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January 26, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of January, 2016. 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	[Division 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.0 Operations
- 8.01 Snowpack Report
- 14.01 Prairie Conservation Forum Report
- 14.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society
- 16.0 Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Potash Research Project

2016-01-001 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 December 21, 2015

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

2016-01-002 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the December 21, 2015 Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 AIPA Executive Committee Update

Mr. Friesen is pursuing discussion of water quality testing for all districts under IRP funding, otherwise will organize backing from each district to be combined into one fund for this purpose. The majority of districts are in agreement to have a testing program in place for this water season.

[9:09 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

4.01 General Update

Mr. Wilson presented a summary of the approvals, timelines and processes to date for the Emergency Spillway project. Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd. has been contracted by the District to work as an independent consultant for Alberta Environment & Parks Dam Safety Department, to conduct a review of the main spillway in regards to the emergency spillway project. Construction of the cofferdam and project has been delayed to the fall of 2016.

4.02 Funding Update

The \$15 M funding installment has not yet been received from the Provincial Government, but it has been conveyed that it is forthcoming.

[9:26 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

5.0 2015/2016 Budget – Approval

The 2015/2016 Budget was brought back to the Board for final consideration. I. Friesen updated the Directors as to a couple minor adjustments made to the budget since the December 21st Board Meeting. A number of smaller items were discussed.

2016-01-003 Moved by B. McKellar that the Board of Directors approve the 2015/2016 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[9:32 a.m. S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

5.01 Buildings & Grounds – Cold Storage Shed

Mr. Dahl presented further quotes on steel, wood, and post & beam options for a cold storage shed to be constructed on the main yard. It was requested that local quotes be obtained and that the Board be updated on this project.

[9:45 a.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

6.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Shoreline

6.01 Retreat Follow Up re Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy

The draft Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy was reviewed with legal counsel at the Retreat, and in follow up, several items were deliberated and direction given. A final draft policy is to be brought back to the Board for further dialogue and potential approval. The initial policy framework outline will be discussed with the County and regional Environment & Parks Administration at a Joint EID/County Meeting. Meetings with committees of affected residents will be arranged.

6.02 Retreat Follow Up re Dock & Boat Lift Specifications

Direction was given with regards to dock and boat lift standards and length of permitted use.

[10:09 a.m. – 10:14 a.m. Short break, Ed Chapman entered the meeting.]

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2014/2015 Year End Statements

Mr. Chrumka welcomed Ed Chapman, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, to the meeting. The auditor's report and letters were presented. Mr. Chapman reported that the District's financial records were found to be in order, other than an error from prior to 2010 that was corrected in the current year. The effect of the error is that some revenues were reported in a year other than the year in which they were earned. The error is considered to be insignificant and no adjustments to prior year financial statements were required. A number of questions were asked of the auditor. Mr. Chapman was thanked for the thorough work done on the audit. Mr. Chapman thanked administration and staff for their cooperation and assistance with the audit.

[10:32 a.m. Ed Chapman exited the meeting.]

2016-01-004 Moved by G. Graham that:

- **the Independent Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2015 be approved as presented; and**
- **the audit findings letter dated January 26, 2016 be accepted, executed and returned to the auditor and that the auditor independence letter dated October 27, 2015 be received as information.**

Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.0 Water Bylaws & Policy

In follow up to discussion at the Retreat, Mr. Bridges presented the following documents for approval of the Board.

7.01 Water Delivery & Operations Policy

There have been no changes to the intent of the current Water Delivery & Operations Policy. A revised policy has been drafted to correlate with the new Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw.

2016-01-005 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Water Delivery & Operations Policy as revised, effective January 26, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

7.02 Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw

The Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain infractions have occurred.

2016-01-006 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #906 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2016-01-007 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve Bylaw #906 (2016) the second time this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2016-01-008 Moved by G. Graham that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #906 (2016), this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar.

Unanimous vote of consent for third reading was not obtained.

It was requested that this bylaw be brought back to the next Board Meeting for third and final reading. Minor wording revisions were suggested. The draft for the new Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw will also be completed and brought back at that time.

8.0 Operations

8.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Friesen identified the current status of the various snowpack pillows. Overall, snowfall accumulation is tracking within average quantities, with snowfall significant to the Bow River normally occurring in the late winter, early spring.

9.0 Lands

9.01 Oil & Gas

9.01.1 Retreat Follow Up re CNRL Negotiations

J. Culligan provided information useful to the District's lawyer and appraiser in the CNRL negotiations. An agreement for CNRL's riser request will be finalized by administration.

[10:50 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

9.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.02.1 Retreat Follow Up

- Proposed New Private Grazing Permit – Pt. SW 36-16-14 W4M

This 12 acre parcel is bordered by the Summit Drain on the west and land owned by Ellis Kropf on the east.

2016-01-009 Moved by J. Culligan that Pt. SW 36-16-14 W4M be offered to Ellis Kropf as an annual private grazing permit, at an annual fee of \$250/year. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

- Proposed New Private Grazing Permit – Pt. NE 36-20-15 W4M

This 6 acre parcel is fenced and is adjacent to the Springhill Canal to the south.

2016-01-010 Moved by J. Culligan that Pt. NE 36-20-15 W4M be tendered as a Private Grazing Lease, expiring at the end of 2023. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

- Cowoki Reservoir Shoreline Lands

Additional discussions are to be held with Murrays, encompassing the 2,000 acres of Cowoki Reservoir shoreline lands and all currently held private grazing leases and grazed lands, historical records, etc. Further direction was given.

- Rock Lake North Shoreline Lands

A discussion is to be held with Vincent Krause concerning the history and use of the 500 acres of shoreline lands north of Rock Lake, and a summary is to be brought back to the Board.

- Unauthorized Cultivation of PGL #7038 (Les Douglass)
In follow up to the unauthorized cultivation of a portion of PGL #7038, the following was imposed.

2016-01-011 Moved by B. McKellar that a fence be installed on the east boundary of PGL #7038, by and at the cost of the Lessee (Les Douglass). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

- Special Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting re Discussion on Renters
A Special GAC Meeting to discuss parameters for the potential inclusion of renters on Community Pastures was set for Wednesday, February 10th, 1:00 p.m.
- Bow Island Grazing and Hays Grazing – Request for Water Conveyance
I. Friesen will outline in detail at a future meeting, but summarized that the District may convey water to license holders outside the District boundaries. To serve a parcel without a license would require it to be brought into the District. This item will be brought back for further discussion.

[11:55 a.m. C. Chomistek opted to exit the meeting.]

9.02.2 Grazing Leases in Rolling Hills

Private Grazing Leases #7167 and #7214 in the Rolling Hills area are to be tendered for 3 year terms, with the equating eligibility requirements. PGL #7287 will not be tendered out at this point in time, and is to be part of the discussions with previous leaseholders.

2016-01-012 Moved by G. Graham that PGL #7214 and PGL #7167 be tendered out as 3 year Private Grazing Leases, with standard restrictions and requirements. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[12:05 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. C. Chomistek re-entered the meeting. Lunch break.]

9.02.3 Proposed New Private Grazing Lease – Pt. Sec. 08 & Pt. NE 05-18-13 W4M

This 231 acre parcel is fenced and has highway and rail line boundaries. It is currently part of the lands utilized by Tilley Grazing Association, but there is no longer practical use for it by the Association.

2016-01-013 Moved by B. McKellar that Pt. Sec. 08 & Pt. NE 05-18-13 W4M be tendered out as a long term Private Grazing Lease, with standard restrictions and requirements, expiring at the end of 2023, with the right to renew for a further 15 years. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.02.4 Proposed New Private Grazing Lease for Newell Grazing Association Bulls

Newell Grazing Association had been using a 279 acre, isolated parcel in Pt NE & Pt NW 31-16-15 W4M, and Pt SE 06 & Pt SW 05-17-15 W4M under a unique Bull Permit agreement. In order to update and equalize the arrangement to other agreements, it was recommended that this parcel be offered as an Annual Private Grazing Lease to the Association.

2016-01-014 Moved by G. Graham that an Annual Private Grazing Lease be developed and executed with Newell Grazing Association for their current bull pasture. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

9.02.5 Swing Field Designations

Management of Swing Fields is under the direct control of the EID. In reality, some Swing Field areas have been managed by Associations for many years. It was recommended to re-designate 2 areas, to gain clarity on maintenance and management responsibilities. The District will continue to retain final authority on any designated lands.

It was recommended to label the Finnegan Swing Field area of W ½ 05, Sec 08 & 09, & W ½ 10-25-16 W4M as grazing land to be used by the Gem Grazing Association. It was noted that this has been the practice for the 3 section parcel for at least 20 years.

It was also recommended to label the Burns Field as grazing land to be utilized by the Patricia Grazing Association, adding that the 24 sections have been grazed by the Association for many years as well.

2016-01-015 Moved by F. George that the detached 3 section Finnegan Swing Field be re-designated as Gem Community Grazing, and the entire Burns Field be re-designated as Patricia Community Grazing. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

Opposed – J. Culligan and B. McKellar

9.02.6 Request to Transfer PGL #7108 – Lily Murray to Anna Martens

Decision on the request to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7108 Lily Murray to Anna Martens has been delayed until discussions with Murrays have been held.

9.02.7 Request to Transfer PGL #7109 – David Hart to Jeff Braaten

Although it appeared to be stalled, the transfer of Private Grazing Lease #7109 David Hart to Jeff Braaten, approved in September, is proceeding.

[1:06 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting, E. McLeod entered.]

9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

E. McLeod presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands Report.

9.03.1 Retreat Follow Up re General Assessment

- Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria & Guidelines
As has been the practice, the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria & Guidelines Policy will now include the standard 1 year deadline for ensuring infrastructure is in place, when applying for irrigation development.

2016-01-016 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria & Guidelines Policy as revised, effective January 26, 2016. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

- Farm Improvement Policy
Further clarity for the Farm Improvement Policy was proposed concerning banking of efficiency acres. As the dynamics of such presented questions of individuals and corporations, planned development projects and ownership of land, it was requested that the policy be brought back to the February Board Meeting for further discussion.

9.03.2 Retreat Follow Up re Encroachments

A Retreat summary of direction regarding encroachments was presented. No revisions were requested at this time.

9.03.3 Retreat Follow Up re Annual Agreements

A Retreat summary of direction concerning Annual Agreements was also presented. No revisions were requested at this time.

9.03.4 Assessment Report to December 31, 2015

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 was presented as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
October 1, 2015	293,873	4,890	298,763
December 31, 2015	294,159	4,816	298,975
Net increase	286	< 74 >	212
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 28 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			214
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			72
Terminable Acres Canceled			2

9.03.5 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Bob McKnight – NE 14-21-14 W4M to Pt N ½ 07-21-13 W4M

Bob McKnight is installing a wiper pivot on NE 07-21-13 W4M and will require additional acres to do so. The Landowner is requesting to transfer 12 extra acres from outside the pivot area on NE 14-21-14 W4M to accommodate the pivot on NE 07.

2016-01-017 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 12 irrigation acres from NE 14-21-14 W4M to NE 07-21-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Bob McKnight. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

9.03.6 Farm Improvement – Bob McKnight – NE 07-21-13 W4M

Current assessment on Pt N ½ 07-21-13 W4M is 77 acres (32 in NW, 33 in NE and 12 transferred in from NE 14). New wiper pivot area is 77 acres, all in NE 07. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 77 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,468 (77 acres x \$84/acre). There is an existing Irrigable Unit. New assessment on NE 07 will be 77 acres, all under pivot irrigation; no assessment will remain in Pt NW 07.

2016-01-018 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bob McKnight for the conversion of 77 acres flood to pivot in NE 07-21-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,468. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03.7 Farm Improvement – Robert Peltzer – SW 08-21-15 W4M

Current assessment is 100 acres wheels; new wiper pivot area is 115 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 100 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,200 (100 acres x \$42/acre). The Capital Assets charge is \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 115 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-01-019 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Robert Peltzer for the conversion of 100 acres wheels to pivot in SW 08-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,200. The capital assets charge is \$4,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03.8 Farm Improvement – Bernhard Schulz – SE 10-17-16 W4M

Current assessment is 125 acres flood; new pivot area is 136 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 125 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,500. The Capital Assets charge is \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 136 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-01-020 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bernhard Schulz for the conversion of 125 acres flood to pivot in SE 10-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,500. The capital assets charge is \$3,300. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.03.9 Farm Improvement – South Slope Feeders Ltd. – Pt. NW & SW 24-16-16 W4M

It was requested that this Farm Improvement application be brought back to February's meeting to be dealt with after the policy discussion.

9.03.10 Irrigable Unit Registration – South Slope Feeders Ltd. – Pt. NW & SW 24-16-16 W4M

The Landowner is installing a pivot in the SW that will cross into the NW. As the delivery location for both parcels is in the SW an Irrigable Unit is required to ensure water delivery to both parcels in the future.

2016-01-021 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW & SW 24-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.03.11 Irrigable Unit Registration – South Slope Feeders Ltd. – Sec. 12-17-16 W4M

Lands in Pt N ½ 12, owned by the EID, are being traded for lands in Pt E ½ 15-16-16 W4M, owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Once the land trade has been completed the section pivot will be enabled to run full circle. An existing Irrigable Unit on Pt Sec 12 needs to be discharged and a new Irrigable Unit for the entire section registered once the land trade is complete.

