until water shut-down. Landowners are mostly cooperative with this program, although policy regarding fencing and leaving excavated material along the ditches has always been an issue.

Currently, there are 1,600 m of road borrow ditch work that is canceled because a landowner is refusing to sign with AMEC/County of Newell for the additional 5 m of road allowance (spoil material would be deposited there), and refusing access along the inner quarter section line as the drain would be fenced 7 m from the inside shoulder. Another landowner had raised concerns over similar issues, but has agreed to the work. A thorough discussion was held regarding the Rainier project in general, and the drain rehab policy as it applies to this situation.

[12:13 p.m. – 12:49 p.m. R. Summach, R. Gagley exited the meeting; lunch break.]

Engineering was advised to adhere to policy.

[12:51 p.m. D. Buelle entered the meeting.]

I. Friesen introduced Daniel Buell, Land Administrator – Habitat, Wildlife & Access, to the Board. Mr. Buell gave a quick summary of his past positions and work experience related to this position. Mr. Chrumka thanked Mr. Buell for his overview and welcomed him to the EID.

[12:54 p.m. D. Buelle exited the meeting.]

8.08 Reed Crapo – Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – NE 27-23-16 W4M – Encroachment Issue

It was requested that the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant approved for NE 27-23-16 W4M be brought back to the October Regular Directors Meeting to reassess the situation due to an encroachment issue.

[12:57 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

9.0 Update on JBS Request to Spread Industrial Wastewater

R. Volek reported that JBS is assembling temporary wheel lines and main lines on EID lands east and west of Hwy #36 for surface spreading of excess wastewater, up to November 30, 2015. Additionally, JBS is waiting on final approval from Environment & Parks to utilize the temporary lagoon on their land in Sec. 36. As a discharge into the District canal system this season is highly unlikely the District will not be preparing Rock Lake reservoir for a flush of that system downstream. JBS request for additional land of a more permanent nature is to be discussed with the Duchess Grazing Association and the Board in the future.

10.0 Lands

10.01 Grazing

10.01.1 Leonard Parker re Fence

R. Volek to enquire of Mr. Parker whether the new fence on the west boundary of W ½ 32-21-15 W4M will be constructed prior to Round-Up.

10.01.2 Letter from Arno Doerksen

A letter from Arno Doerksen, dated September 23, 2015 was received by Directors in regards to the Henry Giesbrecht grazing application. It will be forwarded to staff.

10.01.3 Update on Fire in Newell Grazing Lease

In follow up to the fire in the Newell Grazing Lease August 19th, it was the consensus of the Board not to lay charges against or require reimbursement from the individuals at cause. The fact that the persons responsible called 911 and remained on-scene to help put out the fire greatly influenced the Board's decision. Mr. Volek will contact those associated.

10.01.4 Request to Transfer PGL #7109 David Hart to Jeff Braaten

An application has been received to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7109 from David Hart to Jeff Braaten. The 319 acre lease is located in W ½ 24-14-13 W4M and is a long term lease transferable to any eligible water user. Jeff Braaten meets the eligibility requirements.

2015-09-222 Moved by F. George that Private Grazing Lease #7109 be transferred from David Hart to Jeff Braaten. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.01.5 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Community Pastures

Directors were provided with a copy of the draft grazing policy earlier in the month for comprehensive review. Some further revisions and considerations were requested. The draft policy will be reworked and forwarded to the District's lawyer for review. Once a response is received an amended draft policy will be forwarded to the GAs for their review and any

comments. It is anticipated to bring the revised policy back to the Board for final approval at the October Regular Board Meeting.

[2:17 p.m. E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

10.01.6 Unauthorized Cultivation of Private Grazing Lease

While conducting Private Grazing Lease inspections an area of 10-15 acres of unauthorized cultivation and reseeded was identified on PGL #7038, in SW 25-24-16 W4M. N. Fontaine and R. Volek met with Les Douglass, leaseholder and adjacent landowner, to discuss the incident. A discussion was held about the breach of agreement, comments from the lessee, and mitigating consequences. A decision on the penalty to be imposed will be reviewed with other instances at a later date.

[2:37 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

E. McLeod presented the remaining Lands reports.

10.02 Transfer of Irrigation Acres Application – Richard Hiebert

R. Hiebert is installing a small wiper pivot in the 3 pivot corners of N ½ 02 and SW 11-22-16 W4M. The Landowner is requesting to transfer 15 acres from SE 05-22-16 W4M to the above quarter sections to supply the pivot; an Irrigable Unit already exists.

2015-09-223 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 15 irrigation acres from SE 05-22-16 W4M to Pt N ½ 02 & Pt SW 11-22-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Richard Hiebert. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

10.03 Farm Improvement Grants

10.03.1 Richard Hiebert – Pt N ½ 02 & Pt SW 11-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 15 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 15 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 15 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,260 (15 acres x \$84/acres flood to pivot). New assessment for the 3 quarter sections is 423 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-09-224 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard Hiebert for the conversion of 15 acres flood to pivot in Pt N ½ 02 & Pt SW 11-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,260. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

The Landowner received a Farm Improvement Grant in October 2005 for conversions in SE 05-22-16 W4M and was deducted \$200/acre for keeping 17 acres in corners. With improved detail in acreage mapping, the area is now calculated to be 15 acres.

2015-09-225 Moved by F. George that the penalty of \$200/acre applied in October 2005 for SE 05-22-16 W4M be returned to Richard Hiebert for 17 acres of new efficiencies; 17 acres x \$200/acre = \$3,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.03.2 1790035 Alberta Ltd. (Rick Stamp) – NE 34-14-15 W4M

Current assessment is 145 acres; new corner-arm pivot is 141 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 141 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,844 (141 acres x \$84 acres flood to pivot). The Landowner will be transferring the extra 4 acres within this Irrigable Unit to S ½ 34-14-15 W4M. New assessment is 141 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-09-226 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1790035 AB Ltd. (Rick Stamp) for the conversion of 141 acres flood to corner-arm pivot in NE 34-14-15

W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,844. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

The Landowner is requesting to bank the efficiency acres for planned irrigation development in the near future. By policy, Landowners may, by request, apply to bank efficiency acres for up to 2 years on proposals within the same EID water delivery system, for land they presently own.

2015-09-227 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the 21 efficiency acres from the conversion of 141 acres from flood to pivot in NE 34-14-15 W4M (141 acres x 15% increase in efficiency = 21 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

10.03.3 1790035 Alberta Ltd. (Rick Stamp) – Pt S ½ 34-14-15 W4M

Current assessment is 187 acres (47 acres in the SW and 140 in the SE); new wiper pivot area is 55 acres (50 in the SW and 5 in the SE). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 55 acres wheels to pivot. The 4 acres needed have been transferred from NE 34-14-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,310 (55 acres x \$42/acre). New assessment is 191 acres (50 in the SW and 141 in the SE). An Irrigable Unit already exists.

2015-09-228 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1790035 AB Ltd. (Rick Stamp) for the conversion of 55 acres wheels to wiper pivot in Pt S ½ 34-14-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,310. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

The Landowner is also requesting to bank these efficiency acres for planned irrigation development in the near future.

2015-09-229 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the 8 efficiency acres from the conversion of 55 acres from wheels to pivot in Pt S ½ 34-14-15 W4M (55 acres x 15% increase in efficiency = 8 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.03.4 Will Henrickson – NE 11-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 93 acres flood; new pivot area is 117 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 117 acres flood to pivot. 24 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,812 (93 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$7,200 (24 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 117 acres, all under pivot irrigation. Directors requested that the Landowner be required to install pivot stops.

2015-09-230 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Will Henrickson for the conversion of 93 acres flood to pivot in NE 11-20-13 W4M, subject to pivot stops being installed. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,812. The capital assets charge is \$7,200. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.03.5 Larry Hirsch – SE 36-14-14 W4M (flood to pivot & tree removal)

Current assessment is 151 acres flood; new corner-arm pivot area is 153 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 151 acres flood to pivot. 2 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,684 (151 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 153 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-09-231 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Larry Hirsch for the conversion of 151 acres flood to corner-arm pivot in SE 36-14-14 W4M. The Farm

Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,084. The capital assets charge is \$600. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

The Landowner is also applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant for the removal of trees on a yard site to allow the pivot to turn full circle. The project cost is estimated at \$25,000, of which by policy the EID would pay 50% up to \$12,000.

2015-09-232 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Larry Hirsch for the removal of trees to enable his pivot to complete a full circle in SE 36-14-14 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000 District contribution (\$12,000 – EID, \$13,000 – Landowner). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

10.03.6 Don Plett – NW 33-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 144 acres flood; new subsurface irrigation area is 30 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 30 acres flood to subsurface irrigation. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,000 (30 acres x \$100/acre flood to subsurface). Assessment remains the same, 30 acres subsurface and 114 flood.

2015-09-233 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Don Plett for the conversion of 30 acres flood to sub-surface irrigation in NW 33-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

10.03.7 George & Lena Plett – Pt S ½ 26-22-17 W4M

Current assessment is 195 acres (135 under existing pivot and 60 wheels); new wiper pivot area is 60 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 55 acres wheels to pivot. 5 additional acres are needed; these acres are being moved from within the Irrigable Unit. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,310 (55 acres x \$42/acre wheels to pivot). Assessment remains the same, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-09-234 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for George & Lena Plett for the conversion of 55 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SE 36-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,310. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

10.03.8 Speargrass Cattle Co. Ltd. (Murray Jorgensen) – NW 13-21-17 W4M

Current assessment is 98 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 106 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 98 acres flood to pivot. 8 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,232 (98 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 106 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-09-235 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Speargrass Cattle Co. Ltd. (Murray Jorgensen) for the conversion of 98 acres flood to wiper pivot in NW 13-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,232. The capital assets charge is \$2,400. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

10.03.9 Ernest Wiens – NW 25-21-16 W4M

Current assessment is 146 acres (99 wheels and 47 flood); new pivot area is 134 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 93 acres flood and 41 acres wheels to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to sell 1 acre back to the EID at \$1,000/acre, and keep the remaining 11 acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,350 (93 acres x \$42/acre wheels to pivot and 41 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot) - \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) = \$1,850. New assessment is 145 acres, 134 under pivot, and 11 acres wheels. An Irrigable Unit already exists.

2015-09-236 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ernest Wiens for the conversion of 93 acres wheels and 41 acres flood to pivot in NW 25-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,850. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

2015-09-237 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of Ernest Wiens' 1 acre of water rights on NW 25-21-16 W4M to the District. Payment of 1 acres of water rights = \$1,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

10.03.10 Janet Henry – Pt N ½ 04-20-13 W4M (& Irrigable Unit Registration)

Current assessment is 149 acres flood; new pivot area is 139 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 10 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,676 (139 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot) - \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) = \$6,676. Assessment remains the same.

2015-09-238 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Janet Henry for the conversion of 139 acres flood to pivot in Pt N ½ 04-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,676. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

As the pivot in NE 04 reaches into NW 04-20-13 W4M, an Irrigable Unit is required to be registered on both parcels.

2015-09-239 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt NW 04-20-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Janet Henry. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

10.03.11 Letter from Gutfriends re Request for Farm Improvement Grant – S ½ 06-14-13

A letter was received from Brent & Susan Gutfriend in regards to an application for a Farm Improvement Grant for on-farm work in S ½ 06-14 13 W4M which was denied. A short discussion followed. I. Friesen will bring further information back to the Board.

10.04 Application to Convert from Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Christiansen

Dale & Lynn Christiansen are applying to convert their 72 terminable acres to irrigation acres in the E ½ of NE 12-17-14 W4M. Engineering and Operations departments confirm that this conversion can be supported.

2015-09-240 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the conversion of 72 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Pt NE 12-17-14 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by Dale & Lynn Christiansen. Seconded by C. Chomistek. **CARRIED**

10.05 Irrigated Leases

10.05.1 5 Year Rate Review – Irrigated Leases #8250, 8251, 8254, 8255, 8256, 8266 & 8267

E. McLeod advised that the above noted Irrigated Leases are due for a rental rate review. These leases expire December 31, 2015, and all of the lessees opted to extend their lease by a further 10 years for a one-time fee equivalent to the annual payment. The rental rate for years 2016 through 2020 is required to be set. Rental history and comparisons were provided. The following 2 motions were approved.