2016-01-022 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. Sec. 12-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

2016-01-023 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 12-17-16 W4M, upon all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

9.03.12 Letter from Russell & Pam Douglass re Irrigated Lease #8268

A letter was received from Russell & Pam Douglass requesting that the tender of Irrigated Lease #8268 proceed for 2016. Discussion ensued concerning potential buyers, subdivision, road allowance, pipeline and rental rate matters.

2016-01-024 Moved by G. Graham that the District proceed with the tender of Irrigated Lease #8268. Seconded by F. George. DEFEATED

Further discussion was held; a final decision was delayed to the end of meeting.

[2:02 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting, D. Buell entered.]

9.04 Habitat, Wildlife & Access**9.04.1 2015 Access, Signage & Wildlife Summary**

D. Buell presented the Access, Signage & Wildlife Summary for 2015, as highlighted below. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Buell.

Access

- 172 individuals applied for hunting access permission, which is an estimated 20% of the total hunters using EID lands
- 12 individuals and the Lake Newell Condominium Assoc. applied for permission to trap
- requests for target shooting, sustenance hunting and ATV use were denied
- Lake Newell, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir lands are popular for day use in summer; some minor random camping activities were noted
- off-highway vehicle use occurs most frequently in the sand hills of Rosemary Grazing Association, Eyremore Gravel Pit, and coulees of Patricia Grazing Association
- highest use areas for hunting are Duchess, Rosemary, Gem and Newell grazing associations
- additional help patrolling EID lands is gained from the County Peace Officers, Provincial Parks Conservation Officers, Fish & Wildlife Officers and the RCMP
- 28 non-compliance information tickets were handed out, mostly for off highway vehicle use and driving off designated routes, as well as for open fires and random camping
- replacement, additional and new signage is being planned for 2016, and differentiation of various EID lands on the County map has been reinstated
- preparation of revisions to the Access Policy for District Owned Lands is underway, to be brought back for Board approval
- 5 non-EID research projects are ongoing on District lands, and 1 other project has been completed

Signage

- the District requests of the Brooks Motocross Club concerning their signage were complied

Water Conveyance for Ducks Unlimited

- apportionment for the DU wetland projects was scaled back in early summer as a precaution for a potential increased demand of irrigation water in the season; a total of 18,322 acre feet was conveyed

Wildlife

- revisions to the Wildlife Guide and development of a database are underway

[2:17 p.m. Short break, D. Buell exited the meeting.]

10.0 Retreat Follow Up re General & Other Topics

A draft Summary & Action Item Follow Up on the Retreat was presented; there were no revisions to the summary. It was requested that Mr. Friesen obtain information on TID's cost-sharing program of constructing large dugouts for the purpose of early irrigation. Spring Information Meeting dates and times will be confirmed.

11.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

11.01 December 31, 2015 Financial Statements

The financial statements to December 31, 2015 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$10.36 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$5.87 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$4.49 million.

It was requested that Admin provide the cost per acre for delivering water via high pressure systems. A reduction in rates paid to contractors will be rolled out shortly.

2016-01-025 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2015, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.02 1st Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2015

The 1st Quarter Investment Report was presented on behalf of L. Smith. The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2015 was \$52,439 or .0661% lower than the book value at September 30, 2015. EID short term investments totaling \$13.9 million matured and short term investments totaling \$12.2 million were purchased. IRP short term investments totaling \$4.0 million matured. Bassano Dam Spillway short term investments totaling \$1.0 million matured and short term investments totaling \$1.25 million were purchased. No long term investments matured or were purchased.

2016-01-026 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2015 as presented. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

11.03 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2015

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

2016-01-027 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2015 as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

11.04 2016 Remuneration Bylaw

The proposed 2016 Remuneration Bylaw was presented for review. The Director per diems have been reduced and the mileage rate decreased from 57¢/km to 55¢/km, to reflect the current local and provincial economies.

2016-01-028 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #908 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2016-01-029 Moved by F. George that the Board read and approve Bylaw #908 (2016) the second time this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-01-030 Moved by J. Culligan that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #908 (2016) this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016-01-031 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #908 (2016), 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 R. Owen. CARRIED

11.05 2016 Rates Bylaw

Clause 3 (annual agreement rate) of the 2016 Rates Bylaw has been changed from \$0 to \$28/acre in expectation of agreements required to allow for the irrigation of road allowances. This rate is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of irrigation water. No other revisions were made; the bylaw continues to be based on a '\$0' water rate, excepting surcharges for pressurized systems.

2016-01-032 Moved by F. George that Bylaw #909 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-01-033 Moved by G. Graham that the Board read and approve Bylaw #909 (2016) the second time this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2016-01-034 Moved by J. Culligan that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #909 (2016), this 26th day of January, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016-01-035 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #909 (2016), 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 B. McKellar. CARRIED

11.06 2016 Fees Bylaw

The 2016 Fees Bylaw was presented as based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, slight increases would apply. A short discussion was held; direction was given to retain the fee schedule from last year for 2016 due to the economic state of the area. Pressurized system costs for Country Residential agreements are to be examined.

2016-01-036 Moved by R. Owen that the 2015 Fees Bylaw be retained for 2016. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[3:08 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

12.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

12.01 Monthly Update

On New Year's Eve the primary backhaul in Rosemary went down causing a service slowdown of about 4 hours to everyone served off the Rosemary tower. The Bassano tower was down on January 8th when Fortis was replacing power poles, resulting in a 2 hour outage for customers.

Current EIDNet Customer Accounts	
Legacy Residential Accounts	342
Residential Accounts	1,098
Business Accounts	52
EID Automation	4
Total	1,496

12.02 Report on Meeting

Mr. Moen attended a Palliser Economic Partnership meeting in Brooks on January 14th regarding an initiative to examine the feasibility of providing gigabit internet service throughout southeast Alberta. The proposal is to apply for government funding for the infrastructure, and to secure a private business to operate the service. Although advantageous, providing fiber service to remote areas has not been proven realistic due to the high cost involved with installing fiber. In any event, the District will be kept apprised of the progress of this proposal as it is moved forward through the municipal channels.

[3:15 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

13.0 Engineering

13.01 Project Status

Mr. Friesen updated the Board as to the present state of construction projects.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
Rosemary Drain (2.4 km)	- .9 km completed (.3 km armoured)
Summit Drain (10.6 km)	- 4 km completed
PIPELINE	
01 Bow Slope (20 km)	- 5 km completed
02-C Scott Canal (420 m)	- not started
06-H West Bantry (800 m)	- not started

01-04D Springhill (400 m)	- not started
Structures	
23 Bow Slope	- structure into well, not started

13.02 Brooks Pistol Club Canal Relocation

The Brooks Pistol Club has enquired whether the canal east of their shooting ranges could be relocated. The Club is desiring the ditch to run directly adjacent to the east berm to allow for additional shooting bays further east on the property. The relocation would involve excavating 115 m of new ditch, pushing in approximately 175 m of old ditch, and installing a new crossing, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

2016-01-037 Moved by F. George that the portion of the canal within the Gun Club lease lands be relocated at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Seconded by G. Graham. DEFEATED

2016-01-038 Moved by R. Owen that the portion of the canal within the Brooks Pistol Club lease lands be relocated on a 75/25 cost-share basis, between the EID and the Brooks Pistol Club, at an estimated cost of \$10,000 (\$7,500 EID, \$2,500 Gun Club). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

13.03 2015/2016 Structures Program

5 additional check structures have been identified for repair or replacement; 4 on G North Bantry and 1 on the Rosemary Drain. The cost estimate for these 5 has been revised to \$294,000.

2016-01-039 Moved by F. George that the additions to the 2015/2016 Structures Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$294,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

The full cost of the 13 structures in the 2015/2016 Structures Program now totals \$562,000.

9.0 Lands cont'd.

9.03.12 Letter from Russell Douglass re Irrigated Lease #8268 cont'd.

As it was felt that it would be in the best interests for any potential buyer to have the subdivision and road allowance closure finalized, the Board denied the request to proceed immediately with the tender of Irrigated Lease #8268. In consideration of this delay, it was granted that no pipeline infrastructure payment be required for the 2016 costs of these lands, and that the 2015 rental rate be applied for 2016.

14.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

14.01 Prairie Conservation Forum Report

R. Owen provided minutes and financial statements from the Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum AGM, held January 13th. Mr. Owen noted corrections to his recorded comments under the PCF Member Updates: EID committing some funding towards RiverWatch; Federal Government and Siksika Nation on side with Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway project, but is being stalled at the Provincial Government level; disappointment with ABMI's negative take on agriculture's impact on the environment; declined sitting on the Transboundary Initiative (more to do with species at risk);

and the suggestion of R. Volek or D. Buell offering interested groups a tour of some of our prairie lands in conjunction with the Antelope Creek Ranch anniversary.

14.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

F. George updated the Board on a few CVRS campground matters: the revised agreement is acceptable to the Society, the shower building needs to have heat maintained throughout the winter, boat slip rental income of \$9,000 will be forwarded to the District, new camp managers were hired in 2015, and there will be some changes to the Society's executive. As well, there has been some practice of allowing 2 camping units per campsite; it is being advised to discontinue this practice as more recreational vehicles are demanding 30 amp power and electrical infrastructure may be compromised.

14.03 Joint Shared Services Committee – January 12th

B. Chrumka attended a Joint Shared Services Committee on January 12th, where he requested that locations of officially designated dog parks be clarified. The land immediately north of the EID administration building, grounds and shop is not a designated dog park; neither is the Marshall Drain. Miscellaneous items from the meeting were mentioned, and it was noted that EID staff followed up on a request to present an overview of the District to prospective doctors, which also included a tour of local habitat. The District has decreased participation on the committee to twice yearly, unless relevant matters are on the agenda. The next meeting to attend will be in July.

14.04 Roger Hohm Retirement – January 21st, Lethbridge

B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek and I. Friesen attended the retirement for Roger Hohm, Irrigation Secretariat, and Director of the Basin Water Management Branch, of Alberta Agriculture & Forestry in Lethbridge. Mr. Hohm was an essential resource to the irrigation districts and dedicated many years to irrigated agriculture in southern Alberta. Jennifer Nitschelm, prior Manager of the Basin Water Management Branch, has been promoted to take over for Mr. Hohm.

14.05 Canadian Badlands Tourism Meeting – January 25th, Brooks

B. Chrumka and I. Friesen attended a multi-stakeholder Canadian Badlands Tourism Meeting January 25th in Brooks. The meeting was being facilitated to discuss "meeting the need for additional RV campsites" as suggested in a 2010 report. The meeting was very preliminary, with several questions being put forward and no directives being made.

14.06 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park Marina

Provincial Parks has confirmed that government funding has been approved for the construction of a marina at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park. The first phase of the project will involve the placement of a breakwater wall, and rehabilitation of the boat launch and peninsula armour. Preliminary District approval for this phase of their redevelopment plan was given in March of 2015. Further discussion was held on the scope of this project. Admin will be meeting directly with Parks personnel after the Joint EID / County / Parks meeting on the 3rd.

15.0 Meetings with Ministers – Topics for Discussion

B. Chrumka and I. Friesen will be meeting with Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry on February 8th in Edmonton, and potentially with Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment & Parks at a future date. That standard overview of the District, irrigated agriculture, and current issues will be presented.

16.0 Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Potash Research Project Update

I. Friesen updated the Board as to the "Method Development to Apply Potash to Irrigation Pipelines for the Control of Invasive Mussels" research project that Andrea Kalischuk is heading up through Alberta Agriculture's Water Quality Branch. Although the EID has agreed to be the principle investigator/fund administrator and to provide up to \$100,000 in funding, there may be additional funding opportunities for the project through Growing Forward. Mr. Friesen will keep the Board updated as to further developments.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | CWRA "The Bow Basin – Top to Bottom Challenges" | - Friday, January 29 th , 8:30 am, Calgary
[B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, I. Friesen] |
| 17.02 | Joint EID / County Meeting | - Wednesday, February 3 rd , 9:30 am, EID Office |
| 17.03 | Meeting with Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry | - Monday, February 8 th , 2:00 pm, Legislature
[B. Chrumka, I. Friesen] |
| 17.04 | Meeting with Jamie Wuite, Ex. Director, Irrigation & Farm Water Div, A&F | - Monday, February 8 th , 3:00 pm, Edmonton
[B. Chrumka, I. Friesen] |
| 17.05 | Special GAC Meeting | - Wednesday, February 10 th , 1:00 pm, EID Office
[I. Friesen, R. Volek] |
| 17.06 | Meeting with Dave Ardell, & Cindy Sawchuk, Infrastructure Branch, E&P | - Friday, February 12 th , 10:00 am, Calgary
[B. Chrumka, C. Chomistek] |
| 17.07 | NWIO Conference | - Feb 16 th – 18 th , Boise, ID
[B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan, C. Chomistek] |
| 17.08 | Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference | - Feb 16 th – 18 th , Saskatoon Inn, SK
[N. Fontaine, D. Buell] |
| 17.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 23 rd , 9:00 am |
| 17.10 | Bow Bloc Meeting | - Tuesday, March 1 st , 9:00 am, EID Office |
| 17.11 | Spring Information Meeting – Bassano | - Thursday, March 3 rd , 2:00 pm, Bassano Hall |
| 17.12 | Spring Information Meeting – Brooks | - Thursday, March 3 rd , 7:00 pm, Heritage Inn |
| 17.13 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 23 rd , 1:30 pm, Heritage Inn |
| 17.14 | Nominations Close | - Thursday, March 24 th , 5:00 pm, EID Office |

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

February 5, 2016 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 5th day of February, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice Chair	[Division 1] <i>[apologies]</i>	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 11:42 a.m.