2015-09-241 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Leases #8250, #8251, #8254, #8255 and #8256 in the Rolling Hills area at \$94/acre on wetted acres, plus \$5/acre on dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2016 through 2020. Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

2015-09-242 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Leases #8266 and #8267 in the Scandia area at \$94/acre on wetted acres, plus \$5/acre on dry acres, plus water and taxes for the years 2016 through 2020. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.05.2 IL #8268 Expiry – Russell Douglass

Russell Douglass' decision on Irrigated Lease #8268 is to be received in writing and brought back to the Board for discussion if necessary.

10.06 Commercial Properties – Star Tech Automotive & Brooks Gymnastics Club

10.06.1 Rent Reviews

E. McLeod advised that the current 5 year lease agreement for Star Tech Automotive expires December 31, 2017; and the current 5 year lease agreement for the Brooks Gymnastics Club expires December 31, 2019. A rental rate for both properties is required for 2016. A background report was provided.

2015-09-243 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board offer to Star Tech Automotive and the Brooks Gymnastics Club a 0% increase on their lease agreement for 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.06.2 Old Flex It Fitness Space

K. Bridges advised that Star Tech Automotive has submitted a proposal to rent the old Flex It Fitness space until 2017 for the cost of utilities, taxes and insurance. They have also proposed to pay for renovations to allow them to secure a longer term lease on the whole property. Board consensus was given to approving in principle this request as proposed, subject to the District's approval of the renovation plan and the parties reaching an agreement on a lease.

[3:39 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

10.07 County of Newell Regional Water Project – Funding Initiative Update

Ms. McLeod summarized the eligibility requirements for the \$2,000 EID grant which was implemented to encourage rural sign up to the County of Newell Regional Water Project. The grant was intended to help cover hook up costs to the system. On average, 3 – 5 applications are received per week, with the majority of them qualifying. To date, the following funds have been dispersed:

| EID Grant for Water Users Connecting to the County of Newell Regional Water Project | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|
| EID Division | Number of Grants Paid Out | \$ Amount |
| 1 Gem / Bassano | 3 | \$6,000 |
| 2 Rosemary / Duchess | 45 | \$90,000 |
| 3 Patricia / Millicent | 35 | \$70,000 |
| 4 Cassils / Brooks | 25 | \$50,000 |
| 5 Scandia / Rainier | 2 | \$4,000 |
| 6 Tilley | 67 | \$134,000 |
| 7 Rolling Hills | 19 | \$38,000 |
| Total | 196 | \$392,000 |

[3:44 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

10.08 Fence Line in PGL #7024 – SW 31-19-12 W4M

N. Fontaine advised that an error in the location of the fence line was discovered in SW 31-19-12 W4M, part of Private Grazing Lease #7024, when a new oil lease was taken in this space and compensation needed to be assigned to the correct leaseholder. The fence had been incorrectly situated approximately 290 m north of the south quarter section boundary, totaling 57 acres. After discussions with administration, the leaseholder of PGL #7024 and the leaseholder of PGL #7247 were notified that the fence line was to be moved at the District's expense to the quarter line. No other changes were made to the lease agreements including the AUMs. A short discussion on this matter was held. Directors requested that when administration or staff are dealing with any situations needing to be resolved that are deemed to have controversial outcomes, the Manager is to provide a brief explanation to the area Director prior to moving forward with a decision. This process will aid Directors in fielding Water User phone calls, and will also enable management and staff to hear relevant information that the Director may have pertinent to the situation.

10.09 CNRL Negotiations

Mr. Fontaine gave an update regarding compensation rate negotiations with CNRL. Directors requested that advice be gained from a lawyer who deals with landowner compensation issues. Direction was also given in handling CNRL's day-to-day operations.

10.10 Lot in Cassils – Ptn Lot 8, Block 2, Plan 8709CH

An error in surveying back in the 1940's created a 1 foot wide lot, 120 feet deep, between lots in Cassils. The County has agreed to sell another lot adjoining on the east side to the homeowner on the east, and when preparing the sale the 1 foot wide lot was identified. In review of the situation, the Board directed that both east and west adjoining landowners are to be contacted regarding the District taking offers on the purchase of the 1 foot wide parcel, all associated costs to be borne by the purchaser.

[4:15 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

The remaining agenda items were deferred to the October 6th Special Directors Meeting.

11.0 Upcoming Events

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| 11.01 Ducks Unlimited Banquet | - Friday, October 2 nd , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Inn [F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek] |
| 11.02 Special Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 6 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 11.03 Special Board Meeting | - Wednesday, October 14 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 11.04 RiverWatch 20 th Anniversary River Float | - Saturday, October 17 th , Calgary, 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. [B. Chrumka, I. Friesen] |
| 11.05 Presentation at Legislature re AIS Dogs | - Monday, October 26 th , Edmonton [B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek] |
| 11.06 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting 4:15 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

October 6, 2015 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 6th day of October, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

The meeting was called to order at 8:53 a.m.

[8:53 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

1.0 Lands**1.01 Update on County Land Auction**

N. Fontaine advised that the land developers of the lots in question at Lake Newell Resort are currently seeking additional investors to prevent a public auction tax sale of some of their deficit properties. If taxes owing are not received, the County has the right to put some of the land up for auction, at a reserve minimum bid, to recover their share of tax arrears; with the balance being turned over to the developer. If a minimum bid is not received, the County obtains title to the property and may sell at a price of their choosing. These details were received as an update and as information.

1.02 North Headgates / Bantry Bay Residential Areas

K. Bridges presented a thorough background report of the areas in question concerning encroachment issues, advice from the District's lawyer Dennis Roth, and notes and advice from consulting with Richard Jones, the lawyer retained to act on WID's behalf regarding comparable issues with Chestermere reservoir.

[10:21 a.m. – 10:27 a.m. Short break.]

Discussion covered numerous topics, in order to ultimately form a District land use policy applicable to all EID waterbody shorelines. Management was given preliminary direction.

[12:03 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

2.0 Alberta Irrigation Information 2014

The 2014 information on Alberta irrigation was received. Of all 13 irrigation districts, the EID places the highest in replacement costs for total infrastructure at \$1.094 billion, which does not include the Bassano Dam. This fact should be a direct consideration when entering conversations to support the IRP funding formula.

3.0 Campgrounds – Year End Updates**3.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground**

I. Friesen presented a Year End Update on the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground on behalf of Joyce & Frank Nesbitt, Campground Managers. The 2015 camping season went very well, with appreciated improvements from last year, great staff and few issues. Enhancements made to the

re-booking times were well received; changes made to the non-doubling of sites had mixed reviews but staff did their best to accommodate campers with sites close together. Suggestions for next year include charging for all tents to prevent issues with doubling up, and installing improvements to provide for a day use area. AIS educational signage for boats was effective; the majority of boaters were from the District. Mr. Friesen advises that S. Dahl is currently pricing out items for the day use area, and that a wind up meeting with campground staff and the RHRCG Committee will occur within the next couple of weeks.

3.02 Crawling Valley Campground

F. George reported that Crawling Valley Campground also had a good camping season. A new caretaker was employed by the Society and this went well. Irrigation line repair, line blowouts, and associated expenses were discussed. It was requested that a copy of the agreement with the Crawling Valley Recreation Society be provided to the Board for review of responsibilities at the October 27th Regular Meeting.

[1:11 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

4.0 Corporate Relations Report

M. Redelback presented the Corporate Relations Report summarized as follows:

- attendance at the AIPA corn roast at the Calgary Farmer's Market with C. Chomistek
- distribution of AIPA Economic Study informational cards to the County of Newell and pivot retailers
- attendance at the Classroom Agriculture Program AGM and Board Meeting, and will be taking on the Finance Chair on the Executive Committee
- continued collaborative planning with County and City on the "Salute to Agriculture" event; some Director participation at the event may be required
- working with Shaw TV on an AIS short to air on the Medicine Hat Community Programming channel
- final drafting of Water User newsletter and assessment billing invoice design

The Shaw TV footage/information will be shared with the Board once available. A redrafted Water User newsletter with the Directors' requests is to be provided to the Board for the October 14th Special Meeting. Timing of mailing the newsletters and invoices is to be decided at that meeting as well.

5.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Mrs. Redelback presented the AIS Update summarized as follows:

- the 4th dog/handler mussel detector team is on hold right now, waiting to confirm if the required person is available; additional funds will be required if having to go through the whole selection process again
- Lands staff have checked the mussel substrates and no suspect matter was present
- an Operations monitoring process after canal draw-down is being developed with I. Friesen

6.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

6.01 Joint Shared Services Meeting – September 8th

B. Chrumka attended the Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting on September 8th at City Hall. An update on Marshall Drain was given, informing that the District will be reseeding the rehabbed area as the first seeding did not have good germination. And for further clarity, the District will not be assuming any responsibility in manicuring the area, although the City will be granted access to mow the area if they so wish. Committee representatives were also advised that a decision has not yet been made on shoreline boat docks and lifts.

6.02 Bow River Basin Council – September 9th

I. Friesen attended the Bow River Basin Council meeting on September 9th in Calgary, where user groups from the Red Deer and Oldman rivers were also in attendance, as well as various other water shed groups. Richard Phillips – BRID GM, Erwin Braun – WID GM, and Mr. Friesen gave presentations on droughts and how efficient the irrigation districts are. These same presentations are scheduled for the AIPA Conference in November. As a note, Brian de Jong – Deputy Reeve for the County of Newell, and Wayne Hammergren – Division 4 Councillor for the County of Newell are also participants of the BRBC.

6.03 Lake Newell Mock Water Rescue Exercise – September 9th

Jason Thompson – Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator, attended a mock water rescue exercise on Lake Newell on September 9th. RCMP, SEASAR (Southeast Alberta Search & Rescue), EID, Fire Commissioner's Office, Alberta Fish & Wildlife, Alberta Parks, Alberta Health Services EMS, County of Newell Fire & Emergency Services, and Brooks Fire Rescue participated in the event. The search and rescue watercraft, which the EID funded the purchase of in 2008, is used a minimum of twice per month for training exercises in several of the District's reservoirs. Invaluable experience was gained, as well as material for planning mock exercises for the EID as well.

6.04 Alberta WaterSmart – September 15th

Mr. Friesen also attended the Final SSRM Integrated Modelling Meeting facilitated by Alberta WaterSmart, September 15th in Calgary. This project is nearing the end of the 5 year timeline; was originally planned to track dry years and how to manage them, and was then modified since 2013 to include the extreme 100 year flood situation. Short term easy fixes, mid-term solutions, and long term planning are all part of the modelling, for all users and managers of the river. Several other irrigation district GMs participate and Government, along with some industry and other watershed groups.

7.0 Board Retreat (January 18th – 20th, 2016) Agenda Items, Location

The upcoming Board Retreat will be held in Canmore January 18th – 20th. Suggested topics include:

- Water Stoppages Bylaws
- Farming Encroachments
- Unauthorized Farming of EID Lands
- Drain Relocations
- Equipment Purchases
- Scholarships
- Mussel Detection Response

Additional suggestions may be put forward, with the final setting of Retreat Agenda items to occur in October or November.

8.0 Spring Information Meetings – Set Date(s), Location(s)

The last week in February and first week in March will be reserved for scheduling Spring Information Meetings; dates and locations TBA.

[2:03 p.m. M. Redelback, K. Bridges, G. Graham exited the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering**9.01 Drain Relocation – Graham Feeders Inc. – SW 26-16-16 W4M**

This agenda item was deferred from the last meeting where there was no vote on motion 2015-09-220. Additional Directors' comments and review of comparable requests were heard, with the following motion being carried.

2015-10-244 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Graham Feeders Inc. in SW 26-16-16 W4M as presented, to be funded 100% under the County / EID Drainage Program for a total project cost of \$63,000; funding percentage as per the County / EID Drainage Program policy. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.0 Upcoming Events

- 10.01 Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 14th, 9:00 a.m.
- 10.02 RiverWatch 20th Anniversary River Float - Saturday, October 17th, Calgary, 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
[B. Chrumka, I. Friesen]
- 10.03 Presentation at Legislature re AIS Dogs - Monday, October 26th, Edmonton
[B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek]
- 10.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 27th, 9:00 a.m.

F. George moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:31 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

October 27, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of October, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 5] | | |
| Mr. Carl Chomistek | Director | [Division 7] | | |

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera [8:50 a.m. – 9:32 a.m.]**

[9:37 a.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns entered the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.02 Possible Land Acquisition Update
- 10.02 Drain Relocation – Sandy Bartman – SE 09-20-14 W4M
- 13.04 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch

2015-10-244 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 29, 2015**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

2015-10-245 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the September 29, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.02 October 6, 2015

The following item was noted for correction:

- Motion 2015-10-244, add “funding percentage as per the County / EID Drainage Program policy”.

2015-10-246 Moved by F. George that the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

In follow up to the EID / County Joint Meeting, it was confirmed that the Regional Landfill will take tightly rolled used fencing wire.

[9:43 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson advised that he is still waiting to receive final project approvals from the Federal and Provincial governments, but is anticipating to begin the cofferdam construction in November. A number of Director questions were responded to.

[9:53 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

5.0 Lands

5.01 Grazing

5.01.1 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands

R. Volek advised that one written submission responding to the proposed grazing policy revisions was received from the Gem Grazing Association. Through discussion on received comments and further dialogue with Directors the following final revisions to the policy were requested:

- add clause (d) to 3.1(ii) “not speaking on behalf or representing Plaintiff or Defendant in any litigation commenced by or defended by any Association or the District”
- from 3.1(iv), remove “owned by the Applicant, jointly or otherwise”

2015-10-247 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands as revised, effective October 27, 2015. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

Copies of the grazing policy will be forwarded to the Associations this week, for distribution to every grazing member.

As well, Mr. Volek brought to the attention of the Board that the penalty, as per policy, for cattle staying out too late on EID Pastures will be applied to a few individual members in the Eyremore Grazing Association.

5.01.2 Proposed Revisions to Billing Practices

The calculation for Late Entry cattle grazing past October 15th will revert back to the original method: [actual head x months x AUM rate]. Late entry cattle typically calve later, thus calves tend to be slightly smaller and eat less than older calves. Reverting back to the original calculation will also simplify the invoicing process.

After review, Mr. Volek also brought to the attention of the Board that Eyremore Grazing Association utilizes the Antelope Creek Ranch to graze about 250-350 pairs each year. The Ranch supplies all services to maintain these cattle for the grazing season (fencing, lease rider, vet, salt, etc.) and uses data to measure performance and productivity of its grass. As these supplementary grazing lands benefit the District as a whole by increasing overall AUM, it was approved that the fees that are above the set AUM rate, be applied to the general expenses of all grazers. Eyremore GA will be billed for all other fees normally covered by individual associations (lease rider, vet bills, etc.) by taking an average of these costs in the 3 swingfields.

5.01.3 Request to Graze Small Parcel of Land

A request was received to graze a portion of NE 36-20-15 W4M. This small 5.6 acre parcel is an unused strip of land severed by a canal from an annual grazing lease to the south. The Board requested that staff review the entire District land base for other such parcels so that consideration for possible grazing options may be given to the whole.

5.01.4 Report on Meeting re Elk

R. Volek attended a stakeholders meeting in Medicine Hat on October 14th where Alberta Environment and Parks released their Elk Management Plan regarding the elk on CFB Suffield. An aerial survey taken in February 2014 has estimated the overall elk number at 6,000; although

adjacent landowners feel this number is low. In the last few years elk have been migrating off-base, creating extensive negative impacts to habitat, fences, standing crops and stored crops on private land. Hunting demand for elk in Alberta is very strong, although the commitment to managing hunters both on the base and off is extremely time consuming. An increased number of tags have been issued by Environment & Parks in order to reduce and eventually manage the herd at much smaller numbers. Another survey will be completed after this winter's hunting season to confirm herd numbers, indicate harvest results and aid in adjusting control measures. Recently, cooperation from CFB Suffield has improved greatly in addressing this issue, which if measures prove successful will aid in preserving much of the District's grazing land situated on the east boundary.

5.01.5 JBS Food Canada Inc. – Discharge of Industrial Wastewater

Mr. Volek is monitoring and giving direction to those manning the wheel lines for the spreading of excess packing plant industrial wastewater on approved District lands, in order to avoid pooling and oversaturation of low areas. JBS estimates that their draw down of their effluent reservoirs has extended them well into February or March before they will have to utilize their temporary lagoon, and they project to be done constructing the new permanent lagoon by the end of 2016.

5.02 Possible Land Acquisition Update

The District will move forward in purchasing the ROW lands identified. Direction was given to selling the acquired land to adjacent landowners where applicable.

[11:03 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

5.03 Bantry Bay & North Headgates Residential Areas

5.03.1 Requested Land for Roadway

The request to purchase a portion of right-of-way land from the District for a proposed roadway in the North Headgates residential area has been denied because of right-of-way issues that would be created for the District.

5.03.2 Boat Docks & Lifts

The summary from the October 6th Special Directors Meeting was reviewed and confirmed. A policy regarding shoreline encroachments and permitted uses will be developed by Administration and a draft brought back to the Board for discussion.

5.04 Oil & Gas Report

5.04.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015)

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas year-end summary, noting that although there has been seismic activity, the level of drilling activity has been the lowest in quite a few years, with many applications being canceled.

| Oil & Gas Activity Report | |
|---|----------------------------|
| New Activity – October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 | |
| New Locations | 23 |
| Twinned Wells | 20 |
| Total | 43 |
| Pipelines | 79.05 acres or 13.18 miles |

| Abandoned & Reclaimed – October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 | |
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| Abandoned Leases | 48 |
| Abandoned Twinned Wells | 24 |
| Reclaimed | 25 |
| Canceled Location | 34 |

5.04.2 CNRL Negotiations – Comments from Dennis Roth

N. Fontaine advised of the present state of compensation negotiations with CNRL. I. Friesen, E. Wilson and N. Fontaine will be meeting with CNRL in November or December; direction on negotiations was given by the Board. Comments from Mr. Roth were received and discussed.

5.04.3 Solar Farm Requests

Requests from 3 solar companies expressing interest in developing solar projects on District lands have been received in the last month. Varying preliminary proposals had been received, with different parcels identified. These proposed developments are all of a speculative nature towards possible government funding for the green energy plan. The Board did not express interest in the requests, although if anything of a more committed proposal is received, staff may bring this information to the Board.

5.05 Lot in Cassils – Ptn Lot 8, Block 2, Plan 8709CH

In follow up to September's meeting, neither owner of adjacent properties to the 1 foot strip of land which remains titled to the EID it interested in purchasing. No action is to be taken by District administration.

[11:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting, E. McLeod entered.]

5.06 Assessment Report to September 30, 2015

Ms. McLeod presented the Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015 as follows:

| EID WATER ROLL | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Acres on the Water Roll | Irrigation Acres | Terminable Acres | Total |
| July 1, 2015 | 293,270 | 4,930 | 298,200 |
| September 30, 2015 | 293,873 | 4,890 | 298,763 |
| Net increase | 603 | < 40 > | 563 |
| Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement) | | | < 25 > |
| Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) | | | 588 |
| Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres | | | 40 |
| Terminable Acres Canceled | | | 0 |

5.07 Farm Improvement Grants

E. McLeod presented the following applications for Farm Improvement Grants.

5.07.1 Dennis & Ella Endersby – E ½ 16-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 106 acres wheels; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 106 acres wheels to pivot. 30 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from wheels to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre; subject to soils testing. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,452 (106 acres x \$42/acre wheels to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$9,000 (30 acres x

\$300/acre). New assessment is 136 acres, all under pivot irrigation. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

- 2015-10-248 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis & Ella Endersby for the conversion of 106 acres wheels to pivot in E ½ 16-19-13 W4M, subject to soils. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,452. The capital assets charge is \$9,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

5.07.2 Jacob & Eva Neufeld – SE 11-17-13 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new pivot area is 124 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to sell 19 acres outside the pivot area back to the EID at \$1,000/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,416 (124 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). New assessment is 124 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-10-249 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jacob & Eva Neufeld for the conversion of 124 acres flood to pivot in SE 11-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,416. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

- 2015-10-250 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of Jacob & Eva Neufeld's 19 acres of water rights on SE 11-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 19 acres of water rights at \$1,000/acre = \$19,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

5.07.3 Paul Paetkau – NE 30-22-16 W4M

Current assessment is 103 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 83 acres and new wheel line area is 15 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 83 acres flood to pivot. The wheel line area is an irregular shaped parcel therefore there is no grant for these acres. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 10 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,972 (83 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot) - \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) = \$4,472. Assessment remains the same. An Irrigable Unit is already in place.

- 2015-10-251 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Paul Paetkau for the conversion of 83 acres flood to pivot in NE 30-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,472. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

5.07.4 Gerry Martin and Richard Martin – Sec. 30-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 472 acres wheels; new 3 pivot area is 472 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 472 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$19,824. Assessment remains the same, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-10-252 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gerald Martin and Richard Martin for the conversion of 472 acres wheels to pivot in Sec. 30-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$19,824. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

5.08 Irrigable Unit Registrations

5.08.1 Gerry Martin and Richard Martin – Sec. 30-20-14 W4M

The landowners are installing 3 pivots on Sec 30-20-14 W4M and as the pivots all cross into adjacent quarter sections an Irrigable Unit is required to tie these parcels together. The existing Irrigable Unit on Pt E ½ 30 will need to be discharged prior to registering one encompassing all the affected parcels.

2015-10-253 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE 30 & Pt. SE 30-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Gerald Martin and Richard Martin. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2015-10-254 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 30-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Gerald Martin and Richard Martin. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.08.2 Ron Schmidt – N ½ 33-16-16 W4M

The 2 existing pivots on N ½ 33-16-16 W4M cross subdivided property boundaries, necessitating an Irrigable Unit to ensure water delivery to each parcel.

2015-10-255 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on N ½ of NW 33 and N ½ of NE 33-16-16 W4M, and Plan 9212692, Lot 2; all lands being owned by Ron Schmidt. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

5.09 IL #8268 Expiry – Russell Douglass

R. Douglass has confirmed in writing that he has chosen to have the EID put Irrigated Lease #8268 up for sale, with the option of matching the high bid. The minimum price has been set by the Board. The lease is to be advertised for sale upon expiry. Prior work on a subdivision and closing of road allowance will need to be completed.

6.0 Irrigation Applications for 2016

E. McLeod presented the 39 irrigation applications received, in order of rating. A total of 2,895 acres were applied for, 1,026 acres were approved for 2016.

The Capital Assets Charge for:

- acres added through infill and intensification is \$300/acre for up to 50 irrigation acres added per parcel, and \$700/acre for each acre added in excess of 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and
- acres added to new (dry) parcels is \$700/acre.

The standard requirements for all proposals are:

- Capital Asset payment is due upon the installation of the infrastructure;
- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2016;
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled right-of-way land;
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise; and
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization.

The following irrigation applications were given consideration for 2015:

6.01 1885723 Alberta Ltd. (Tom Declercq) – NE 23-17-17 W4M

The applicant currently has 99 acres of wheels on the parcel and is proposing to install a 133 acre pivot; 34 acres are needed. Approval is subject to the delivery being off the 05-AC pipeline in the center of the north property boundary, and the remaining standard requirements. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant upon project completion.

6.02 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Tyler Flemming) – N 06 & S 07-17-15 W4M

The applicant currently has a 243 acre pivot on this parcel and is proposing to install an end gun to cover an additional 10 acres. Approval is subject to the standard requirements.