[11:42 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.0 CNRL Negotiations Update

2016-02-040 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park Proposed Marina – Update on Meeting

I. Friesen updated the Board as to the meeting administration had with Provincial Parks' representatives regarding the proposed marina and redevelopment project at Kinbrook Island. Parks' timeline and objectives were discussed. This matter is to be brought back to the February meeting for additional consideration.

3.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy – Draft

3.01 Overall Policy

Mr. Bridges advised of additional revisions to further define the draft Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy, as requested from the last meeting and as per legal advice. A lengthy discussion was held.

[12:50 pm – 1:10 pm Lunch break.]

The full policy will be brought back to the February meeting for final consideration. Board and Admin clarified directives for the rollout of the policy.

3.02 North Headgates section of Policy

Restrictions specific to the North Headgates area, as outlined in the policy, were reiterated.

3.03 North Headgates Rationale List

A rationale list was provided to support the regulations as pertaining to the North Headgates area.

3.04 Letter from Carle Law Office – Determine Response

A letter was received from Carle Law Office concerning North Headgates tenants. Direction was given to have the District solicitor reply, of which Admin is to forward copies to the Board.

4.0 CNRL Negotiations Update

Administration will be sending a letter of response to CNRL; points of reference were discussed.

[1:41 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

5.0 Proposed Tough Mudder Event

Mr. Friesen relayed some statistics regarding a proposed Tough Mudder event to be held in the area in 2017. Several questions were asked depending on if the race organizers are desiring to use any District land; additional information is to be gathered.

6.0 Spring Information Meetings – Set Topics

Spring Information Meetings will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, 2:00 p.m. at the Bassano Hall, and 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn. Consensus was gained on presenting the following topics at the upcoming meetings.

- Notice of General Assessment
- District & Landowner Efficiencies
- Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw
- CNRL Negotiations
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Infrastructure Rehabilitation Projects
- Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

[2:00 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

7.0 Grazing**7.01 Direction on Eligibility Requirements for Grazing Permits and Private Grazing Leases**

In follow up to the January meeting, further clarification was needed to differentiate between grazing permits and grazing leases, the Board's intent for the new parcels presented, and the eligibility requirements thereof. In summary, it was the consensus of the Board that:

- "Grazing Permits" be issued for areas where the District reserves the right to rent the grazing parcel to an individual based on associated practical factors (ie. severance, lack of fencing, adjacent land, access, etc.)
 - standard eligibility requirements may not apply
 - no deductions are taken if also running cattle in a Community Lease
 - parcel may be offered or tendered

- a minimum flat rate fee may be applied
- term may vary, but is generally 1 year

- Short term, long term and annual "Private Grazing Leases" continue to have all standard eligibility requirements (being at least 18 years of age, being a resident of the District, being in good standing with the District, and owning 100 acres of land with 60 irrigation acres or 80 terminable acres within the District).
 - parcel will be tendered
 - an associated deduction is taken, if also running cattle in a Community Lease
 - annual rent is based on acreage and AUM calculations
 - terms may be annual, short term, end in 2023, or have the right to extend for a further 15 years

Therefore, the intent of the Board is to offer both the 12 acre parcel in Pt. SW 36-16-14 W4M, and the 6 acre parcel in Pt. NE 36-20-15 W4M as Grazing Permits. The prior will be offered, and the latter will be tendered. Discretion on agreements for some annual grazing parcels will be examined and revised as necessary.

[2:30 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 24, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of February, 2016. 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	[Division 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.
[1:40 p.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson updated the Board as to the status of the Emergency Spillway project. The project is currently under review. Cofferdam construction, the first phase of the project, will likely commence in November 2016.

[1:55 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.03.2 Fire in Tilley Grazing Lease
- 19.0 AIPA Update

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- Cold Storage Shed – Update on Contractor Awarded & Cost

2016-02-041 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 26, 2016

The January 26, 2016 minutes were accepted as circulated.

2016-02-042 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the January 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2.02 February 5, 2016

Page 16, correct "January" to "February", and change absent Director from being R. Owen to F. George.

2016-02-043 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the February 5, 2016 Special Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Water Bylaws

K. Bridges presented the following bylaws for consideration of the Board.

5.01 Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw

The Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain infractions have occurred. First and second readings were approved at the January 26th meeting. A few wording changes which were requested in January were acknowledged within the document.

2016-02-044 Moved by C. Chomistek that Bylaw #906 (2016) be revised as presented. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

2016-02-045 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #906 (2016), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to regulate the delivery and distribution of water to users, to establish the terms and conditions that apply to that delivery and the circumstances under which the delivery of water to a user may be reduced or stopped, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

5.02 Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw

The Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw allows the District to govern the amounts of water which may be delivered.

2016-02-046 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #907 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of February, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2016-02-047 Moved by G. Graham that the Board read and approve Bylaw #907 (2016) the second time this 24th day of February, 2016. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

It was requested that the bylaw be brought back to the March Board Meeting with proposed revisions and consideration of third Reading.

[2:14 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

6.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

6.01 Set 2016 Rates

A review was provided of the 2014 and 2015 District camping rates, and camping season. The Board was in favour of no increases for 2016.

- 2016-02-048 Moved by B. McKellar that the 2016 rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for:**
- **Camping 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;**
 - **\$500 for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable towards the full seasonal fee); and**
 - **Boat Slips be set at:**
 - **\$20/day, including GST,**
 - **\$60/week, including GST,**
 - **\$450/season, plus GST; and**
 - **\$450, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee).**
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**
- 2016-02-049 Moved by J. Culligan that the Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Friday May 13th and close at noon Thursday, September 8th. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED**

6.02 Letter from Arthur & Arlene Ell

A letter was received from Arthur & Arlene Ell regarding the RHR Campground rules governing camping units, sites and season. It was the consensus of the Board to deny the request to re-implement double occupancy on all large campsites, due to the risk in damages to the electrical system. 20 campsites that can safely accommodate 2 units will continue to be operated as such. A letter of response will be forwarded.

[2:22 p.m. S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

6.03 Quotes on Buildings/Projects

It was requested that S. Dahl obtain the Campground Managers' input regarding "Camp Kitchen" buildings. Information and costs on open, conventional style buildings in different sizes are to be brought back to the Board for approval.

7.0 Buildings & Grounds

7.01 Star Tech Automotive – Building & Lease Update

N. Fontaine advised that Star Tech Automotive has agreed to all the renovations needed to be done to the old Flex It building space, to make it adequate for industrial storage. First stage renovations are approximately 75% complete, with staff monitoring the project.

[2:29 p.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Oil & Gas

8.01.1 Report on Prairie Conservation & Endangered Species Conference

N. Fontaine and D. Buell attended the PC & ES conference in Saskatoon, February 16th – 18th. The conference is held every 3 years in one of the Prairie Provinces, and is a forum to discuss the latest issues, information, research and trends in the conservation of prairie landscapes, species, and species at risk. The conference presentations were well received and valued contacts were made. Mr. Fontaine and Mr. Buell also attended a pre-conference workshop "Natural Processes for the Restoration of Drastically Disturbed Sites".

8.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

N. Fontaine and I. Friesen presented the following items on behalf of E. McLeod.

8.02.1 Alternate Parcel Application – Miller to Bow City Colony

For the 2016 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.

2016-02-050 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

8.02.2 Annual Irrigated Leases #8290, #8323, #8378 – Annual Rate Review

Rates and encroachment particulars were identified for 3 annual irrigated leases.

2016-02-051 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the annual rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8290, #8323, and #8378 at \$140/irrigated acre. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

8.02.3 Irrigated Lease #8271 – Set Rate for First 5 Years of 10 Year Extension

Irrigated Lease #8271, consisting of 319 irrigated acres and 22.8 dry acres, expired at the end of 2015. The leaseholder had chosen the option to extend the lease for 10 years for a one-time payment equivalent to a one year lease payment. As such, a rental rate for the first 5 years is required to be set.

2016-02-052 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the five year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8271 at \$94/irrigated acre, plus \$5/dry acre, plus water and taxes for the years 2016 through 2020. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.02.4 Motion to Proceed with General Assessment

Mr. Chromka advised that a motion to proceed with a general assessment is required. Prior discussions have been held outlining the process, and information will continue to be communicated to Water Users.

2016-02-053 Moved by C. Chomistek that the District proceed with a general assessment of all lands within the EID. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

8.02.5 Farm Improvement Policy

The Farm Improvement Policy was brought back from the January 26th meeting with revisions regarding banking efficiency acres. Further consideration and direction was given.

[3:08 p.m. G. Graham exited the meeting.]

8.02.6 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – South Slope Feeders to Graham Feeders

Graham Feeders Inc. is installing a corner-arm pivot on SW 26-16-16 W4M and require additional irrigation acres. South Slope Feeders Ltd. is requesting to transfer 29 acres from outside the pivot in NW 24-16-16 W4M to accommodate the new pivot in SW 26.

2016-02-054 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the transfer of 29 irrigation acres from NW 24-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd., to SW 26-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Feeders Inc. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[3:10 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

8.02.7 Farm Improvement – South Slope Feeders Ltd. – W ½ 24-16-16 W4M

Current Assessment is 173 acres wheels; new corner-arm pivot is 173 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 173 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,266 (173 acres x \$42/acre). New assessment is 173 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-02-055 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd. for the conversion of 173 acres wheels to pivot in W ½ 24-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,266. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

The Landowner is requesting to bank the efficiency acres for irrigation development on other parcels.

2016-02-056 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 26 efficiency acres from the conversion of 173 acres from wheels to pivot in W ½ 24-16-16 W4M (173 acres x 15% increase in efficiency = 26 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.02.8 Farm Improvement – Graham Feeders Inc. – SW 26-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 85 flood and 29 wheel move acres; new corner-arm pivot is 138 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 85 acres flood and 29 acres wheels to pivot. 24 additional acres are needed; these are gained through efficiencies and are at a capital assets charge of \$300/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,358 (85 acres x \$84/acre + 29 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$7,200 (24 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 138 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-02-057 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Graham Feeders Ltd. for the conversion of 85 acres flood and 29 acres wheels to pivot in SW 26-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,358. The capital assets charge is \$7,200. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[3:26 p.m. – 3:31 p.m. Short break.]

The Landowner is requesting to bank the efficiency acres for irrigation development on other parcels. 24 of the 38 efficiency acres will be used in the Farm Improvement on SW 26-16-16 W4M. Total acres banked will be 14 efficiency acres.

2016-02-058 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the 38 efficiency acres from the conversion of 85 acres from flood to pivot, and 29 acres from wheels to pivot in SW 26-16-16 W4M (85 acres x 40% increase in efficiency = 34 efficiency acres; 29 acres x 15% increase in efficiency = 4 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development, subject to the revised Farm Improvement Policy. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.02.9 Irrigable Unit Registration – Graham Feeders Inc. – SW 26-16-16 W4M

The lands on either side of the CPR ROW in SW 26-16-16 W4M are titled separately, and will require an Irrigable Unit to be registered as the pivot will cross over both lands.

2016-02-059 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 26-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Feeders Inc. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[3:37 p.m. G. Graham re-entered the meeting.]

8.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.03.1 Offer to Assume Cenovus Water Pump Site

Cenovus will be abandoning a high volume pump house situated on the NW end of Lake Newell, just west of Lake Newell Resort; included are 3 large pumps and a 12" pipeline to the compressor station just west of Hwy #36. The EID has had access to this waterline for filling 8 dugouts in Newell Grazing, Eyremore Grazing, and the contracted pasture around the compressor station. Historical operations, various details and proposed options were discussed.

2016-02-060 Moved by B. McKellar that the EID accept Cenovus' offer to assume the high volume water pump site on NW 36-17-15 W4M; and that the Board approve the associated waterline project as proposed at an estimated cost of \$80,000 and postpone the Scott Lake waterline extension until next year. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.03.2 Fire in Tilley Grazing Lease

On February 16th a grass fire occurred in the Tilley Grazing Lease 2 km north of Hwy #1, consuming approximately 185 acres. The fire was started by an electrocuted crow. Tilley, Rolling Hills, Patricia, Brooks and Suffield volunteer fire departments responded; a letter of thanks will be forwarded.

9.0 Financial Report

Mr. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

9.01 January 31, 2016 Financial Statements

The financial statements to January 31, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$12.8 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.7 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$5.1 million.

2016-02-061 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

10.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues were reported since last month.

11.0 Operations**11.01 Snowpack Report**

Snowpack data was provided to Directors, showing current volumes to be tracking on average at this point.

12.0 Engineering

Mr. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report.

12.01 Project Status

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
Rosemary Drain (2.4 km)	- 2 km completed, will require fill to be brought in alongside road, from District land to the north
Summit Drain (10.5 km)	- 5.8 km and some cleanup completed, no major landowner issues, overall construction is going very well
PIPELINE	
01 Bow Slope (20 km)	- 9.5 km and stilling pond completed, inlet structure remains, no issues with landowners or digging conditions
02-C Scott Canal (420 m)	- not started
06-H West Bantry (800 m)	- not started
01-04D Springhill (400 m)	- not started
Structures	
23 Bow Slope	- structure into well, not started

12.02 Newell Dam Repairs

In follow up to the October 2015 Board Meeting, a full estimate has been prepared for the repair of the Lake Newell Dam. Some of the work has begun, and major construction will commence once the ground has thawed.

2016-02-062 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the full Lake Newell Dam Repairs Project as updated, for an estimated \$1,375,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.03 County / EID Drainage Program – Revised Policy

In follow up to the Board Retreat, the Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects has been redrafted to include a 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share for the difference in relocating a drain vs rehabbing in the present location. This proposal, along with clarification to fencing was presented for Directors review and recommended to be in force at the beginning of the new construction season in fall.

2016-02-063 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the County / EID Drainage Program Policy as revised, to become effective after the completion of the Rainier drainage project. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

13.0 Staffing Update

Mr. Friesen advised that with Dirk Senneker retiring early this year, Don Syvret has been promoted to South Divisional Superintendent, and Gary Bobinski has been promoted to the Assistant Superintendent position. In the north, David Slomp will be leaving the District in April and Brent Kroschel has been promoted to the Assistant Superintendent position. Ads for the 2 vacant Water Operator positions have been posted.

14.0 Letter from Alfalfa Seed Commission (Alberta)

A letter was received from Bill Dickinson, Research Committee Rep for the Alfalfa Seed Commission in Alberta, requesting to rent a small parcel of land for research purposes. This request was denied as all District rented irrigated lands are acquired through private landowners meeting eligibility requirements, via a public bid system. It was suggested to refer this group to the U of A Rangeland Research Institute – Mattheis Ranch, for their consideration.

[4:22 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

15.0 Mussel Detection Dog Training Program – Update on Funds

M. Redelback advised that only one district preferred having the surplus funds tagged for a 4th dog and handler returned, and in the end will likely agree to the majority. In response to an enquiry, K. Bridges later confirmed that \$26,470.62 is currently remaining from the original \$112,580.00 budget. Both amounts are in Canadian dollars.

16.0 Corporate Relations Report

Mrs. Redelback also advised of the following ongoing activities/developments:

- website updates
- February newsletter
- Classroom Agriculture Program presentations, and Finance Chair
- Health, Wellness & Safety Committee
- Shaw TV EID/irrigation themed shorts
- articles and ads for various Alberta publications
- Bassano Dam Tour information booklet

17.0 Request for Donation – Prairie Chicks Committee

A letter was received from Suntana Murray of the Prairie Chicks Committee requesting funding or silent auction donation. This request was denied as it is outside the Board's mandate.

18.0 Reports on Meetings/Events**18.01 CWRA “The Bow Basin – Top to Bottom Challenges” – January 29th**

B. Chrumka, J. Culligan and I. Friesen attended a CWRA forum in Calgary January 29th. Besides various presentations regarding the Bow River, Richard Phillips, GM of BRID, addressed irrigation on the Bow, representing the EID and WID as well.

18.02 Meeting with Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry - February 8th

B. Chrumka and I. Friesen met with Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry on February 8th in Edmonton. Mr. Friesen presented an overview of the District, and pertinent matters were discussed. 2 hours were afforded by the Minister, and an excellent discussion was held.

18.03 Meeting with Jamie Wuite, Ex. Director, Irrigation & Farm Water Div, A&F - Feb 8th

Also on February 8th in Edmonton, Mr. Chrumka and Mr. Friesen met with Jamie Wuite, Executive Director of the Irrigation & Farm Water Division of Agriculture & Forestry. Again, a worthwhile meeting was held and information regarding the District's efficiencies programs was provided.

18.04 Meeting with Dave Ardell, & Cindy Sawchuk, Infrastructure Branch, E&P - Feb 12th

On February 12th B. Chrumka and C. Chomistek met with Dave Ardell and Cindy Sawchuck of the Infrastructure Branch of Environment & Parks. The intent of the meeting was to brainstorm on the overall mussels inspection program. Later in February, Mr. Ardell and Ms. Sawchuk presented at an AIPA Executive Meeting.

18.05 NWIO Conference - Feb 16th – 18th, Boise, ID

B. Chrumka, F. George, J. Culligan and C. Chomistek attended the Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference February 16th – 18th in Boise, Idaho. Some of the agenda topics included: climate change, adapting to drought, conductive/inductive canal leakage, aging infrastructure, public relations, drones, etc. Directors conveyed it was definitely a beneficial conference with good exchange of information.

19.0 AIPA Update

C. Chomistek reported on the latest AIPA Executive Meeting which he attended, highlighting the following:

- Alberta Environment & Parks has suggested that irrigation districts team together to conduct mussel inspection programs
- contracting a PR consulting group may not be followed through
- it is intended to organize an MLA tour of irrigation districts
- a restructuring proposal of the water quality testing program is in the works
- AIPA booth responsibilities at Aggie Days, for the EID, is Saturday, April 9th
- AIPA Board Meeting is Monday, April 11th in Strathmore

G. Graham attended an AIPA meeting with Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment & Parks, February 12th in Lethbridge. Ron McMullin, AIPA Executive Director represented the group and presented on related irrigated agriculture matters. Mr. Graham conveyed that it was a good meeting, with articulate discussions with the Minister.

20.0 Upcoming Events

20.01	Meeting with County Council	- Thursday, February 25 th , 2:00 p.m., County [B. Chrumka, F. George, I. Friesen, K. Bridges]
20.02	Bow Bloc Meeting & Tour	- Tuesday, March 1 st , 9:00 am, EID Office
20.03	Meeting with MLA Derek Fildebrandt	- Wednesday, March 2 nd , 5:00 pm, EID Office [B. Chrumka, F. George, I. Friesen]
20.04	Spring Information Meeting – Bassano	- Thursday, March 3 rd , 2:00 pm, Bassano Hall
20.05	Spring Information Meeting – Brooks	- Thursday, March 3 rd , 7:00 pm, Heritage Inn
20.06	Meeting with MP Martin Shields	- Friday, March 4 th , 11:00 am, EID Office [B. Chrumka]
20.07	Meetings with Residents/Committees re Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy	- TBD
20.08	MHC Generative Community Dinner	- Tuesday, March 15 th , 6:30 p.m., MHC Brooks Campus
20.09	Committee Meeting	- Tuesday, March 22 nd , 9:00 a.m., EID Office
20.10	Board Meeting	- Tuesday, March 22 nd , EID Office
20.11	Annual General Meeting	- Wednesday, March 23 rd , 1:30 pm, Heritage Inn
20.12	Nominations Close	- Thursday, March 24 th , 5:00 pm, EID Office
20.13	Aggie Days	- Saturday, April 9 th , Calgary
20.14	AIPA Board Meeting	- Monday, April 11 th , Strathmore
20.15	Advance Vote [if needed]	- TBD
20.16	Election [if needed]	- Friday, April 22 nd
20.17	Committee Meeting	- Tuesday, April 26 th , 9:00 a.m., EID Office
20.18	Board Organizational Meeting	- Tuesday, April 26 th , EID Office
20.19	Board Meeting	- Tuesday, April 26 th , EID Office

[4:49 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

C. Chomistek moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

March 7, 2016 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 7th day of March, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Chrumka	Chair	[Division 6]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Floyd George	Vice Chair	[Division 1] <i>[via cell]</i>	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 7:05 p.m.

1.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy

In conclusion of examination, discussion and revision by the Board and Administration concerning the draft Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy, the following resolution was moved and unanimously carried.

2016-03-064 Moved by B. McKellar that the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy be approved as revised, subject to final discretion from the District’s lawyer; to be released Wednesday, March 16th. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In regards to the rate structure for the 2016 schedule of fees, the following motions were carried. An example of the rate structure would be: a resident with an agreement for a single dock and 1 lift would be charged \$300/year.

2016-03-065 Moved by J. Culligan that the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy 2016 Schedule of Fees for Kinbrook Island be approved as:

- **Docks - \$150/year;**
- **Lifts - \$150/year;**
- **Second Lifts - \$150/year (max 2 lifts per dock); and**
- **\$50 administrative fee for transfer of agreement.**

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

G. Graham and F. George voted against the motion.

For Bantry Bay, where structural encroachments on EID land are documented, a resident with an agreement for such would be charged \$150/year; this is in addition to any dock or lift fees.

2016-03-066 Moved by R. Owen that the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy 2016 Schedule of Fees for Bantry Bay be approved as:

- **Docks - \$150/year;**
- **Lifts - \$150/year;**
- **Second Lifts - \$150/year (max 2 lifts per dock);**
- **\$50 administrative fee for transfer of agreement; plus**

- **\$150 per encroachment agreement.**
Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

G. Graham and F. George voted against the motion.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

March 22, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of March, 2016. 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	[Division 5]		
Mr. Carl Chomistek	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

[12:45 p.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.01.1 Private Grazing Leases & Grazing Permit – Results of Tenders
- 12.01.3 Request to Convey Water Outside District Boundaries
- 12.02.1 Silver Sage Ag Society
- 12.02.5.6 C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd. – SE 01-20-13 W4M
- 14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Seasonal Sites

2016-03-067 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 February 24, 2016

- Page 24, motion 2016-02-058, add “subject to the revised Farm Improvement Policy”.

2016-03-068 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the February 24, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

2.02 March 7, 2016

The March 7, 2016 minutes were accepted as circulated.

2016-03-069 Moved by B. McKellar that the Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

4.01 Project Update

Final detailed design work is progressing, and on-site anchor testing will commence shortly. Final project approvals from Alberta Environment are anticipated by summer.

4.02 Funding Update

The second funding installment for the Spillway was received about 2 weeks ago from the provincial government, consisting of \$15 million.

[12:52 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

5.0 Water Bylaw

5.01 Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw – 3rd Reading

Directors requested that clarification be added to the Maximum Water Delivery bylaw addressing the procedure and limitations for adding or removing parcels from a farm unit. The bylaw is to be brought back to the next meeting for a motion to amend, and for 3rd and final reading.

6.0 Financial Report

6.01 February 29, 2016 Financial Statements

The financial statements to February 29, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$16.4 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9.6 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$6.8 million.

2016-03-070 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 29, 2016, as presented. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

7.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues were reported since last month.

8.0 Operations

8.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels are still tracking within the average range, and higher than last year. Measurements are not dropping at this point in time.

8.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Due to little snowfall this winter, the early warm weather and low soil moisture, it is anticipated that irrigation water will have an early and high demand. Currently, the District could assure an earliest possible water delivery date of May 2nd. In the event that the date may be moved up, the Board requested that all Water Operators be available to supply irrigation requests in their areas.

2016-03-071 Moved by F. George that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 2, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

9.0 Engineering

I. Friesen presented the following Engineering Report, answering a number of questions from Directors.

9.01 Project Status

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
Rosemary Drain (2.4 km)	- drain rehab complete, 1 crossing to be replaced this week, \$515,000 of an estimated \$400,000 spent
Summit Drain (10.5 km)	- 80% complete, no major landowner issues, overall construction is going very well
Newell Dam	- temporary fill in place, 325 m of 400 m base built, \$410,000 of an estimated \$1,375,000 spent
PIPELINE	
01 Bow Slope (20 km)	- 18 km installed
02-C Scott Canal (420 m)	- not started
06-H West Bantry (800 m)	- not started
01-04D Springhill (400 m)	- not started
STRUCTURES	
23 Bow Slope	- has been started, should be complete by March 23 rd
2015/2016 STRUCTURE PROGRAM	
	- 7 of 8 nose pieces installed, 1 of 1 check replaced, 4 of 4 checks to be repaired have concrete poured with 2 backfilled, \$464,000 of an estimated \$562,000 spent

10.0 Equipment

10.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids

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

2012 John Deere 250 GLC Excavator		
Company	Bid	F.O.B.
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$104,000 + GST	Brooks
Canadian Public Auction	\$ 80,750 + GST	Aldersyde
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$ 77,200 + GST	Brooks

2012 John Deere 350 GLC Excavator		
Company	Bid	F.O.B.
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$121,000 + GST	Brooks
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$112,200 + GST	Brooks
Canadian Public Auction	\$ 83,750 + GST	Aldersyde

2016-03-072 Moved by R. Owen that the District sell the 2012 John Deere 250 GLC Excavator for \$104,000 + GST and the 2012 John Deere 350 GLC Excavator for \$121,000 + GST to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

10.02 Sale of Jeep – Results of Bids

The following bids were received for the tandem axle jeep.

2002 Peerless Tandem Axle Jeep		
Company	Bid	F.O.B.
Canadian Public Auction	\$8,900 + GST	Brooks
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$8,500 + GST	Brooks
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$4,610 + GST	Brooks

2016-03-073 Moved by J. Culligan that the District sell the 2002 Peerless Tandem Axle Jeep for \$8,900 + GST to Canadian Public Auction. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

11.0 Buildings & Grounds

11.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

The RHRCG Committee will meet on the 24th to approve the particulars of the proposed day use facilities and minor projects.

2016-03-074 Moved by C. Chomistek that the \$60,000 budget for the proposed Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground capital projects be approved. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

[1:35 p.m. S. Dahl and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

11.02 New Cold Storage Building

The new cold storage building is nearing completion, with electrical work soon to be finished, concrete floor and aprons to be poured in early April, and costs on track. The shelving will be installed 2 weeks after the floor has been poured, and will then be ready for use.