6.03 Terry Morishita – NE 08-21-15 W4M

The applicant currently has 81 acres of wheels on this parcel and is proposing to install a 112 acre wiper pivot; 31 acres are needed. Approval is subject to soil tests passing, and the standard

requirements. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant upon project completion.

6.04 Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens) – N 16-18-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 130 acres of pivot and 30 acres of wheels on this parcel; 15 acres are needed to correct the actual irrigated area. Approval is subject to the standard requirements.

6.05 Ray & Shontele Torkelson – NE 28-20-13 W4M

The applicant currently has 110 acres of pivot on this parcel and is proposing to replace the old pivot with a new 122 acre pivot; 12 acres are needed. Approval is subject to the standard requirements.

6.06 Bearspaw Management Ltd. (Frances Hargrave) – NE 09-19-14 W4M

The applicant currently has 136 acres of pivot on this parcel and is proposing to add a corner-arm to cover an additional 12 acres. Approval is subject to the standard requirements.

6.07 Leonard & Susan Parker and Thomas Parker – N 31-21-15 W4M

The applicants currently have 18 acres of wheels on this parcel and are proposing to install a 30 acre wiper pivot; 12 acres are needed. Approval is subject to the standard requirements. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant upon project completion.

6.08 Jake Giesbrecht – E 19-17-12 W4M

The applicant currently has 54 acres of flood on this parcel and is proposing to install a 121 acre wiper pivot; 67 acres are needed. Approval is subject to the standard requirements and an Irrigable Unit being registered. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant upon project completion.

6.09 709231 Alberta Ltd. (Lee Nygaard) – SE 31 & SW 32-14-12 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this part of the parcel and is proposing to install a 68 acre wiper pivot. Approval is subject to the standard requirements and an Irrigable Unit being registered.

6.10 Blue Rock Ranching Ltd. (Sharon Pickett) – Sec. 01-23-17 W4M

The applicant currently has 70 acres of wheels on this parcel and is proposing to install a 154 acre pivot; 84 acres are needed. Approval is subject to soil tests passing, an Irrigable Unit being registered, and the standard requirements. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant upon project completion.

6.11 Carey & Linda Cumming (Trevor Sandau) – S 14-16-16 W4M

The applicant currently has 112 acres of pivot and is proposing to install a corner-arm to cover an additional 27 acres. Approval is subject to soil tests passing, and the standard requirements.

6.12 Brian & Michelle Slenders – SE 04-15-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this part of the parcel and is proposing to install a 23 acre wiper pivot. Approval is subject to the delivery being off the Sauki Spillway, and the remaining standard requirements.

6.13 Brad Hale – SW 20-22-17 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on the parcel and is proposing to install a 136 acre pivot. Approval is subject to the delivery being located off the Crawling Valley Reservoir, and the remaining standard requirements.

6.14 North Creek Ranches Ltd. (Dick Dick) – S 26-19-14 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this parcel and is proposing to install a 100 acre pivot. Approval is subject to an Irrigable Unit being registered, the delivery being located off One Tree Drain, and the remaining standard requirements.

6.15 North Creek Ranches Ltd. (Dick Dick) – NE 26 & Se 35-19-14 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this parcel and is proposing to install a 101 acre wiper pivot. Approval is subject to an Irrigable Unit being registered, the delivery being located off One Tree Drain, and the remaining standard requirements.

6.16 Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. – Sec. 30-21-13 W4M

The applicant currently has 246 acres under the affected pivot in this section and is proposing to replace this pivot with a 396 acre pivot; 150 acres are needed. Approval is subject to soil tests passing, and the standard requirements.

6.17 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Tyler Flemming) – W 07-17-15 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this portion of the parcel and is proposing to install a 32 acre wiper pivot. Approval is subject to soil tests passing, the delivery being the same as that of the adjacent pivot in SW 07, and the remaining standard requirements.

6.18 Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendel Rommens) – NE 15-18-16 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this portion of the parcel and is proposing to install a 48 acre wiper pivot. Approval is subject to soil tests passing, the delivery being the same as that of the adjacent pivot in NW 15, and the remaining standard requirements.

6.19 Lyle & Cindee Burns – W 03-21-18 W4M

The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this parcel and is proposing to install a 63 acre pivot. Approval is subject to 8 acres of wild flood in NW 03-21-18 W4M and 32 acres of wild flood in NE 03-21-18 W4M being transferred under the pivot, the delivery being off the North Branch Canal, and the remaining standard requirements. The conversion acres are eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant upon project completion.

2015-10-256 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the following Irrigation Applications for 2016:

- 1885723 Alberta Ltd. (Tom Declercq) – NE 23-17-17 W4M
- 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Tyler Flemming) – N 06 & S 07-17-15 W4M
- Terry Morishita – NE 08-21-15 W4M
- Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens) – N 16-18-16 W4M
- Ray & Shontele Torkelson – NE 28-20-13 W4M
- Bearspaw Management Ltd. (Frances Hargrave) – NE 09-19-14 W4M
- Leonard & Susan Parker and Thomas Parker – N 31-21-15 W4M
- Jake Giesbrecht – E 19-17-12 W4M
- 709231 Alberta Ltd. (Lee Nygaard) – SE 31 & SW 32-14-12 W4M
- Blue Rock Ranching Ltd. (Sharon Pickett) – Sec. 01-23-17 W4M
- Carey & Linda Cumming (Trevor Sandau) – S 14-16-16 W4M
- Brian & Michelle Slenders – SE 04-15-15 W4M
- Brad Hale – SW 20-22-17 W4M
- North Creek Ranches Ltd. (Dick Dick) – S 26-19-14 W4M
- North Creek Ranches Ltd. (Dick Dick) – NE 26 & Se 35-19-14 W4M
- Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. – Sec. 30-21-13 W4M
- 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Tyler Flemming) – W 07-17-15 W4M
- Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendel Rommens) – NE 15-18-16 W4M
- Lyle & Cindee Burns – W 03-21-18 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 500 acre District maximum expansion limit for off-river acres had already been met for 2016 (policy)
- the 2,500 acre District maximum expansion limit had already been met for 2016, (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:

- Catherine Endersby – SW 08-21-14 W4M
- Niznik, G & B, B & K, B & J – N 35-18-16 W4M
- Whaley Mar – NE 28-18-15 W4M
- Whaley Mar – W 25-18-16 W4M
- Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. – NW 34-21-13 W4M & SW 03-22-13 W4M
- 1885723 Alberta Ltd. (Tom Declercq) – SE 26-17-17 W4M
- Isaak Wall – NE 15-16-16 W4M
- Jamie Buteau – NW 20-18-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 29-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 27-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 34-17-17 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – NW 22-19-17 W4M
- Breezewood Ranch Ltd. (Curtis Harbinson and Jack Harbinson) – SE 24-19-16 W4M
- Brenan & Christi Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M
- Marco & Nanette Fouche – NE 05-19-15 W4M
- Laurie Hague – NW 09-18-14 W4M
- Brad Hale – NW 20-22-17 W4M
- John Klancher – SE 24-20-13 W4M
- Wade & Frances Tobler – NW 02-20-13 W4M

[1:03 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

7.0 Financial Report

7.01 September 30, 2015 Preliminary Financial Statements

The preliminary financial statements to September 30, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$36.7 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$24.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$12.3 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2015-10-257 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Financial Statements to September 30, 2015, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

7.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2015

The 4th Quarter Investment Report was presented on behalf of L. Smith. The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2015 was \$6.16 million or 8.41% higher than the book value at September 30, 2014. Short term investments totaling \$32.72 million matured and short term investments totaling \$27 million were purchased. Long term investments totaling \$11 million were purchased.

2015-10-258 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2015 as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2015

The 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report was also presented on behalf of L. Smith. Various accounts were discussed.

2015-10-259 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2015 as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues were reported since last month. The Snake Lake Tower was connected to the network on October 9th and the first customer installs were completed later the same day.

9.0 Star Tech Automotive – Renovation Plan for Old Flex It Fitness Space

In follow up to last month's discussion, a renovation plan is being worked on but has not yet been received from Star Tech Automotive for the proposed use of the old Flex It Fitness space.

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

10.0 Engineering

10.01 23 Bow Slope Project Approval

J. Kabut presented the 23 Bow Slope project synopsis. The rehabilitation project is located approximately 9 km SE of Scandia and is slated for the 2015/2016 construction year. The existing and new system supplies 332 acres, 100% which are sprinkler. The existing system has a well at the top end which all 3 pivots come off of, and the spill dumps down the existing canal. The proposed rehab consists of a new concrete structure off the Bow Slope Canal into a well. The landowner is requesting to keep the existing canal open for drainage, which would then be turned over to him. The proposed screen cleaner for the structure was debated by the Board and removed from the proposal.

2015-10-260 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 23 Bow Slope by installing a new concrete structure off the Bow Slope Canal into a well (with no screen cleaner), at an estimated cost of \$70,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

10.02 Drain Relocation – Sandy Bartman – SE 09-20-14 W4M

I. Friesen advised that a drain relocation request was received from Sandy Bartman – SE 09-20-14 W4M to accommodate the installation of a new wiper pivot. The project will consist of pushing in the existing ditch and cutting a new ditch that would follow the towers of the pivot. The Landowner plans to construct bridges where the pivot crosses the drain. The drain relocation is estimated to cost \$19,350 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

2015-10-261 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Sandy Bartman – SE 09-20-14 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$19,350 (\$14,512.50 – EID, \$4,837.50 – Landowner). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.03 01 Bow Slope Infra. Cost-Savings Grant – Gordon Graham – SW 02-17-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Gordon Graham is proposing to move his delivery in the SE quarter further upstream to the north quarter line. As a result, the District would save \$215,000 in downsizing the pipe and the Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000.

2015-10-262 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Gordon Graham in SW 02-17-16 W4M, for moving his delivery upstream, saving the District \$215,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.04 Structure Program

R. Summach presented the Structure Program for 2015/2016. 7 precast nose pieces are to be replaced, 4 in the immediate Dutchess area, 2 south of Millicent and 1 south of Tilley, for an estimated cost of \$268,000. A short discussion was held. The cost for stainless steel flanges and studs are to be investigated by staff.

2015-10-263 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 2015/2016 Structure Program at an estimated cost of \$268,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.05 Drain Relocation – Pete Conacher – Pt. S ½ 16-20-13 W4M

Mr. Summach brought this drain relocation request back to the Board from last month due to extenuating factors. The on-farm work and drain relocation to accommodate the pivot in S 16-20-13 W4M were approved. Through discussions with the Board it was settled that the large dugout in the south end of PGL #7031 (SW corner of SW 15-20-13 W4M) will be abandoned and the District will dig a new dugout at the west boundary of the center section line at the District's expense. This eliminates the need to install a pipeline to supply the existing dugout, and the new dugout will be filled from the relocated drain. A new dugout for Pete Conacher will be constructed on his land, for an estimated cost of \$2,000; 100% at the landowner's expense.

2015-10-264 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pete Conacher for on-farm work to push in old dugouts to accommodate a new pivot in Pt. S ½ 16-20-13 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, up to a \$12,000 District contribution, for a total project cost of \$2,500 (\$1,250 – EID, \$1,250 – Landowner). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2015-10-265 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Pete Conacher – Pt. S ½ 16-20-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$16,000 (\$12,000 – EID, \$4,000 – Landowner). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.06 Lake Newell Dam Report

R. Summach also presented a report on proposed repairs to the Lake Newell dam by the Bantry Canal headworks. Sloughing of the dam has continued for the last 18 months. An attempt to dig out the affected area and rebuild the bank did not reinforce the slope stability. E2K Engineering was contracted to evaluate the entire dam, determine the cause of the slump and design a solution. It was determined that the water table was particularly high in this area and that the sand drainage layer under the bench was no longer effective. The suggested proposal is to reinforce the entire dam with a larger berm, which would include a new sand drainage layer. The earthworks is preliminarily estimated to cost \$1,000,000; with additional engineering needing to be completed to result in a more precise total project estimate. As it is necessary at this time to stockpile material against the dam for the winter until the project can be commenced in the spring, approval for the project in general is preferred. Further project costs will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

2015-10-266 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Lake Newell Dam Repairs Project, with the earthworks portion to be estimated at \$1,000,000; and the project to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.07 Encroachment / Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Reed Crapo

The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Reed Crapo in NE 27-23-16 W4M with the pivot encroachment issue will be reviewed by administration.

[2:21 p.m. Short break; J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

11.0 Crawling Valley Campground – Review of Agreement

The agreement with Crawling Valley Recreation Society for the operation of the Crawling Valley Campground was reviewed in regards to some operational matters. It was requested by the Board that the agreement be revised to the District covering the expenses for:

- pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer that the District orders; and
- start up and shut down of irrigation lines (the CVRS is to cover maintenance and repair costs during the camping season).

12.0 EID / County Joint Meeting Summary

An EID / County Joint Meeting was held on the afternoon of October 14th at the EID Office to discuss a number of topics related to both parties. From that meeting, the following items were clarified.

12.01 Bridge Funding

Mr. Friesen was given direction on the consideration of participating to some degree with the County on select bridge replacement projects, on a case by case basis.

12.02 Walking Paths

The request for District land for public walking paths south of the County and in the Lake Newell Resort area was denied. It is perceived that the impact to adjacent grazing lands outweighed the project's concept.

13.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**13.01 RiverWatch Bow River Tour – October 17th, Calgary**

B. Chrumka and I. Friesen attended the RiverWatch 20th Anniversary River Tour October 17th on the Bow, lasting several hours from just east of downtown Calgary to downstream of the City's water treatment plant. The event guided participants through typical tours given to junior and senior high students, touching on chemical and biological aspects of the river (turbidity, pollution, AIS, beneficial organisms, etc.), user impact, its environment, the river upstream and downstream, etc. Tours are in-depth, include hands-on experiments, increase overall awareness, highlight current issues and reach approximately 10,000 students annually. The WID infrastructure is one stop on these tours, with extensive irrigation benefits and the risk of aquatic invasive species being discussed. Continued support of RiverWatch was discussed by Directors, and it was noted that program funding has decreased dramatically due to the economy. Mr. Chrumka will contact BRID and WID chairmen to enquire of their district's interest in partnering on funding towards this program.

13.02 Presentation at Legislature re AIS Dogs – October 26th, Edmonton

The planned recognition for participation in the partnering of the AIS detection dog program was postponed due to an imperative event arising in the Minister's schedule.

13.03 Mussels & Irrigation Steering Committee Meeting – October 15th, Lethbridge

Mr. Friesen attended the Mussels & Irrigation Steering Committee Meeting October 15th in Lethbridge. Progress is being made, although an established plan has yet to be completed. Discussion was held whether another letter should be forwarded to the Minister of Environment & Parks, encouraging the government to increase efforts and shorten timelines on the strategy to manage mussels once they are detected within the province.

13.04 U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch

F. George advised that the U of A Rangeland Research Institute is expanding its land base, which will give the Institute additional research opportunities.

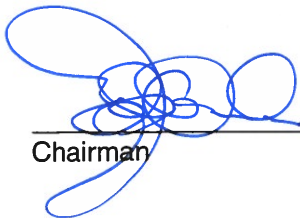
14.0 Retreat – Set Agenda Items

Retreat agenda items were reviewed to date. In order to allow for adequate preparation time, Directors were asked if they had any additional items. The development of supplementary off-river storage was suggested for discussion.

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Irrigation Council & Irr Districts Budget <i>[phone call from the Minister's Office]</i> | - Tuesday, October 27 th , 5:10 p.m. <i>[B. Chrumka, I. Friesen]</i> |
| 15.02 | Salute to Agriculture | - Wednesday, October 28 th , Silver Sage Comm. Corral 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. <i>[B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen, M. Redelback]</i> |
| 15.03 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Thursday, November 5 th , 10:00 a.m. <i>[B. Chrumka, F. George, R. Owen, J. Culligan, B. McKellar, I. Friesen]</i> |
| 15.04 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Wednesday, November 11 th , Griffin Park, 10:30 a.m. <i>[J. Culligan laying wreath]</i> |
| 15.05 | Endothall Meeting | - November 16 th , Ottawa <i>[I. Friesen]</i> |
| 15.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, November 19 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.07 | AIPA Conference | - November 23 rd – 25 th , Lethbridge Lodge Hotel <i>[all Directors, I. Friesen, M. Redelback, R. Summach]</i> |
| 15.08 | Budget Meeting | - Tuesday, December 1 st |
| 15.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, December 21 st |
| 15.10 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Monday, December 21 st , EID Office, 5:00 p.m. |
| 15.11 | Board Retreat | - January 18 th – 20 th , Canmore |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:28 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

November 19, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 19th day of November, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 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 item was added to the agenda:

- 11:00 a.m. Conference Call with Andrea Kalischuk, Water Quality Branch, Ag & Forestry

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 11.01 Quotes on Purchase of ½ and ¾ Ton Trucks

2015-11-267 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 27, 2015**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2015-11-268 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the October 27, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Encroachment / Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Reed Crapo**

Mr. Friesen updated the Board as to the matter of the pivot encroachment in NE 27-23-16 W4M affecting the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant.

[9:02 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

Mr. Friesen conveyed that an Emergency Spillway Permit document had been received from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Canada. It was forwarded to the District's solicitor Dennis Roth for review. Revisions to the document were recommended, and then requested of Canada by the District. E. Wilson added that once the permit is executed, the initial payment and lump 10 year annual payment is required. A number of project questions were responded to by Mr. Wilson.

[9:23 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

Mr. Friesen was requested to get Mr. Roth's opinion on the revised document received from Canada, and to relay this information to the Board.

5.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 October 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The financial statements to October 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$3.9 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$960,000
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$2.96 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2015-11-269 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

5.02 Report on Oil & Gas Leases – Petro Viking Management Corp. and Rio Petro Ltd.

In response to a question at the last meeting, a summary of lease holdings and accounts receivable amounts for Petro Viking Management Corp. and Rio Petro Ltd. was presented.

6.0 EIDNet Report

Due to a power outage in the Bantry area on November 10th, EIDNet customers were without service for approximately 2 hours. 20 EID automaton sites have now been shut down for the winter. 22 installs were completed in October.

7.0 Star Tech Automotive – Renovation Plan for Old Flex It Fitness Space

K. Bridges presented a proposal from John Tjeerdema and Richard Ochsner of Star Tech Automotive for the renovation of the old Flex It Fitness space adjoining the rented space containing their automotive shop. Renovation plans and rental rates were discussed. Direction was given for the term and rental amount for the proposed lease agreement.

[10:17 a.m. Ed Chapman entered the meeting.]

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Ed Chapman, CA of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants to the meeting. Mr. Chapman was present to advise that the District's audit work has for the last few weeks been handled at their office, and it is progressing well. Directors were asked whether they had any specific items of enquiry. No items were brought forward. E. Chapman was thanked for his time and comments, and responded that the firm could be contacted at any point in the audit process.

[10:21 a.m. E. Chapman exited the meeting.]

[10:23 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Shoreline Draft Policy

K. Bridges presented a draft policy for the Lake Newell Reservoir shoreline. A thorough discussion was held.

11:00 a.m. Conference Call with Andrea Kalischuk, Water Quality Branch, Alberta Ag & Forestry

Mr. Friesen welcomed over the phone Andrea Kalischuk, Director of the Water Quality Branch of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to the meeting. Ms. Kalischuk reviewed and gave further explanation on a potash research application to PMRA (Pest Management Regulatory Agency), a division of Health Canada. The proposal is the first step in testing the use of potash in irrigation infrastructure as a treatment for invasive mussels. This research will involve potash dilution and control tests in short, closed pipelines, as yet to be identified, likely within the EID or the Raymond ID; no invasive species will be used in the testing. The EID has been requested to be the principal investigator / fund administrator and to provide \$100,000 in funding, which would likely be expended over a 2 year period. This commitment is required to obtain other grant sources available. A number of questions regarding potash supply, concentration, precipitates, impact to soils and crops, equipment, and further funding possibilities were responded to by A. Kalischuk before ending the conference call. Additional discussion was held.

2015-11-270 Moved by B. McKellar that the EID agrees to be the principal investigator for the Alberta Ag & Forestry potash research project “Method development to apply potash to irrigation pipelines for the control of invasive mussels”; and to also contribute \$100,000 in project funding. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Shoreline Draft Policy cont'd.

Directors were requested to review the draft policy and make any further suggestions at the December Regular Board Meeting. A legal review of the draft policy will be requested prior to final review and approval.

[11:42 a.m. E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Timing of the Sale of Irrigated Lease #8268**

Mr. Bridges advised that the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268 is being impacted by the application to close and lease/purchase the County road allowance, and the application to subdivide the parcel. In order to have both issues resolved prior to advertising the land for sale, direction was given for the sale to be postponed for 1 year and Mr. Douglass to be offered a 1 year extension to his lease.

2015-11-271 Moved by J. Culligan that a 1 year extension agreement for Irrigated Lease #8268 be offered to Russell Douglass for the 2016 farming season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:53 a.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break: N. Fontaine and E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

[12:34 p.m. N. Fontaine and E. McLeod re-entered the meeting.]

9.02 Putting Assessment on Road Allowances – Discussion

E. McLeod gave an introductory summary on how irrigation on road allowances could occur within the requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, as advised by Roger Hohm, Branch Head – Irrigation Secretariat. Discussion followed. The process for which the District will handle these incidences will need to be developed, in concurrence with County requirements. Further discussion will be held at a future Board Meeting or at the upcoming Retreat.

[12:47 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.03 Irrigation Applications for 2016 – Update re Schaffer

Confirmation was brought back to the Board regarding questions on the application submitted by E.A. Schaffer & Sons Farms Ltd. on Sec. 28-21-18 W4M. It was verified that there is not an existing section pivot installed on this land, therefore the application for 35 additional acres to add a corner-arm is denied.

9.04 Transfer of Irrigation Acres Application**9.04.1 Eastwood Farms Ltd. – W ½ 31-14-13 W4M to SW 24-14-14 W4M**

Eastwood Farms Ltd. is installing a corner-arm system on SW 24-14-14 W4M and will need an additional 13 acres to do so. The Landowner is requesting to transfer 13 acres of pivot corners from W ½ 24-14-13 W4M to SW 24-14-14 W4M to accommodate the new corner-arm.

2015-11-272 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from W ½ 31-14-13 W4M to SW 24-14-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Eastwood Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.05 Farm Improvement Grants**9.05.1 Eastwood Farms Ltd. – SW 24-14-14 W4M**

Current assessment is 140 acres pivot plus 13 acres flood; new pivot area with the added corner-arm is 153 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 13 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,092 (13 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). New assessment is 153 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-11-273 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 13 acres flood to pivot in SW 24-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,092. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

9.05.2 Cliff Sewall – SE 22-18-16 W4M

Current assessment is 89 acres flood; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 89 acres flood to pivot. 47 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. Soil testing is required to move forward with this development or the area under the pivot must not exceed 101 acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,476 (89 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$14,100 (47 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 136 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-11-274 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cliff Sewall for the conversion of 89 acres flood to pivot in SE 22-18-16 W4M, subject to soils. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,476. The capital assets charge is \$14,100. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.05.3 Ron Sereda – NW 34-14-13 W4M

Current assessment is 110 acres gated pipe flood; new pivot area is 133 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot. 23 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,240 (110 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$6,900 (23 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 133 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-11-275 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ron Sereda for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot in NW 34-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,240. The capital assets charge is \$6,900. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

The Landowner is also requesting to bank the efficiency acres as he plans to add a corner-arm to this pivot within the next 2 years.