[1:39 p.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Grazing****12.01.1 Private Grazing Leases & Grazing Permit – Results of Tenders**

R. Volek presented the following results of tenders for review.

3 Year PGL # 7214 115 AUM 645 acres SW & NE 27, SE 34, & SW 35-14-13		
Bidder	Amount (inc. GST)	Comments
Bob McKnight	\$5,250.00	- sole bidder, if awarded, is not eligible for PGL #7288

3 Year PGL # 7167 70 AUM 314 acres NW 16 & SW 21-14-13 W4M		
Bidder	Amount	Comments
de Jager Limousin Cattle Co.	\$6,042.75	
Bob McKnight	\$3,234.00	

1 Year Grazing Permit # 7291 5 acres 2 AUM NE 36-20-15 W4M		
Bidder	Amount (inc. GST)	Comments
Bob McKnight	\$483.00	- sole bidder for #7214
Wayne Finnerty	\$315.00	

Long Term (8 + 15 Yrs) PGL # 7288 40 AUM 217 acres Pt NE 05 & Pt Sec 4 & 8-18-13		
Bidder	Amount	Comments
Bob McKnight	\$6,321.00	- sole bidder for #7214
Ellis Kropf	\$4,410.00	
Dan Christman	\$3,255.00	

2016-03-075 Moved by R. Owen that:

- **3 Year Private Grazing Lease #7214 be awarded to Bob McKnight;**
- **3 Year Private Grazing Lease #7167 be awarded to de Jager Limousin Cattle Co.;**
- **1 Year Grazing Permit #7291 be awarded to Wayne Finnerty; and**
- **Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7288 be awarded to Ellis Kropf.**

Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

12.01.2 Set Turn-Out Date

Mr. Volek recommended the standard turn-out dates for Community Grazing Association cattle grazing pastures on EID lands.

2016-03-076 Moved by F. George that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 2nd and for Native Pasture May 14, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.01.3 Request to Convey Water Outside District Boundaries

The EID has received a request to convey water outside the District boundaries. Investigation to date was summarized in the Committee Meeting.

2016-03-077 Moved by B. McKellar that administration be authorized to communicate with the landowners who have enquired about entering into water agreements with respect to a Change of Area application. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[1:42 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting, E. McLeod entered.]

12.02 Assessment, Water & Lands**12.02.1 Silver Sage Agricultural Society**

A summary, financials and development plan for the Silver Sage Agricultural Society were presented and discussed in the Committee Meeting.

2016-03-078 Moved by J. Culligan that the annual rental fee for the Silver Sage Agricultural Society land lease be set at \$1 for the period from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017, to be reviewed prior to May 31, 2017. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

12.02.2 Alternate Parcel Application – Braun to Vanstone

For the 2016 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.

2016-03-079 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 J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.3 Application to Convert from Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Logan Hopp

An application was received from Logan Hopp to convert 42 terminable acres south of the drain in SE 32-21-16 W4M to irrigation acres. Operations has confirmed the ability to delivery water to these acres off the Secondary C North Branch pipeline, with the delivery remaining in the NW corner of the quarter. The capital assets charge to convert from terminable acres is \$100/acre.

2016-03-080 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the conversion of 42 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SE 32-21-16 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by Logan Hopp. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.02.4 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Rod & Wendy Davidson

Rod & Wendy Davidson are applying to transfer 1 irrigation acre from outside the pivot area in SW 03-17-16 W4M to under the pivot in NE 35-16-16 W4M. This acre will be supplemented with other acres (see later) to fill in the existing wedge and enable the pivot to run full circle.

2016-03-081 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the transfer of 1 irrigation acre from SW 03-17-16 W4M to NE 35-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Rod & Wendy Davidson. Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

[1:52 p.m. D. Buell entered the meeting.]

12.02.5 Farm Improvements

12.02.5.1 Rod & Wendy Davidson – SW 03-17-16 W4M

Current assessment is 132 acres wheel move acres; new pivot area is 132 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 132 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,544 (132 acres x \$42/acre). Assessment remains the same.

2016-03-082 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rod & Wendy Davidson for the conversion of 132 acres wheels to pivot in SW 03-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,544. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

The Landowner is requesting to bank the efficiency acres from SW 03-17-16 W4M to be used for irrigation development in NE 35-16-16 W4M and other parcels.

2016-03-083 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the 20 efficiency acres from the conversion of 132 acres from wheels to pivot in SW 03-17-16 W4M (132 acres x 15% increase in efficiency = 20 efficiency acres), to be banked for the Landowner for up to 2 years for future irrigation development. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.5.2 Rod & Wendy Davidson – NE 35-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 129 acres (128 existing pivot acres + 1 wheel move acre transferred in); new pivot area is 134 acres. The natural gas company has removed buildings from their lease which is allowing the pivot to run full circle. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 1 acre wheel move to pivot at \$42/acre. 5 additional acres are needed to complete the wedge other than the lease site; these are gained from the banked efficiencies from SW 03-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 134 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-03-084 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rod & Wendy Davidson for the conversion of 1 acre wheels to pivot in NE 35-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$42. The capital assets charge is \$1,500. Seconded by F. George. CARRIED

12.02.5.3 734372 AB Ltd. (Randy Perry) – SW 22-15-15 W4M

Current assessment is 136 acres (124 acres flood, and 12 acres pivot from the pivot in the SE reaching into this quarter). New pivot area on this quarter is 136 acres. The pivot in the SE will be shortened. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 124 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,416 (124 x \$84/acre). Assessment remains the same.

2016-03-085 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 734372 AB Ltd. (Randy Perry) for the conversion of 124 acres flood to pivot in SW 22-15-15 W4M, subject to an Irrigable Unit being registered on the quarter section. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,416. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.02.5.4 Scott & Sheila Metcalf – SE 27-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 148 acres flood; new pivot area is 128 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 20 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,752 (128 acres x \$84/acre) - \$10,000 (20 acres x \$500/acre) = \$752. Assessment remains the same.

2016-03-086 Moved by C. Chomistek that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Sheila Metcalf for the conversion of 128 acres flood to pivot in SE 27-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$752. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.5.5 Scott & Sheila Metcalf – SW 26-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 143 acres flood; new pivot area is 129 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 14 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,836 (129 acres x \$84/acre) - \$7,000 (14 acres x \$500/acre) = \$3,836. Assessment remains the same.

2016-03-087 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Sheila Metcalf for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot in SW 26-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,836. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

12.02.5.6 C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd. – SE 01-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 130 acres flood; new pivot area is 131 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot. 1 additional acre is needed; this is gained from efficiencies from flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,920 (130 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$300 (1 acre x \$300/acre). New assessment is 131 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-03-088 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd. for the conversion of 130 acre flood to pivot in SE 01-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,920. The capital assets charge is \$300. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:03 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

12.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access**12.03.1 PHD Program Summary**

D. Buell presented the Partners in Habitat Development Program Summary, highlights are as follows:

- 2015 PHD Program:
 - all planned projects (6 new sites) were completed
 - approximately 11,000 trees & shrubs were planted in new sites
 - 3 sites received fencing materials
 - over 3,500 replacement seedlings were planted in 2014 sites

- survival rate of the 11,000 new seedlings was only 57%, largely due to refrigeration failing)
- upland bird surveys show numbers lower than the long term average, but is believed to be a normal variation as their population is cyclical in nature
- 2016 PHD Program:
 - 5 new sites selected
 - 16,651 seedlings ordered at an average cost of \$1.35 per
 - approximately 11,000 seedlings will be used for new plantings, and 5,500 as replacements
 - weed barrier, pins and approximately 4 km of fencing materials have been ordered
 - 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides have been hired for the full season, and 2 have been hired for the first 2 months, transitioning to the RHRCG after that
- Long Term Plans:
 - time permitting, compile a sampling of historical PHD sites to determine long term survival of planted trees and shrubs
 - time and IT staff permitting, amass program statistics and create new displays
 - maintain awareness of the program; use various advertising if warranted
 - explore other funding opportunities

To resolve borrowing a refrigeration unit from other sources, an old EID construction trailer will be retrofitted with an electric reefer unit to use for the pre-planting storage of bare root stock.

12.03.2 PHD 2015 Annual Report

The full 2015 PHD Annual Report was provided to Directors. D. Buell confirmed that he will hear back shortly regarding certain funding applications.

[2:08 p.m. D. Buell exited the meeting.]

13.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

13.01 Meeting with MLA Derek Fildebrandt – March 2nd

B. Chrumka, F. George and I. Friesen met with Derek Fildebrandt, MLA for Strathmore-Brooks, on March 2nd at the EID Office. A number of pertinent issues were discussed.

13.02 Meeting with MP Martin Shields – March 4th

B. Chrumka met with Martin Shields, MP for Bow River, on March 4th at the EID Office to discuss a number of issues. Mr. Shields was provided a letter to deliver to the Department of National Defence concerning the elk situation at CFB Suffield.

13.03 MHC Generative Community Dinner – March 15th

G. Graham attended a community dinner at the Medicine Hat College – Brooks Campus on March 15th. A college – high school learning model is being explored, along with some apprenticeships and agricultural courses.

14.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Seasonal Sites

As the percentage of seasonal sites being guaranteed for water users was set prior to the RHRCG expansion and has not since been raised, the following motion was approved.

2016-03-089 Moved by J. Culligan that the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Seasonal Campsite Draw guarantee a minimum of 15 seasonal sites for EID Water Users. Seconded by B. McKellar. CARRIED

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Wednesday, March 23 rd , 1:30 pm, Heritage Inn |
| 15.02 | Nominations Close | - Thursday, March 24 th , 5:00 pm, EID Office |
| 15.03 | CWRA Conference | - April 3 rd – 5 th , Edmonton [<i>R. Summach attending</i>] |
| 15.04 | Aggie Days | - Saturday, April 9 th , Calgary [<i>B. Chrumka, R. Owen, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen, M. Redelback</i>] |
| 15.05 | AIPA Board Meeting | - Monday, April 11 th , Strathmore [<i>B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek, B. McKellar</i>] |
| 15.06 | Advance Vote [<i>if needed</i>] | - TBD |
| 15.07 | Election [<i>if needed</i>] | - Friday, April 22 nd |
| 15.08 | Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, April 26 th , 9:00 a.m., EID Office |
| 15.09 | Board Organizational Meeting | - Tuesday, April 26 th , EID Office |
| 15.10 | Board Meeting | - Tuesday, April 26 th , EID Office |
| 15.11 | RHRCG Seasonal Campsite Draw | - Tuesday, April 26 th , 7:00 p.m., Centennial Regional Arena |

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

April 26, 2016

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational and regular meeting on the 26th day of April, 2016. 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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. George Graham	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:57 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**1.0 Elections**

B. Chrumka congratulated the newly elected Directors, Rod Johnson – Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks) and George Murray V – Division 7 (Rolling Hills). Mr. Chrumka turned the meeting over to I. Friesen and advised that he would not be standing for the position of Chairman.

1.01 Election of Chairman

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

2016-04-090 Moved by F. George that G. Graham be nominated for Chairman.

Mr. Graham declined.

2016-04-091 Moved by G. Graham that F. George be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by R. Johnson.

Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nomination was placed, F. George was elected Chairman by acclamation.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman

F. George took the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

2016-04-092 Moved by R. Johnson that G. Graham be nominated for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. George called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nomination was placed, G. Graham was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

2.0 Appointments**2.01 Committee of the Whole**

All Directors will continue on the Committee of the Whole.

2.02 Alberta Irrigation Projects Association Executive

B. Chrumka was appointed to AIPA, with I. Friesen as alternate.

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

R. Owen will continue as the PCF rep.

2.04 Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce

Participation in the Brooks & District Chamber of Commerce was declined for 2016; it is to be re-evaluated at a later date if necessary.

2.05 Scholarship Selection Committee

All Directors and I. Friesen will continue on the Scholarship Selection Committee, with the prerequisite of stepping down if in conflict.

2.06 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Committee

R. Owen and J. Culligan will continue on the RHRCG Committee, with R. Johnson to join.

2.07 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

F. George will continue as the CVRS rep.

2.08 County of Newell/City of Brooks Joint Shared Services Committee

J. Culligan, with B. Chrumka as alternate, will continue as reps for the Joint Shared Services Committee.

2.09 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council

F. George will continue as the rep for the U of A RRI Advisory Council.

2.10 Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus – Ag Program Development Committee

G. Graham will attend the Agricultural Program Development Committee of the MHC – Brooks Campus.

2016-04-093 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

The Organizational Meeting ended at 9:20 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 3:52 p.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.0 Committee Business
- 6.01 Community Grazing Appeal – Bow Cattle Company

- 6.02 Community Grazing Appeal – Mike Hale
- 6.03 Annual Irrigated Lease Proposed Rate Waiver
- 6.04 Irrigation Applications for 2016
- 6.05 Irrigation Application Appeal – Wade Tobler – NW 02-20-13 W4M
- 6.06 Election Process Review

The following items were removed from the agenda; most items will likely be addressed at the May Board Meeting:

- Farm Improvement Policy
- Farm Improvement – Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) – E 04-20-14 W4M
- Farm Improvement – Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) – NE 04 & SE 09-20-14 W4M
- Farm Improvement – Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) – SE 09-20-14 W4M
- Farm Improvement – Susan Hemsing – SW 25-14-14 W4M
- Farm Improvement – Bruce & Julie Musgrove – SE 29-20-12 W4M
- Farm Improvement – Dick Vossepoel – S 05-17-12 W4M
- Farm Improvement – James & Kelly Westwick – NE 08-20-12 W4M
- Irrigable Unit – 734372 AB Ltd. (Randy Perry) – SW 22-15-15 W4M
- Report on Alberta Environment Appreciation Event, Edmonton – April 6th
- Report on Aggie Days, Calgary – April 9th

2016-04-094 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 22, 2016

The March 22, 2016 minutes were accepted as circulated.