- 2015-11-276** Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 21 efficiency acres from the conversion of 110 acres from flood to pivot in NW 34-14-13 W4M (110 acres x 40% increase in efficiency = 44 efficiency acres, less 23 acres used = 21 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development. Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

9.06 Purchase of Irrigation Acres

9.06.1 Jacob Neufeld – SW 12-17-13 W4M

Jacob Neufeld is choosing to sell the 12 acres in pivot corners in SW 12-17-13 W4M back to the EID at \$1,000/acre = \$12,000. New assessment on this parcel is 136 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

- 2015-11-277** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of Jacob Neufeld's 12 acres of water rights on SW 12-17-13 W4M to the District. Payment of 12 acres of water rights = \$12,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. **CARRIED**

9.07 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration

9.07.1 Martin & Linda Gubbins – NE 05, SE 08 & W ½ 04-17-16 W4M

There are currently 3 pivots in NE 05-17-16 W4M; Plan 2309EO, Parcel A in SE 08-17-16 W4M; and W ½ 04-17-16 W4M; all of which draw from deliveries located in the NW corner of SW 04-17-16 W4M. An Irrigable Unit is needed to ensure delivery of water to these parcels. The existing Irrigable Unit for NE 05-17-16 W4M and Pt. SE 08-17-16 W4M will need to be discharged prior to registering one encompassing all the affected parcels.

- 2015-11-278** Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE 05-17-16 W4M, Plan 2309EO, and Parcel A in SE 08-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Martin & Linda Gubbins. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

- 2015-11-279** Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 05-17-16 W4M, Plan 2309EO, Parcel A in SE 08-17-16 W4M, and NE & SW 04-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Martin & Linda Gubbins. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

9.07.2 Lee & Shirley Pickett – E ½ 23 & NE 14-22-17 W4M

The existing Irrigable Unit for E ½ 23-22-17 W4M needs to be discharged as the quarters have separate deliveries and no crossing pivots. A new Irrigable Unit needs to be registered on SE 23 and NE 14-22-17 W4M as the pivot located in SE 23 crosses into NE 14.

- 2015-11-280** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE & SE 23-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Lee & Shirley Pickett. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

- 2015-11-281** Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 23 & NE 14-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Lee & Shirley Pickett; conditional upon the pivot not swinging into NW 14-22-17 W4M. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

[1:05 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

9.08 Possible Land Acquisition Update

Mr. Friesen updated the Board as to the land acquisition negotiations.

[1:07 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

9.09 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.09.1 Summary of Grazing Season

The 2015 grazing season consisted of 244 members listing 17,165 head of cattle. It was generally a dry year, with more precipitation north of Brooks and very little south and east of Brooks. Late season rainfall throughout the District resulted in some good grass growth overall. Carryover grass was utilized, as well as good rotational management. Water supply was very good, although some dugouts will need to be filled for next year. Round-Up was October 21st, 10 days earlier than recent years, which experienced more moisture than in 2015. Expenses were higher due to an increase in the costs of fencing materials, and the maintenance and repair of water systems. Capital projects included installing a water pipeline in Newell Grazing and rebuilding the Tilley underpass corrals.

9.09.2 Set Total Number of Cattle

In consultation with the grazing associations, it is generally felt that grass conditions are sufficient to sustain the current numbers if normal precipitation is received. Moisture conditions will be monitored, and if necessary a reduction to numbers will be made in spring. It was recommended to set the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures at 85,000 AUM, which translates to 17,000 head over 5 months.

2015-11-282 Moved by F. George that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2016 grazing season. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.09.3 Meeting with Mike Hale

Mr. Volek reported on a meeting that was held with Mike Hale, K. Bridges, N. Fontaine and himself to discuss Mr. Hale's 2015 listing in the Community Grazing Pastures. This matter will be given further review by staff.

[1:46 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

10.0 Engineering**10.01 Fencing of Drains**

Further to the discussion at September's meeting, Mr. Friesen advised that in some instances fences could be allowed to be installed on the shoulder of rehabbed drains, where access by the District is not necessary. This matter will be included in the encroachment discussions at the Board Retreat.

10.02 06-H West Bantry

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 6 km SW of Tilley and is being proposed for the 2015/2016 construction season. The existing canal supplies 361 acres. The proposed rehab will not eliminate the wells, and consists of installing 810 m of pipeline at an estimated cost of \$271,000.

2015-11-283 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 06-H West Bantry by installing 810 m of pipeline, at an estimated cost of \$271,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.03 Drain Relocation – DLM Feeders (Dallas Martin) – NW 34-20-15 W4M

A drain relocation application has been received from DLM Feeders Inc. (Dallas Martin), for NW 34-20-15 W4M. The existing drain runs diagonally from the center of the east boundary to the NW corner of the quarter, and it is being proposed to reroute the drain along the north boundary to allow for the pivot to turn a full circle. The drain relocation is estimated to cost \$75,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$40,000.

- 2015-11-284 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for DLM Feeders Inc. (Dallas Martin) – NW 34-20-15 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner, for a total project cost of \$75,000 (\$40,000 – EID, \$35,000 – Landowner). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

11.0 Corporate Relations Report

I. Friesen presented the Corporate Relations Report on behalf of M. Redelback. Ms. Redelback and Don Syvret, South Division Assistant Superintendent, presented at FCC's Outstanding in the Field event on October 28th at the Silver Sage Arena. Approximately 375 grade 4 students from the County of Newell area attended. The irrigation canal model from Irrigation Branch was used again for the presentation.

Ms. Redelback helped plan and organize the Salute to Agriculture Event which also took place on October 28th. Directors, along with Erinn McLeod, and Mike Stout, South Division Maintenance Foreman, attended and assisted with the event. Approximately 400 – 500 people attended the meal, with most exploring the exhibits afterward. The exhibitors appreciated the ability to inform the general public on their particular sector of agriculture, and expressed interest in another event next year. The Board will be updated on final costs at a later date.

12.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

12.01 Meeting with Mayor of Chestermere – November 3rd, Chestermere

B. Chrumka met with Patricia Matthews, Mayor of Chestermere on November 3rd to discuss past and current management practices that the City has with the WID, the irrigation reservoir (Chestermere Lake), and the City's shoreline residents. Details of the discussion were previously conveyed to Directors and Management.

12.02 Joint Services Meeting – November 10th, Brooks

A request from the Brooks Bandits to present to the Board was denied.

12.03 Endothall Meeting – November 16th, Ottawa

I. Friesen flew to Ottawa November 16th to attend a presentation to the Endothall evaluation team and the Chief Registrar of the PMRA (Pest Management Regulatory Agency). Accompanying the UPI (United Phosphorus Inc.) representatives, Irrigation district representatives were Richard Phillips – BRID GM, Terence Lazarus – SMRID GM, Mr. Friesen, and Rick Stamp – Chairman of Irrigation Council. UPI is lobbying for the approval of Endothall, an aquatic herbicide similar to Magnacide H) for use in irrigation systems in Canada. Mr. Friesen reported that headway was gained in explaining irrigation farming and infrastructure, although also advising that this regulatory process began many years ago and may take years before the herbicide can be registered, if further research is required. Besides combatting aquatic weeds, it was noted that the Endothall product, as present in Teton, is also toxic to mussels.

13.0 Rapid Response Plan Update

Mr. Friesen advised that work on the EID's Rapid Response Plan is progressing. This plan is further to preventative measures, in which specific procedures will be identified for use by the District if mussels are found. All irrigation district plans will then be coordinated with the Alberta government's rapid response plan, which has just been recently completed.

14.0 Requests for Funding

14.01 Potash Research Application to PMRA

This item was covered under the 11:00 a.m. conference call with Andrea Kalischuk.

14.02 RiverWatch Funding Update

Mr. Chrumka advised that the BRID, and possibly WID, will discuss with their boards, interest in funding RiverWatch programming. A response may be gained next week.

14.03 The WMBL in Brooks

A request for funding was received from The WMBL in Brooks (Western Major Baseball Team). This request was denied.

15.0 Mural Request from Communities in Bloom

Mr. Bridges advised that a request was received from Communities in Bloom to attach/apply a mural to the north wall of the Gymnastics Club building or the old truck shop. The mural is to depict the Horticultural Centre. Additional information is to be obtained from Communities in Bloom, and a discussion held with the Gymnastics Club executive.

16.0 Set Annual Meeting Date and 2016 Election**16.01 Set Annual Meeting Date**

Mr. Bridges advised of suitable dates for the District's Annual General Meeting, and Election considerations. The AGM is to be set for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Heritage Inn in Brooks. Nominations will cease the following day, Thursday, March 24th. An Election, if necessary, will be planned for Friday, April 22nd.

2015-11-285 Moved by R. Owen that the EID AGM be held Wednesday, March 23, 2016 with Nominations closing March 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.; and that an Election be held if necessary April 22, 2016. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

16.02 Election Date Bylaw

The 2016 Election Date Bylaw for the possible election in Divisions 2, 4 and 7 on Friday April 22, 2016 was given full readings.

2015-11-286 Moved by G. Graham that Bylaw 905 (2015), being a bylaw to set the date and time when the right to file nominations expires and to set the election date, be introduced and read the first time. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2015-11-287 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw 905 (2015), be read the second time. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2015-11-288 Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw 905 (2015) this 19th day of November, 2015. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-11-289 Moved by G. Graham that Bylaw 905 (2015), be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

16.03 Advance Voting

Advance voting will once again be offered to electors. A resolution is required to provide for holding an advance vote; if passed the Returning Office must determine the days and hours for the advance vote to be held.

2015-11-290 Moved by R. Owen that an advance vote be held in conjunction with the 2016 Election of Directors. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

16.04 Special Ballots

Due to the administrative work, managerial time and 0% uptake of special ballots for this year's election, consensus was to not provide special ballots for a possible election in 2016.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | AIPA AGM | - Monday, November 23 rd , Lethbridge Lodge, 2:00 p.m. [B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar] |
| 17.02 | AIPA Conference | - November 23 rd – 25 th , Lethbridge Lodge Hotel [Directors, I. Friesen, M. Redelback, R. Summach] |
| 17.03 | Rachel Notley & NDP MLAs Event | - Thursday, November 26 th , Stampede Park, Calgary [B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek] |
| 17.04 | Budget Meeting | - Tuesday, December 1 st , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.05 | South SK Region Reviewing the Draft Biodiversity Management Framework | - Wednesday, December 2 nd , Medicine Hat [R. Owen, C. Chomistek attending] |
| 17.06 | EID Staff Christmas Banquet | - Friday, December 4 th , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.07 | GAC Meeting | - Thursday, December 10, 1:00 pm [I. Friesen, R. Volek] |
| 17.08 | CRWUA Conference | - December 16 th , 17 th , 18 th , Las Vegas, NV [B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan, I. Friesen] |
| 17.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, December 21 st , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.10 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Monday, December 21 st , 5:00 p.m. |
| 17.11 | Board Retreat | - January 18 th – 20 th , Canmore |
| 17.12 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.13 | CWRA "The Bow Basin – Top to Bottom Challenges" | - Friday, January 29 th , Calgary |
| 17.14 | Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference | - February 16 th – 18 th , Saskatoon Inn, SK |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:34 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

December 1, 2015 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 1st day of December, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
| Mr. Floyd George | Vice-Chair | [Division 1] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| 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 | [Division 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 item was added to the agenda:

- 6.0 Encroachment Example

2015-12-291 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising**2.01 AIPA Conference**

Mr. Chrumka conveyed a conversation to the Board which he had with Jamie Wuite, Executive Director with the Irrigation and Farm Water Division of Agriculture & Forestry, at the AIPA Conference the previous week. The District's \$0 water rate, funding of research projects, collaborative efforts, promotion of agriculture and irrigated agriculture at the provincial level, were all discussed.

2.02 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

Mr. Friesen advised that he is waiting to hear back from the District's lawyer regarding revisions to clarify the draft Emergency Spillway work permit issued by Canada; and received direction from the Board for further action.

3.0 2015/2016 Budget Discussion

I. Friesen presented the 2015/2016 preliminary budget, including an overview of last year's revenues and expenses, welcoming comment and questions from Directors. Department supervisors entered portions of the meeting, were introduced, gave comment on specifics, and were thanked for their input and time.