2016-04-095 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

[3:55 p.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson advised that the on-site anchor testing is complete, and that a project final design report has been submitted to the independent review company. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Wilson.

[4:03 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

5.0 Water Bylaw

5.01 Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw – 3rd Reading

The Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw was brought back from the March meeting with further clarification to the “farming unit” as addressed under the drought plan.

2016-04-096 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #907 (2016) be revised as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-04-097 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #907 (2016), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to govern the maximum amount of water that may be delivered for irrigation purposes and for any other purpose, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

6.0 Committee Business

The following items were brought forward from the Committee Meeting, which was held after the Organizational Meeting.

6.01 Community Grazing Appeal – Bow Cattle Company

During the Committee Meeting, Laura Armstrong and Ken Lutes, lawyer, representing Bow Cattle Company on behalf of Shirley Armstrong were given the opportunity to present their appeal to the Board regarding the denied Bow Cattle Company application to Gem Grazing Association. Mr. Volek was in attendance, and Mr. Culligan excused himself during the appeal. A number of questions were responded to by the appellants; and further discussion was held after the appellants exited the meeting.

Prior to the initial denial of privileges, the District’s legal counsel reviewed the application for Bow Cattle Company and summarized that it did not fit within the current policy guidelines. Upon compassionate grounds, the following motion was put forward to make an exception to the grazing policy for this year. F. George will forward a response letter.

2016-04-098 Moved by B. Chrumka that, for compassionate reasons, Bow Cattle Company be given a 1 year grace period to run cattle in the Community Pasture for 2016, with eligibility to be reviewed by legal counsel for further participation beyond 2016. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 Community Grazing Appeal – Mike Hale

During the Committee Meeting, Mike Hale & Alisha Armstrong, and Bob Hale were given the opportunity to present their appeal to the Board regarding the ruling and associated penalty for unauthorized use of EID pasture lands by Mike Hale. Mr. Volek was in attendance. A number of questions were responded to by the appellants and a letter from Duane Hale, previous Finnegan Field Lease Rider, was read; further discussion was held after the appellants exited the meeting.

In consideration of hearing and reviewing all the information presented, the following motion was put forward. F. George will forward a response letter.

2016-04-099 Moved by B. Chrumka that Mike Hale's application to run cattle in the Community Pasture be denied for 2016, that no monetary penalty be applied, but that he be required to begin as a new member upon re-entry to the Community Pasture. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Annual Irrigated Lease Proposed Rate Waiver

At the Committee Meeting, E. McLeod had advised that from a meeting held between one of the agreement holders for an annual irrigated lease, his Director, Mr. Friesen and herself, it had been suggested to waive the rates for all 3 agreement holders in 2016, until the general assessment is complete. This would allow the Board to review all identified encroachments together with these approved encroachments, and develop a policy. A short discussion had followed and consensus was gained.

2016-04-100 Moved by R. Johnson that the annual irrigated lease rate for:

- **IL #8290 – Mike & Anne Van Dijk,**
- **IL #8323 – Don Peterson Farms Ltd., and**
- **IL #8378 – Brookside Farms Ltd.**

be waived for 2016, to be re-evaluated after the general assessment has been completed. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.04 Irrigation Applications for 2016

At the Committee Meeting, E. McLeod also advised that due to recent changes and updates to 2 approved irrigation developments for 2016, 279 off-river irrigation acres have become available to offer to other irrigators applying for development. It was recommended that the next 2 applicants on the rating list be approved for irrigation development for the 2016 irrigation season. A short discussion had followed.

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.

2016-04-101 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve:

- **Catherine Endersby's application for 129 new irrigation acres in SW 08-21-14 W4M, subject to the standard requirements and the registration of an Irrigable Unit. Purchase of 129 acres at \$700/acre = \$90,300; and**
- **G&B, B&K, B&J Niznik's application for 173 new irrigation acres in N ½ 35-18-16 W4M, subject to the standard requirements, soil tests passing, and the registration of an Irrigable Unit. Purchase of 173 acres at \$700/acre = \$121,100.**

Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

6.05 Irrigation Application Appeal – Wade Tobler – NW 02-20-13 W4M

Lastly, at the Committee Meeting E. McLeod advised that Wade Tobler has requested that his irrigation application be re-rated using the settling pond in the SE corner of NW 02-20-13 W4M instead of 01-P North Branch pipeline. Doing this the parcel rates well and is eligible for irrigation development. Current assessment is 73 irrigation acres; Mr. Tobler is applying for 51 additional flood acres outside the assessed area. These acres have passed soils tests; although a portion along the east and another along the south quarter section boundaries did not pass and irrigation of these areas will not be allowed. The quarter has had extensive machine leveling.

2016-04-102 Moved by R. Owen that Wade Tobler’s irrigation application for 51 new irrigation acres in NW 02-20-13 W4M be approved, subject to the standard requirements, the delivery for the majority of the acres being off the settling pond and no irrigation of non-irrigable soils. Purchase of 50 infill acres at \$300/acre = \$15,000; plus 1 acre at \$700. Seconded by G. Murray V. CARRIED

6.06 Election Process Review

A short discussion was held at the Committee Meeting regarding the provision for special (mail-in) ballots at Elections for Directors. Although there was no uptake when offered for the first time in the 2015 Election, there was some interest indicated this year. It was requested that special ballots be offered at each election from now on.

2016-04-103 Moved by G. Murray V that the District make provision for special ballots at all EID Elections for Directors. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

7.0 Financial Report**7.01 March 31, 2016 Financial Statements**

The financial statements to March 31, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$19.07 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$11.5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$7.57 million.

2016-04-104 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

7.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2016

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2016 was \$8,483,842 or 10.71% higher than the book value at September 30, 2015. EID short term investments totaling \$20.68 million matured and short term investments totaling \$11.65 million were purchased. IRP short term investments totaling \$3.7 million matured and short term investments totaling \$1.2 million were purchased. Bassano Dam Spillway short term investments totaling \$4.07 million matured and short term investments totaling \$23.4 million were purchased. EID long term investments totaling \$6.5 million were purchased.

2016-04-105 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2016 as presented. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

7.03 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2016

The 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report was presented.

2016-04-106 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2016 as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

8.0 EIDNet Report

Over the past year the bandwidth usage has continued to grow as customers are converting to Fast and Premium accounts. The daily peak usage has increased from 400 mbps to 750 mbps and it is projected that the District will need to increase the capacity to 1 Gbps by the end of the fiscal year. This upgrade will increase the monthly bandwidth costs by \$2,395.

Current EIDNet Customer Accounts	
Legacy Residential Accounts	245
Residential Accounts	1,226
Business Accounts	50
EID Automation	7
Total	1,528

9.0 Operations

9.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels, although in the average range up to this point, have dropped noticeably and in some areas a month earlier than normal.

9.02 Reservoir Status

Reservoirs are being topped up; approximately 50,000 acre feet is required. It is expected to attain full levels by early June, all well within the District’s license parameters for diversion.

9.03 Revised Water Delivery Date

In response to the warmer than average weather conditions, a high demand from Water Users, and the ability of the District to charge the system earlier than first planned, an email/text vote of the Board was held to approve moving the water delivery date from May 2nd to April 25th. The following motion reflects the vote held April 12th and is required to ratify the earlier decision of the Board.

2016-04-107 Moved by B. Chrumka that the earliest date for Water Delivery to farmers be moved up from May 2nd to April 25th. Seconded by G. Murray V. CARRIED

10.0 Engineering

10.01 Project Status

A project costs-to-date summary was provided, with 6 of the 8 projects currently averaging 89.5% of project estimates, and the remaining 2 at 146% and 190% due to project changes. The 8 projects total \$16,172,000 at this point, and all but 1 is reporting remaining costs for work such as cleanup, seeding, fencing, etc.

[4:38 p.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

10.02 Farm Improvement Drain Rehab – Gene Westwick – NE 08-20-12 W4M

R. Gagley presented the Farm Improvement Drain Rehab application from Gene Westwick in NE 08-20-12 W4M. The Landowner will be installing 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 drain is unnecessarily deep with banks that have sloughed in over time, but a relocation is not feasible due to an EID waterline and lease road. By policy the EID will pay 75%, up to \$40,000 for this type of approved FI project; this project is estimated to cost \$21,523 making the Landowner's share \$5,380.75.

2016-04-108 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Rehab for Gene Westwick – NE 08-20-12 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner. The total project cost is \$21,523; of which the Landowner's share would be \$5,380.75. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

10.03 Farm Improvement – Blaine Johnson – NE 35-15-15 W4M

Mr. Gagley also presented a Farm Improvement application from Blaine Johnson in NE 35-15-15 W4M. The Landowner's pond for his pump site is very shallow, permitting the growth of algae which in turn plugs the pump intake. It is being proposed to remove a culvert in an existing crossing and build a small earthen overflow weir to increase the checked height and eliminate spill past the pump. By policy the EID will pay 50%, up to \$12,000 for this type of approved FI project; this project is estimated to cost \$20,308 making the Landowner's share \$10,154.

2016-04-109 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Blaine Johnson for construction of a weir to minimize spill past a pump in NE 35-15-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$20,308; of which the Landowner's share would be \$10,154. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[4:43 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

11.0 Equipment

11.01 Quotes on Sale of ½ Ton Trucks

Bids for the sale of 8 used pickups were received as follows; 2 other companies declined submitting a bid.

8 – 4x4 Pickups (2006 – 2011)		
Company	Bid	F.O.B.
Annett Auction Services	\$41,000 + GST or 5% Commission	Brooks
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$27,500 + GST	Brooks

2016-04-110 Moved by G. Graham that the District sell the 8 used 4x4 pickups through Annett Auction Services Ltd. at 5% commission. Seconded by G. Murray V. CARRIED

12.0 Lands

12.01 Oil & Gas

12.01.1 Oil & Gas Report to April 13, 2016

The Oil & Gas mid-year report was accepted as information and is summarized as follows:

Oil & Gas Activity Report	
New Activity – October 1, 2015 to April 13, 2016	
New Locations	4
Twinned Wells	10
Total	14
Pipelines	6.13 acres or 1.03 miles
Abandoned & Reclaimed – October 1, 2015 to April 13, 2016	
Abandoned Leases	11
Abandoned Twinned Wells	3
Reclaimed	2
Canceled Location	2

12.02 Grazing

12.02.1 Request to Transfer PGL #7219 – Klessens to Hirsch & Lethbridge

An application has been received to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7219 from Willem Klessens to Larry Hirsch and Dorothy & Victor Lethbridge. The 593 acre lease is located in Pt. Sec. 01 & Pt. Sec. 02 & SE 11-14-13 W4M and has a 125 AUM allotment. The long term grazing lease is transferable to any eligible Water User, and has 8 years are remaining, with the right to renew for a further 15 years. Larry Hirsch and Dorothy & Victor Lethbridge meet all the eligibility requirements.

2016-04-111 Moved by B. Chrumka that Private Grazing Lease #7219 be transferred from Willem Klessens to Larry Hirsch and Dorothy & Victor Lethbridge. Seconded by G. Murray V. CARRIED

12.02.2 Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7062

Perry Green has turned PGL #7062 back to the EID as he has sold his cattle, will no longer be using the grazing lease, and will not be transferring to a family member. The 778 acre lease is located in Sec. 01-15-13 W4M and Pt. W ½ 06-15-12 W4M and has a 150 AUM allotment. The lease had

been a 15 year, transferable within the family unit only agreement, and it is now being recommended to tender it out as a long term grazing lease, transferable to any eligible Water User, with 8 years remaining and a right to renew for a further 15 years. The parcel has not been grazed for 3 years.

2016-04-112 Moved by B. Chrumka that PGL #7062 be tendered out as a long term Private Grazing Lease, with standard restrictions and requirements, expiring at the end of 2023, with the right to renew for a further 15 years. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

12.03.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2016

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 was accepted as information and summarized as follows:

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
January 1, 2016	294,159	4,816	298,975
March 31, 2016	294,304	4,660	298,964
Net increase	145	< 156 >	< 11 >
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 24 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			13
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			156
Terminable Acres Canceled			0

13.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

13.03 AIPA Directors Meeting, Strathmore – April 11th

B. Chrumka, F. George, C. Chomistek and B. McKellar attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Strathmore on April 11th; a number of matters were discussed. The following rate increases received consensus at the AIPA meeting; it was requested that individual districts also gain approvals from their boards.

13.03.1 Water Quality Rate

In support of the continuance of the water quality testing program a combined per acre and per testing site funding equation was discussed at AIPA, as well as reducing the number of test sites, and/or parameters, and/or including a funding cap. A \$.09/acre increase to the AIPA rate for the continuance of a significant portion of the water quality testing program was accepted. Directors supported this decision with the following motion.