[9:35 a.m. C. Getz, D. Syvret, S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

3.01 Operations & Maintenance

Chuck Getz – North Divisional Superintendent, Don Syvret – South Divisional Assistant Superintendent, and Shawn Dahl – Buildings & Grounds Superintendent entered the meeting. Several items were discussed, including the maintenance of mechanics for structures, screen cleaners and the Bassano Dam.

[9:51 a.m. – 10:03 a.m. Short break.]

The proposed cold storage structure addition in the main yard is to be re-evaluated, with recommendations of constructing a freestanding building.

[10:25 a.m. C. Getz, D. Syvret, S. Dahl exited the meeting; R. McLean and T. Canning entered.]

3.02 Equipment & Shop

Roger McLean – Equipment Superintendent, and Tom Canning – Assistant Equipment Superintendent entered the meeting. Construction rates and cost recoveries were discussed, along with a number of questions on various equipment.

[11:05 a.m. R. McLean and T. Canning exited the meeting, N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

3.03 Lands

Nathan Fontaine – Lands Supervisor, and Rick Volek – Lands Administrator – Grazing entered the meeting. A situation of members staying out beyond the approved Round-Up date was discussed; a penalty will be imposed as per policy. Regarding the cleanup of old fencing materials, the Board gave direction to burn the old posts where practical, rather than separate, then haul the wire to Brooks Industrial Metals for recycling. Directors were in agreement for the District to fund the initial cleanup on all EID community pastures and refuse piles, after which individual associations will be required to remove old fencing materials in conjunction with replacing any fences. A proposed extension of the Scott Lake waterline, and corrals for the Tilley swing field were also discussed. N. Fontaine was asked to investigate the possibility of an irrigated lease on a current grazing lease in the Patricia area. The PHD budget is being proposed to have an increase of \$25,000 to cover the shortfall from what has been contributed by the Fish & Game Association in previous years.

3.03.1 Set AUM Grazing Rate

R. Volek recommended a rate of \$12.00/AUM to balance the 2015 grazing expenses over a total allotment in 2016 of approximately 17,000 head.

2015-12-292 Moved by R. Owen that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2016 season be set at \$12.00/AUM. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[11:54 a.m. – 12:27 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting, R. Moen and M. Porter entered.]

3.04 EIDNet & GIS

Ronan Moen – Internet Services Supervisor, and Mark Porter – Information Services Technologist entered the meeting. Last year's changes to the EIDNet rate structure, customer growth, and required equipment for both EIDNet and the office were key discussion points.

[1:00 p.m. R. Moen and M. Porter exited the meeting.]

3.05 Administration

I. Friesen advised of wages and additional hires under the Administration department.

Reverting back to the general budget proposal, various special projects and capital purchases were discussed. It was requested to maintain the EID irrigation works capital project budget to be similar to other years, by adding some small projects to replace the one large project which had recently been scaled back.

4.0 Equipment

4.01 Quotes on Purchase of ½ and ¾ Ton Trucks

Mr. Friesen also presented quotes from 3 dealerships for the purchase of various light trucks according to District specs; prices do not include GST. Quotes were requested from 6 dealerships; 3 were received, and an additional 1 was received after the meeting.

| Dealership | 4 ½ Ton Regular Cab Long Box | 5 ¾ Ton Regular Cab Long Box | 1 ¾ Ton Crew Cab Short Box | 1 ¾ Ton Crew Cab Long Box | 1 1 Ton Regular Cab Long Box Dually Diesel |
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| Martin Chrysler Ltd., Brooks | \$28,603 | \$31,286 | \$33,402 | \$34,282 | \$45,814 |
| Davis GMC Lethbridge | \$30,086 | \$32,984 | \$35,352 | \$35,530 | [unable to supply] |
| Harwood Ford Sales, Brooks | \$31,067 | \$33,099 | \$37,757 | \$38,274 | \$45,040 |

2015-12-293 Moved by R. Owen that the District purchase:

- from Martin Chrysler:
 - four ½ ton regular cab long box trucks at \$28,603 per unit;
 - five ¾ ton regular cab long box trucks at \$31,286 per unit;
 - one ¾ ton crew cab short box truck at \$33,402;
 - one ¾ ton crew cab long box truck at \$34,282; and
- from Harwood Ford:
 - one 1 ton regular cab long box dually diesel truck at \$45,040.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

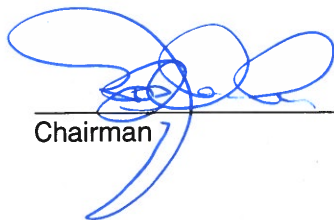
5.0 Encroachment Example

I. Friesen displayed another type of encroachment issue involving a large, inconsistently shaped right-of-way and adjacent landowner pivot which crosses into this area considerably. This example was presented for Director information and for further discussion at the retreat.

6.0 Upcoming Events

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| 6.01 | South SK Region Reviewing the Draft Biodiversity Management Framework | - Wednesday, December 2 nd , Medicine Hat [R. Owen, C. Chomistek] |
| 6.02 | EID Staff Christmas Banquet | - Friday, December 4 th , 6:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 6.03 | Joint Services Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, December 8 th , 12:00 noon, City Hall [J. Culligan] |
| 6.04 | GAC Meeting | - Thursday, December 10, 1:00 pm [I. Friesen, R. Volek] |
| 6.05 | CRWUA Conference | - December 16 th , 17 th , 18 th , Las Vegas, NV [B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan, I. Friesen] |
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G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:42 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

December 21, 2015 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21st day of December, 2015. Those in attendance were:

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| Mr. Bob Chrumka | Chair | [Division 6] | Mr. Ivan Friesen | General Manager |
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| Mr. Ross Owen | Director | [Division 3] | | |
| Mr. Bruce McKellar | Director | [Division 4] | | |
| Mr. George Graham | Director | [Division 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:

- 6.01.5 Request to Meet with the Board – Brad Calvert
- 12.0 RiverWatch

2015-12-294 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 November 19, 2015**

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2015-12-295 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the November 19, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.02 December 1, 2015

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2015-12-296 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the December 1, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

[9:07 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson advised that final project approval from the provincial government has been delayed due to further requirements requested by Alberta Environment & Parks Dam Safety Department. This delay will likely postpone the commencement of construction for the coffer dam and spillway until the fall of 2016. Discussion ensued concerning the additional requirements, and the related costs and impact to the project. Mr. Wilson was requested to write a summary of the approvals, timelines and processes.

[9:39 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

5.0 2015/2016 Budget – Further Review, Questions & Possible Approval

I. Friesen brought the 2015/2016 budget back for further discussion.

[9:42 a.m. S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

5.01 Buildings & Grounds Capital Expenditures

Additional options for the construction of a cold storage structure were discussed. A second quote for a steel building will be presented once received, and further quotes for a wood construction and taller building options were requested. Campground improvements for 2016 were also reviewed.

[10:04 a.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

5.02 General Budget Discussion

Discussion continued on several items, ie. camping rates, not charging for boat launch use to prevent random access to reservoirs, and to continue AIS education. Construction projects, construction rates, and staffing were also discussed. The cost of living increase and budget approval will be finalized by the Board in January.

[10:23 a.m. – 10:31 a.m. Short break, R. Volek entered the meeting.]

6.0 Lands**6.01 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

6.01.1 Report on GAC Meeting

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held December 10th to discuss the 2015 grazing season, 2016 cattle listings, declined applications, a post and wire cleanup in the pastures, renter status and family brand closing date, along with various other matters. Minutes of the meeting were provided to Directors. No questions or concerns were raised by GAC reps in regards to the revised grazing policy. From the GAC meeting, the following two requests were made of the EID Board.

Regarding the Henry Giesbrecht application to Gem Grazing for 2016:

GAC15-06 *Moved by D. Doerksen to grandfather this applicant in, like the other renters, until the end of 2017. Seconded by G. Andrew. CARRIED*

As this individual has already gone through the process of appeal to the Board of Directors and has been denied access to grazing until eligibility criteria are met, the following motion was approved:

2015-12-297 Moved by J. Culligan that correspondence be sent to GAC representatives that the Henry Giesbrecht application has been given final ruling by the Board of Directors prior; GAC15-06 motion is denied. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

Regarding the Renter and Family Brand deadline of the end of 2017:

GAC15-07 *Moved by J. Neely that renters receive a "one-time" opportunity for a period of 5 years, no family brands, with a valid lawyer-drawn rental agreement, to graze cattle in the community pastures. Seconded by L. Pickett. CARRIED*

This motion was also denied. The Board recommended that a special meeting be set up for the GAC to discuss any proposals to allow renters which would eliminate opportunity for potential abuse. Response letters will be sent to all GACs before the Christmas break.

6.01.2 2016 Cattle Listings

Overall membership in community grazing associations continues to plateau in the 245 range. Total numbers at this point are slightly above last year, but are anticipated to decrease to some extent.

| 2016 Cattle Numbers Summary as of December 15, 2015 | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Association | 2015 | 2016 | Difference | Members |
| Bantry | 581 | 572 | -9 | 8 |
| Bassano | 1,299 | 1,206 | -93 | 16 |
| Duchess | 1,281 | 1,344 | +63 | 18 |
| Eyremore | 1,959 | 1,959 | 0 | 24 |
| Gem | 2,473 | 2,514 | +41 | 35 |
| Newell | 2,303 | 2,263 | -40 | 30 |
| Patricia | 2,959 | 2,756 | -203 | 41 |
| Rolling Hills | 1,145 | 1,182 | +37 | 21 |
| Rosemary | 1,646 | 1,897 | +251 | 28 |
| Tilley | 1,519 | 1,623 | +104 | 24 |
| Total | 17,165 | 17,316 | +151 | 245 |
| Members | 12 new, 11 drop out | | | |

6.01.3 Set Grazing Number Per Member

Total head of cattle are sitting at 17,316 based on an 84 head maximum per member allocation. Mr. Volek advised that the GAC was in agreement with these allocations.

2015-12-298 Moved by R. Owen that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2016 grazing season be set at 84 for full members, 56 for 2nd year members, and 28 for 1st year members. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

In regards to a Director's comment, it was requested that individual members managing portions of Grazing Association leases be discussed at the upcoming Retreat.

6.01.4 Request to Transfer PGL #7041 – Grosfield to Bartman

An application has been received to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7041 from Earl Grosfield to Jordy Bartman. The 426 acre, 71 AUM lease is located in Pt Sec 13, NE 14, Pt S ½ 23 & Pt SW 24-18-14 W4M and is a long term lease transferable to any eligible water user. There are 8 years remaining on the lease, with the right to renew for a further 15 years. Jordy Bartman meets all the eligibility requirements.

2015-12-299 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve Private Grazing Lease #7041 to be transferred from Earl Grosfield to Jordy Bartman. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.01.5 Request to Meet with the Board – Brad Calvert

A request has been received from Brad Calvert to meet with the Board to discuss the penalty imposed for leaving cattle out too long on community pastures. This request was granted. An opportunity for appeal of this decision will be set up early in the New Year.