2016-04-113 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the \$.09/acre increase to the district AIPA Membership Fee for the continuance of the water quality testing program; as similarly

funded by the Alberta government for the past 5 years for all 13 irrigation districts. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

13.03.2 Intervenor Rate

AIPA was previously granted intervenor status and will be seeking intervenor status again this year concerning electrical rates and as such will hire an adviser to work on the districts' behalf in this regard. A \$.02/acre increase to the AIPA rate for the consultant's fee was accepted. Directors supported this decision with the following motion.

2016-04-114 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the \$.02/acre increase to the district AIPA Membership Fee to hire an electricity rate intervenor to work on behalf of all 13 irrigation districts. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

14.0 Upcoming Events

- 14.01 RHRCG Seasonal Campsite Draw - Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m., Centennial Regional Arena
- 14.02 Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 24th, 9:00 a.m., EID Office
- 14.03 Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 24th, EID Office
- 14.04 Committee Meeting - Tuesday, June 28th, 9:00 a.m., EID Office
- 14.05 Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 28th, EID Office

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

May 9, 2016 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 9th day of May, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager	[11:25 a.m.]
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assist. GM – Corp. Serv.	[not in attendance]
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	[not in attendance]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]			
Mr. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]			
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]			
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]			

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy

A thorough discussion was held between Directors to revisit a couple of matters within the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy.

The Board directed that the following be removed from the policy:

- last sentence of 2.6
- clause 6.4 "Intention of No Private Docks, etc.", under Part 6.0 Specific Provisions Applicable to Kinbrook Island;
- clause 7.9 "Intention of No Private Docks, etc.", under Part 7.0 Specific Provisions Applicable to Bantry Bay; and
- clause 11.7 "Public Marina Facility", under Part 11.0 General Standards – Docks, Boat Lifts, EID Lands and License Agreements.

It was also the direction of the Board to:

- revise the 1 year pilot policy to become a 3 year pilot policy; and to
- add 1.4 "Discount" to Schedule 'H' – 2016 Schedule of Fees:
 - To encourage agreement signup in 2016, a discount in the amount of \$50.00 shall be applied to the fee for each dock, boat lift and encroachment provided all fees are paid in full and the license agreement is signed on or before the 29th day of July 2016.

[11:25 a.m. I. Friesen, General Manager joined the meeting.]

2016-05-115 Moved by G. Graham that the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy be revised as itemized. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

**2016-05-116 Moved by G. Graham that Schedule 'H' 2016 Schedule of Fees for the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy be amended by adding a \$50 discount to each license agreement for 2016 if signing up by July 29, 2016. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED
OPPOSED – J. Culligan**

Minor wording changes will also be made to Sections 4.12.4, 4.19.1, 4.19.3, 4.19.7.4, 8.1 and 11.1 to align the policy with the recently written license agreements. The policy and agreements are to be revised accordingly and distributed as soon as possible.

G. Murray moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager

May 24, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of May, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
[11:00 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Request for County Road Allowance
- 4.02 Review of March 23, 2016 AGM Minutes – Motion to Limit the Term for Director to 3 Terms
- 4.03 Calgary Farmers Market Corn Roast
- 15.0 Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit
- 16.0 Transboundary Water, Weeds & Stewardship Tour

2016-05-117 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 April 26, 2016

B. Chrumka requested that the following be added to 6.01 Community Grazing Appeal – Bow Cattle Company, beginning of the second paragraph:

- Prior to the initial denial of privileges, the District's legal counsel reviewed the application for Bow Cattle Company and summarized that it did not fit within the current policy guidelines.

2016-05-118 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the April 26, 2016 Organizational and Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.02 May 9, 2016

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2016-05-119 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Committee Business

4.01 Request for County Road Allowance

At last month's and this month's Committee Meeting, I. Friesen had advised that it is desirable to both the County and the EID to rectify the unofficial roadway on the south boundary of Sec. 19 & 20-16-13 W4M, along the south side of the Bantry Spillway. This roadway has been publicly used and maintained by the County for decades but is located on EID land. As a public access and liability agreement could not satisfy the needs of both the County and the EID, Mr. Friesen recommended selling them a 15 m strip of land, valued according to the District's rate structure, with the County assuming all costs. The 15 m roadway, vs the standard 20.12 m width, would allow the District adequate maintenance space along the canal which is essential.

2016-05-120 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the sale of approximately 12 acres of land to the County, valued according to the EID's rate structure, for the designation of a 15 m County owned and maintained public road allowance. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

4.02 Review of March 23, 2016 AGM Minutes

The minutes for the 2016 Annual General Meeting were reviewed by the Board at the Committee Meeting, are ready for inclusion in the Annual Report Book, and are ready to be taken to the water users at next year's AGM.

4.02.1 Motion to Limit the Term for Director to 3 Terms

The following motion was made under 8.05 General Matters Raised from the Floor, with additional comments recorded in the AGM minutes:

Moved by Riens Palsma that the Board of Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District adopt a policy that requires Board members to step down for one term following three consecutive terms of Board service. Seconded by Daniel Doerksen. CARRIED

The pros and cons of the motion were discussed in the Committee Meeting. It was acknowledged that the District cannot approve policy or bylaws which override or limit the *Irrigation Districts Act*. It was also the consensus of the Board that the electorate continue to have their say in re-electing or replacing their divisional director. Additional legal opinion will be obtained and brought to the next board meeting.

4.02.2 Recommendation of an Independent Appeal Process or Ombudsman

The following recommendation was also made under 8.05 General Matters Raised from the Floor, with additional comments recorded in the AGM minutes:

Arno Doerksen read a statement requesting that the Board consider instituting an independent appeal process for certain issues...Don Jacobson suggested an ombudsman concept if there is a need...

This suggestion was also discussed at the Committee Meeting, with consensus being that if there were an intermediary appeal level, the Board would still have to have the final say, and on some matters Water Users may appeal to Irrigation Council.

4.03 Calgary Farmers Market Corn Roast

An irrigation PR corn roast held at the Calgary Farmer's Market last August was organized and funded by AIPA. The AIPA provided the roaster, corn and supplies, and the Food Bank provided the volunteers. District representatives and media coverage were involved. The event was quite successful, but it is not part of AIPA's budget for this year. At the March 2016 Bow Bloc Meeting it was suggested that the Bow districts, as downstream license holders to the City of Calgary, consider hosting this event. Projected cost estimates of \$14,000 - \$17,000 – depending on the amount of advertising, were stated at the Committee Meeting. A firm commitment has not been received from all three districts, although it was warranted that the EID partner in this event.

2016-05-121 Moved by J. Culligan, that the EID contribute a maximum of \$7,000 and partner with the WID, BRID and the Calgary Food Bank on a PR corn roast at the Calgary Farmers Market this summer. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

5.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

E. Wilson advised of the status of the spillway independent review and related possible project cost increases. Project commencement is still on track for late fall 2016. It is anticipated to receive the approval for the cofferdam this week.

[11:15 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 April 30, 2016 Financial Statements

The financial statements to April 30, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$22.4 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$13.6 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$8.8 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2016-05-122 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

6.02 Banking Resolution re Signing Authority

As the District has had a change in one of its signing officers, notification to these institutions is required.

2016-05-123 Moved by R. Owen that one or more accounts in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

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

And that any 2 of the District's signing officers be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to enter orders, give instructions, sign documents, buy, sell, withdraw assets and trade in bonds, stripped coupons, debentures, guaranteed investments, corporate securities and any other investments and/or securities and/or contracts relating thereto having a minimum investment grade rating as set out in the District's Investment Policy, by exchange or otherwise, for the account and risk of the District; and that the General Manager, an Assistant General Manager or the Manager of Special Projects be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to request and receive advice, quotations, offers and recommendations and to otherwise communicate with the District's financial institutions, brokers, investment advisors and managers; and the District hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever that may be done by virtue of these authorizations;

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

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

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

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

7.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues were experienced in the last month. The new Cisco DDOS/Malware box is now inline and currently blocking Malware to the entire network. The intrusion capabilities are currently being monitored and will be activated by mid-July.

A question was raised regarding the consideration of selling EIDNet. For reasons such as ensuring service to remote and low populated areas, subsidizing the service to water users, providing excellent service to customers, the PR value with the government, and tying the District's

automation into the EIDNet system, the past decision to continue to own and operate the service was clarified. As a sale of the service had been investigated in the past, it may be researched again to satisfy the enquiry and to prove or disprove earlier conclusions.

8.0 Operations

Mr. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Graphs for the various snow pillows affecting the Bow River were presented, with amounts quickly dropping off indicating snow melt approximately 3 weeks earlier than average.

8.02 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Reservoirs are in very good shape, and the recent rains have contributed. Last year at this point in time 70,000 acre feet had been diverted. Although 123,000 acre feet have now been diverted due to the very early start in irrigating, recent rains could lead this year to still being quite typical in water use.

8.03 Report on Kananaskis/Ghost Announcement

Alberta Environment & Parks and TransAlta have announced details on the Upper Bow River Operations strategic plan. In summary, it is planned to use the Kananaskis system (upper and lower Kananaskis lakes and Barrier Lake) for year 'round control and drought mitigation by supplementing river flows; and lowering Ghost Reservoir in early spring for downstream flood mitigation. Drought mitigation and the fact that Ghost Reservoir was not lowered as much this year, are seen as positive outcomes for Bow irrigation districts.

[11:46 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 Drain Relocation – Dale Rosen

R. Gagley advised that a request has been received for a drain relocation on NE 22-16-16 W4M, land owned by Dale Rosen. It is being proposed that the drain, which presently bisects the lower portion of the quarter, be resituated along the south and east boundaries, allowing for a full pivot to be installed in the future. This relocation qualifies to be handled in conjunction with the County / EID Drainage Program for the Rainier area, with 100% Program funding. A short discussion followed.

2016-05-124 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Dale Rosen – NE 22-16-16 W4M, to be funded 100% under the County / EID Drainage Program, for a total project cost of \$130,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.02 22 & 23 North Branch Potential Weed Screens

J. Kabut proposed 2 options for eliminating weeds on 2 existing pipelines, rated as the worst area in the North Division for weeds. One option would consist of a stilling pond with a gabion wall at a cost of \$230,000; which could serve 1,466 acres. The other option would involve installing 2 screen cleaners for a total cost of \$70,000; this would serve 1,068 acres. The first option was

recommended for the advantage of less maintenance and no power costs. The 2 options were discussed.

2016-05-125 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 22 & 23 North Branch Pipeline Weed Screens Project by constructing a stilling pond with gabion wall, for an estimated \$230,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

Directors suggested that it be a retreat item to have further conversation on a determination process for approving District funded weed screens vs projects to be borne by the landowner.

[12:09 p.m. – 12:39 p.m. Lunch break. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

10.0 Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Friesen presented the following Buildings & Grounds Report on behalf of S. Dahl.

10.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Update

Minor repairs were completed and irrigation was up and running April 28th. A number of small projects such as chain link fencing, book exchange library, fertilizing and spraying were completed. The construction of a 24' x 24' day use building and two 20' x 20' group area buildings came in \$10,000 under budget. Park benches and additional irrigation will be installed in early June. The Campground was opened May 13th.

10.02 Crawling Valley Campground Update

Minor repairs were completed and irrigation was up and running May 4th. Two 16' x 20' group area shelters were constructed; and Regional Water will be hooked up in early June.

10.03 Cold Storage Shed

Construction on the cold storage shed is complete; summer students will assemble the shelving on inclement weather days. The project was estimated at \$140,000 and is likely to be complete around \$134,000.

11.0 Equipment

11.01 Results of Sale of ½ Ton Trucks

The 8 4x4 pickups sold at the Annett Auction for a total of \$60,650 less 5% commission = \$57,617.50. The guaranteed price, had it been chosen, was \$41,000 + GST.

12.0 Lands

[12:46 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

12.01 Grazing

12.01.1 Long Term Private Grazing Lease #7062 – Results of Tender

As information, R. Volek advised that one tender was received for Long Term (8 + 15 years) Private Grazing Lease #7062. The lease was awarded to Loren Weaver as he has met all eligibility requirements.

Long Term PGL # 7062 150 AUM 778 acres Sec. 01-15-13 & Pt. W ½ 06-15-12 W4M			
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Loren Weaver	\$12,635.00	\$631.75	\$13,266.75

A few general grazing questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

[12:52 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

13.0 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Government Act Review Tour

The revised Municipal Government Act is being introduced in the Legislature and across Alberta this summer. The Brooks public session is Wednesday, July 13th; F. George will attend.

14.0 AIPA MLA Summer Tour

An AIPA fly over tour for MLAs is being planned for this summer, with a tentative date of Tuesday, July 19th. The tour will end with a BBQ in Lethbridge. Some director attendance was encouraged.

15.0 Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit

The PNWER Annual Summit is to be held July 17th – 21st in Calgary, with the Invasive Species Working Session to be held on Tuesday 19th. B. Chrumka has been asked to speak regarding an overview of the irrigation system in Alberta and the projected effects of invasive mussels. Mr. Chrumka will be recommending Richard Phillips of the BRID, or Ivan Friesen for this opportunity. The District has also been requested to contribute some funding for speaker travel costs for this summit. A short discussion followed.

2016-05-126 Moved by G. Graham that the District contribute \$1,200 to the PNWER Annual Summit for the offsetting of speaker travel costs. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

16.0 Transboundary Water, Weeds & Stewardship Tour

The County of Warner has planned a 3 day tour August 8th – 10th for the southernmost part of the province, covering issues such as water infrastructure, invasive species prevention and management, biocontrol programs, drought mitigation, flood mitigation, etc. The County of Newell will be represented; there was no interest expressed by Directors in attending this tour.

[1:12 p.m. E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands cont'd.**12.02 Assessment, Water & Lands**

E. McLeod presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands report.

12.02.1 Farm Improvements**12.02.1.1 Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) – E 04-20-14 W4M**

Current assessment outside the pivots in SE & NE 04-20-14 W4M is 23 acres flood and 11 acres flood, respectively. The new wiper pivot area straddling the quarter section boundary on the east side is 12 acres (6 in the SE and 6 in the NE). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 12 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008 (12 acres x \$84/acre). Assessment remains the same.

2016-05-127 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) for the conversion of 12 acres flood to pivot in E 04-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.1.2 Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) – NE 04 & SE 09-20-14 W4M

Current assessment outside the pivots in NE 04 & SE 09-20-14 W4M is 11 acres flood and 118 acres wheels, respectively. The new wiper pivot area straddling the section boundary on the east side is 12 acres (6 in the NE and 6 in the SE). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 6 acres flood and 6 acres wheels to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$756 (6 acres x \$84/acre + 6 acres x \$42/acre). Assessment remains the same.

2016-05-128 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) for the conversion of 6 acres flood and 6 acres wheels to pivot in NE 04 & SE 09-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$756. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

12.02.1.3 Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) – SE 09-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 127 acres (112 acres wheels + 15 acres pivot); new wiper pivot area is 104 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 104 acres wheels to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,368 (104 acres x \$42/acre) - \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) = \$368. Assessment remains the same.

2016-05-129 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises (Sandy Bartman) for the conversion of 104 acres wheels to pivot in SE 09-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$368. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

12.02.1.4 Carol Green – NW 05-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 108 acres flood; new wiper pivot area is 125 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot. 17 additional acres are needed to complete the pivot outside of the drain; these acres are gained from efficiencies. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,072 (108 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$5,100 (17 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 125 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

~~2016-05-130 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carol Green for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot in NW 05-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,072. The capital assets charge is \$5,100. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2018-12-492]~~

12.02.1.5 Susan Hemsing – SW 25-14-14 W4M

Current assessment is 145 acres flood; new pivot area is 135 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 135 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 \$11,340 (135 acres x \$84/acre) - \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) = \$6,340. Assessment remains the same.

2016-05-131 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Susan Hemsing for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in SW 25-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,340. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

12.02.1.6 Bruce & Julie Musgrove – SE 29-20-12 W4M

The Landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant to backfill an old drain and for the removal of trees to accommodate his pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$12,000, of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to 12,000.

2016-05-132 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bruce & Julie Musgrove for backfilling a drain and removing trees in SE 29-20-12 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$12,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$6,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.1.7 Dick Vossepoel – S 05-17-12 W4M

Current assessment is 206 acres flood; new corner-arm pivot area is 171 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 171 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 35 extra acres outside the pivot area, but will not be deducted for the 20 acre flood field in the SE corner; a deduction of \$500/acre will apply to the remaining 15 acres. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$14,364 (171 acres x \$84/acre) - \$7,500 (15 acres x \$500/acre) = \$6,864. Assessment remains the same.

2016-05-133 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dick Vossepoel for the conversion of 171 acres flood to pivot in S 05-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,864. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

12.02.1.8 James & Kelly Westwick – NE 08-20-12 W4M

Current assessment is 90 acres flood; new pivot area is 105 acres (99 in the Westwick parcel, 6 in the subdivided parcel to the north). This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 90 acres flood to pivot. 9 additional acres are needed in the Westwick parcel; these are gained from efficiencies. Mr. Westwick has been given permission by the adjacent landowner to run his pivot across Plan 8510297, Block 1 and use 6 of the 23 terminable acres assessed to the subdivision; an easement will be registered. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,560 (90 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,700 (9 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment in the Westwick parcel is 99 acres, all under pivot irrigation. The subdivided parcel assessment remains the same at 23 terminable acres.

2016-05-134 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for James & Kelly Westwick for the conversion of 90 acres flood to pivot in NE 08-20-12 W4M, subject to an easement being registered on Plan 8510297, Block 1. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,560. The capital assets charge is \$2,700. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

12.02.1.9 Casey Kozma – W ½ 27-19-13 W4M

Current assessment is 149 acres wheels; new wiper pivot is 83 acres and smaller circle pivot is 51 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 8 extra acres outside the pivot areas at a deduction of \$500/acre; and transfer the remaining 7 acres to NW 09-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,628 (134 acres x \$42/acre) - \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) = \$1,628. New assessment is 142 acres (134 acres under pivot and 8 acres under wheels).

2016-05-135 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Casey Kozma for the conversion of 134 acres wheels to pivot in W ½ 27-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,628. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

12.02.2 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Casey Kozma – SW 27-19-13 to NW 09-19-13 W4M

The Landowner is requesting to transfer 7 acres from SW 27-19-13 W4M to NW 09-19-13 W4M to extend the existing wheel field.

2016-05-136 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 7 irrigation acres from SW 27-19-13 W4M to NW 09-19-13 W4M, lands being owned by Casey Kozma. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

12.02.3 Irrigable Units

12.02.3.1 IU Registration – 734372 AB Ltd. (Randy Perry) – SW 22-15-15 W4M

SW 22-15-15 W4M is subdivided down the center. The Landowner is installing a pivot which will cover the entire quarter, necessitating the registration of an Irrigable Unit to tie the 2 parcels together.

2016-05-137 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 22-15-15 W4M, all lands being owned by 734372 Alberta Ltd. (Randy Perry). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

12.02.3.2 IU Discharge & Registration – Martin & Linda Gubbins – W ½ 04, & Pts. 05 & 08-17-16

An existing Irrigable Unit was registered on W ½ 04, & Pts. 05 & 08-17-16 W4M. This area was recently pipelined and an additional delivery was installed, requiring the existing Irrigable Unit to be discharged and 2 new Irrigable Units to be registered.

2016-05-138 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the discharge of Irrigable Unit #685 on W ½ 04, Pt. NE 05 & Parcel A in Pt. SE 08-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Martin & Linda Gubbins. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2016-05-139 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & SW 04-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Martin & Linda Gubbins. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2016-05-140 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NE 05 & Parcel A in Pt. SE 08-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Martin & Linda Gubbins. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

[1:24 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Short break; E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

[1:30 p.m. The Board moved into Committee of the Whole.]

1:30 p.m. Community Grazing Appeal – Lynne Marquess

[1:36 p.m. R. Volek and Leigh Marquess entered the meeting.]

Leigh Marquess, representing Lynne Marquess, was given the opportunity to present an appeal to the Board concerning Lynne Marquess' rejected application for the Gem Community Grazing Association, based on land eligibility requirements not having been met. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Marquess.

[1:42 p.m. Leigh Marquess exited the meeting.]

Further discussion was held; the staff's decision to reject the application was upheld. A response letter from the Board will be forwarded to Lynne Marquess.

[1:50 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

[1:55 p.m. N. Fontaine and Clyde Carr entered the meeting; John Ellis was connected via conference call.]

2:00 p.m. Mayel Group

John Ellis – Principal Owner of Acestes Power, and Clyde Carr – President of Acestes Power, were welcomed to the boardroom and given the opportunity to present an overview of the Mayel Group and their natural gas power generation project. A thorough discussion was held and a number of questions were responded to by the presenters.

[3:06 p.m. Clyde Carr exited the meeting; phone call with John Ellis was ended.]

The Board continued their discussion.

[3:10 p.m. The Board moved out of Committee of the Whole.]

Directors gave consent for administration to negotiate a lease with Acestes Power, as per their discussions. An annual rental rate for the lease will need to be finalized.

2016-05-141 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District move forward with negotiations of an industrial lease with Acestes Power for a proposed natural gas-fired power plant approximately 4 km north of Tilley. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

17.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

17.01 Alberta Environment Appreciation Event, Edmonton – April 6th

B. Chrumka and C. Chomistek joined other represented parties at an appreciation event at the Legislature building April 6th. The occasion was held to thank the group for the partnership and contribution towards the mussel detection dog program. Both the Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, and the Minister of Environment & Parks were in attendance and conversed with the attendees. Mr. Chrumka conveyed that collaborative efforts such as this program are highly supported by the provincial government.

17.02 Aggie Days, Calgary – April 9th

B. Chrumka, R. Owen, C. Chomistek, I. Friesen and M. Redelback staffed the AIPA booth at the Calgary Stampede Aggie Days on April 9th. Being a Saturday, a mixed crowd was experienced, compared to the grades 1-3 or 4-6 student groups during the week. The AIPA booth grants the opportunity to discuss irrigated agriculture with hundreds of people each day, and continues to be a positive PR experience.

[3:15 p.m. The Board moved back into Committee of the Whole.]

Mike Hale Community Grazing Appeal – Discussion

Discussion was held on revisiting the Mike Hale Community Grazing Appeal. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the matter would not be revisited.

Moving forward, some suggestions were made by Directors for reviewing and possibly changing the grazing policy such as:

- simplifying the policy
- basing allotments on farming units
- keeping the family brand
- having brand inspectors count cattle in and out of the lease

[4:05 p.m. The Board moved out of Committee of the Whole.]

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | EID Rodeo Breakfast | - Friday, June 10 th , 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., EID Truck Shop
<i>[all Staff, Directors, & Families are invited]</i> |
| 18.02 | Committee & Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 28 th , 9:00 a.m., EID Office |
| 18.03 | Municipal Gov't Act Review – Tour | - Wednesday, July 13 th , 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Heritage
<i>[F. George attending]</i> |
| 18.04 | AIPA MLA Summer Tour | - Tuesday, July 19 th , Lethbridge <i>[tentative]</i> |

18.05 PNWER Annual Summit

- Tuesday, July 19th, Calgary
[B. Chrumka, I. Friesen attending.]

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

June 28, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of June, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
[2:00 p.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2.0 Irrigation Expansion
- 4.01 Proposed Calgary Farmers Market Corn Roast
- 5.0 Board Member Compensation
- 6.01 K300 Financial Mortgages
- 6.02 Palliser Economic Partnership – Request to Meet with the Board
- 6.03 Stewart Neely Presentation to the Board
- 6.04 CNRL Update
- 6.05 Proposed Solar Project – NW 17 & SW 20-18-14 W4M
- 6.06 GAC Rep re Recommendation for Renters
- 6.07 PGL #7038 – Les Douglass Request to Meet with the Board
- 6.08 PGL #7287 – Approval for 1 Year Permit
- 6.09 North Headgates Update
- 6.10 Board Member Eligibility Information – Motion to Limit the Term for Director to 3 Terms
- 6.11 City of Brooks Request for Presentation re Lakeside Leisure Centre Funding
- 6.12 Staffing Update
- 7.0 Family Brand
- 8.0 Attracting Industry to the District
- 19.04 Prairie Conservation Forum AGM
- 19.05 Alberta Grain Elevators Society Event at EID Historical Park
- 19.06 Meeting with Irrigation Council

2016-06-142 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Irrigation Expansion

Questions were asked of E. Wilson regarding irrigation expansion. A quick verbal overview of previously identified or planned irrigation expansion projects was given to Directors. Matters

concerning the District's water license, future plebiscite, assessment off-river and under reservoir support, and suitable land were cited as well.

9.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

Mr. Wilson advised that approval for the cofferdam has been received and also answered a number of questions from the Board regarding the project.

On a separate note, F. George advised that he has approached E. Wilson to work on the categorization of encroachments in conjunction with the general assessment. Mr. Wilson answered a few questions regarding ROWs and confirmed his availability to work with staff in this regard once the general assessment progresses.

[2:21 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 May 24, 2016

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2016-06-143 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the May 24, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

4.0 Business Arising

4.01 Proposed Calgary Farmers Market Corn Roast

B. Chrumka advised that the BRID will not be participating in a Calgary Farmers Market Corn Roast PR event for 2016.

5.0 Board Member Compensation

The following motion was put forward and clarification gained.

2016-06-144 Moved by G. Murray that Board Member compensation information as recorded in the District's Annual Report Book from now on be itemized as per Director. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

6.0 Committee Business

6.01 K300 Financial Mortgages

In Committee, K. Bridges advised that the K300 mortgages on undeveloped land at Lake Newell Resort were last renewed in 2014 and will mature on August 31, 2016. The Board gave direction to renew these mortgages with the following conditions.

- 2016-06-145 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve renewal of the K300 Financial Corporation mortgages as follows:**
- **2 year term, commencing on August 1, 2016 and ending July 31, 2018;**
 - **annual principal payment of \$93,127.16 due July 31st of each year;**
 - **10% annual interest rate, to be paid monthly;**
 - **partial discharges permitted for Block 8 only at the rate of \$25,000 per lot plus \$1,000 per lot admin fee;**
 - **K300 responsible for all legal fees and costs incurred by the EID in renewing the mortgages;**
- and that administration enquiries about purchasing back any of the lands involved.
Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

6.02 Palliser Economic Partnership – Request to Meet with the Board

It was requested that R. Moen speak to the proposal for high speed broadband fiber in SE Alberta when giving the EIDNet overview presentation next month. Invitation for a full presentation from Palliser Economic Partnership, as given to Joint Shared Services, is to be offered for August.

6.03 Stewart Neely Presentation to the Board

Stewart Neely addressed the Board in