[11:31 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

7.0 Financial Report

7.01 November 30, 2015 Financial Statements

The financial statements to November 30, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$7.16 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$4.5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$2.66 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2015-12-300 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2015, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues have occurred since last month. Administration reported that the Palliser Economic Partnership is spearheading an initiative to examine the feasibility of providing gigabit internet service throughout southeast Alberta. The Partnership will be holding a meeting in Brooks on January 14, 2016 and an EIDNet representative will attend the meeting.

| Current EIDNet Customer Accounts | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Legacy Residential Accounts | 362 |
| Residential Accounts | 1,077 |
| Business Accounts | 49 |
| EID Automation | 4 |
| Total | 1,493 |

[11:49 a.m. – 1:23 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2016/17 to 2018/19

The District's Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2015/16 to 2017/18, was presented. Completed projects and continuing projects were listed in the report, with new projects being reviewed, and outlined as follows:

| IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Year | Project | Estimated Expenditure |
| Proposed Year 1 - 2016/17 | 11-B Springhill | Option 1 - \$8,500,000 |
| | | Option 2 - \$7,000,000 |
| Proposed Year 2 - 2017/18 | Secondary A Rolling Hills | \$1,500,000 |
| Proposed Year 3 - 2018/19 | 09 Secondary A Rolling Hills | \$2,000,000 |
| | 09 Secondary A Springhill | \$2,000,000 |

2015-12-301 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2016/17 to 2018/19. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

9.02 01-04D Springhill

This rehabilitation project is located approximately 4.5 km east of the SE end of Rock Lake Reservoir and is being proposed for the 2015/2016 construction season. The proposed rehab is to extend the 01-04D Springhill pipeline 450 m south from the north boundary of NW 05-20-14 W4M, close to the center of the quarter. The pipeline will connect with the 01-01C Springhill canal, near the pump station for the Springhill pressure system. This will allow for better control of water and result in less spill. The project is estimated to cost \$99,000. It was requested that a discussion be held with the landowner for locating the pipeline to the quarter section center coordinates in the event that a pivot might be installed in the future.

2015-12-302 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the rehabilitation of 01-04D Springhill by installing 450 m of pipeline, for an estimated project cost of \$99,000. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

10.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Shoreline Draft Policy

Legal review of the draft Shoreline Policy having been obtained, a revised document was presented for the Board's consideration. Directors were requested to examine the policy and to bring further comments to the upcoming Retreat and January Board Meeting.

[1:37 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

6.0 Lands cont'd.**6.02 Oil & Gas**

N. Fontaine presented the following Oil & Gas Report.

6.02.1 Compensation Rates Summary

An overview of the oil and gas companies and annual rental rates to date was presented, and summarized as follows:

| Oil & Gas Companies – Annual Rental Rates | | |
|--|-------|--------------|
| | | Total |
| Oil & gas companies operating on EID lands | | 35 |
| Number of leases | | 8,428 |
| • Leases at 2007-2010 rates | | 1,024 |
| • CNRL | 992 | |
| • CQ Energy | 28 | |
| • Rio Petro | 4 | |
| • Leases at 2011-2013 rates | | 5,338 |
| • Leases at 2014-2016 rates | | 2,066 |
| • Leases up for review in 2016 | 1,767 | |

6.02.2 CNRL Negotiations

Recent meetings with CNRL and legal counsel were reviewed concerning compensation negotiations, with discussion ensuing. Direction was given as to a written response, and forthcoming strategy.

6.02.3 Imaginea Proposed Solar Panel Project

Imaginea is proposing another solar powered lease on EID Lands. As this project may conflict or trigger clauses within the lease agreement, it was requested that staff obtain a consultant's opinion concerning the change of use.

6.02.4 Set Rates – Dirt, Landspraying, Seismic

A short discussion was held on current rates being charged for land spraying, fill material, topsoil material and seismic activity, with mention of comparable local rates.

2015-12-303 Moved by J. Culligan that the 2015 Oil & Gas rates be retained for 2016:

- **landspraying – \$2,000/well;**
- **fill – \$3.00/m³;**
- **topsoil – \$15.00/m³; and**
- **seismic:**
 - **source – \$1,250/mile,**
 - **receiver – \$800/mile,**
 - **improved pasture – additional \$100/mile.**

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:08 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, E. McLeod entered.]

6.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

E. McLeod presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands Report.

6.03.1 Farm Improvement – Bruce & Julie Musgrove – SE 29-20-12 W4M

Current assessment is 105 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 125 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 105 acres flood to pivot. 20 additional acres are needed; these acres are gained through efficiencies from flood to pivot and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,820 (105 acres x \$84/acre flood to pivot). The Capital Assets charge is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 125 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2015-12-304 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bruce & Julie Musgrove for the conversion of 105 acres flood to pivot in SE 29-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,820. The capital assets charge is \$6,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

The Landowner is also requesting to bank the efficiency acres as he plans to clean up the obstacles and have the soils tested in the wedge next year.

2015-12-305 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 33 efficiency acres from the conversion of 105 acres from flood to pivot in SE 29-20-12 W4M (105 acres x 50% increase in efficiency = 53 efficiency acres, less 20 acres used = 33 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.03.2 Farm Improvement – Will Henrickson – NE 11-20-13 W4M

The Landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant for the removal of trees and filling in of old field drains and dugout to accommodate his pivot in NE 11-20-13 W4M. The work is estimated to cost \$12,000 for the tree removal and \$9,200 for the filling in of the dugout and old field drains, of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to 12,000.

2015-12-306 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Will Henrickson for on-farm work to remove trees and push in old field drains and a dugout to accommodate a new pivot in NE 11-20-13 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis by the District

and the Landowner, up to a \$12,000 District contribution, for a total project cost of \$21,200 (\$10,600 – EID, \$10,600 – Landowner). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.03.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – 1790035 Alberta Ltd. (Rick Stamp)

The existing Irrigable Unit for NE, SE & SW 34-14-15 W4M needs to be discharged and a new Irrigable Unit registered to include NE 27 as there are 3 pivots reaching into the 4 quarters all being served from deliveries located in SW 34.

2015-12-307 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE, SE & SW 34-14-15 W4M, all lands being owned by 1790035 Alberta Ltd. (Rick Stamp). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2015-12-308 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE, SE & SW 34 and NE 27-14-15 W4M, all lands being owned by 1790035 Alberta Ltd. (Rick Stamp). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

6.03.4 Irrigable Unit Registration – Irrigated Lease #8268 (Russell Douglass)

The current pivot covers a portion of Sec 36-23-16 W4M and crosses into W ½ 31-23-15 W4M, with one delivery point. It is desired to register an Irrigable Unit prior to the lease being tendered for sale at the end of 2016.

2015-12-309 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 31-23-16 W4M, E ½ 36 and Pt. W ½ 36-23-15 W4M, all lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.03.5 Irrigation Development Application – Reid & Denise Berg – NW & SW 19-20-13 W4M

As this application rates above this year's cutoff and the District's maximum allotted new acres for 2016 have not yet been reached, it was given consideration by the Board. The applicant currently has no irrigation acres on this parcel and is proposing to install 103 acres of wheel line irrigation. Approval is subject to soils tests passing, and the following standard requirements:

- Capital Asset charges for acres added to new (dry) parcels is \$700/acre;
- Capital Asset payment is due upon the installation of the infrastructure;
- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2016;
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled right-of-way land;
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise; and
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization.

2015-12-310 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the irrigation development application for Reid & Denise Berg for 103 acres of wheel irrigation in Pt. NW 18 and Pt. SW 19-20-13 W4M, conditional on soil tests passing, and at a cost of \$700/acre = \$72,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:24 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

11.0 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Mr. Friesen presented the following AIS Report on behalf of M. Redelback.

11.01 Mussel Detection Dog Program – Final Report

A final progress report for the training of the 3 dog and handler teams was provided. Deployment of the inspection teams did not begin until July of 2015 as this was the inaugural year and several months were necessary for selection and training. Nearly 600 inspections were completed, and it is anticipated to double or triple that for the 2016 season. Detail of season debriefing, over winter training, upcoming early spring refresher training, on-site visits and additional support were

elaborated upon in the report. Interestingly, a Montana group has received funding to add canines to their inspection program and will be modelling the Alberta program.

It has been advised by Working Dogs for Conservation to hold off on adding the 4th dog and handler team, so that a full season of data can be collected enabling associated programming determinations. Administration was requested to enquire of other irrigation districts whether they prefer the surplus funds tagged for a 4th dog and handler to be returned or kept for future funding purposes.

12.0 RiverWatch

Mr. Chrumka confirmed that he has heard back from the BRID and they have committed to donating \$5,000 towards RiverWatch for their educational programming. A short discussion followed.

2015-12-311 Moved by G. Graham that the EID donate \$5,000 to RiverWatch for their 2016 operational budget. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

13.0 Corporate Relations Report

Mr. Friesen presented the following Corporate Relations Report on behalf of M. Redelback.

13.01 Mural Request from Communities in Bloom

Additional details were obtained regarding the proposed mural for the old truck shop, next to the Gymnastics building. The mural is proposed to be Dibond panels with total mural size to be within 17' x 30', attached to the north wall, and in a similar style to the Weatherford mural. The mural is to depict the history of the Horticultural Centre; a detailed sketch will be provided for approval once Communities in Bloom has secured funding and a contract with the muralist. An agreement would be entered into between CIB and the EID, which after 5 years is cancellable by either party. The Board was in agreement with this proposal.

13.02 Salute to Agriculture – Total Event Costs

Total costs for the Salute to Agriculture event held October 28th at the Silver Sage Corral came in at \$3,679.62. It had been agreed that the expenses would be split between the County of Newell, City of Brooks and the EID; the District's share was \$1,226.54.

14.0 Draft Retreat Agenda

In addition to the agenda item added earlier in the meeting, Directors are to contact Administration if they have any further requests.

15.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

15.01 South SK Region – Reviewing the Draft Biodiversity Management Framework

R. Owen and C. Chomistek attended the Review of the Draft Biodiversity Management Framework for the South Saskatchewan Region, in Medicine Hat December 2nd. Although nothing disconcerting in the presentation, a lot of questions were raised with the setting of environmental thresholds, triggers and regulations, along with establishing a baseline that includes natural variabilities.

15.02 Joint Shared Services Committee – December 8th

J. Culligan attended the Joint Shared Services Committee at Brooks City Hall December 8th. The provincial government's Bill 6 was discussed at length.

15.03 EID Staff Kids Christmas Party – December 12th

G. Graham attended the EID Staff Kids Christmas Party in Brooks December 12th. This year the event was held at the Maximum Adventure Park in the south industrial area. The group consisted of approximately 100 people, half being kids, and was well enjoyed by all. Continuation of this program is recommended.

15.04 CRWUA Conference – December 16th – 18th, Las Vegas, NV

B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan and I. Friesen attended the Colorado River Water Users Association Conference in Las Vegas December 16th – 18th. Directors conversed with irrigation districts from several states on the Colorado River, garnering information on the prevalence of invasive mussels, the use of certain chemicals, and their inspection measures. Water sharing between states, industry and urbanites continues to be controversial topics, as well as water efficiencies and regulations.

15.05 AIPA Executive Committee Update

C. Chomistek attended an AIPA Executive Meeting December 15th in Lethbridge. Director Meetings have been set for April 4th in Strathmore, and September 26th in Lethbridge. The next Annual Conference will be held November 14th – 16th at the Deerfoot Inn in Calgary. Planning is proceeding for a proposed MLA tour of irrigation districts in July. AIPA being granted intervenor status concerning electrical rates was discussed. Mr. Friesen was requested to follow up with AIPA on the proposed electrical rate increases.

15.05.1 Alberta Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Rapid Response Plan

Directors were provided with the Alberta AIS Early Detection Rapid Response Plan developed by various provincial government departments, AEMERA (Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting Agency), irrigation districts, and TransAlta. Mr. Friesen advised that, in essence, when a mussel is detected within Alberta ASERT (Alberta Environment Support & Emergency Response Team) mobilizes and controls the site and the local governing body meshes their rapid response plan into this master plan for course of action. Opportunity for comment on this draft plan was given through AIPA earlier this month.

15.05.2 Alberta Water Council – Recom. to Improve Lake Watershed Management in Alberta

Directors were also provided with the Recommendations to Improve Lake Watershed Management in Alberta, a report of the Lake Management Project Team to the Alberta Water Council. This draft document was also open for comment earlier in the month and through AIPA, attention is being brought to differentiating between lakes and irrigation reservoirs, plus the referencing and recommendations of such.

15.06 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce Update

B. McKellar advised that recent communication from the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce has been mostly concerning Bill 6.


16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Board Retreat | - January 18 th – 20 th , Canmore |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.03 | CWRA "The Bow Basin – Top to Bottom Challenges" | - Friday, January 29 th , Calgary |
| 16.04 | Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference | - February 16 th – 18 th , Saskatoon Inn, SK [Dan Buell] |
| 16.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:35 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager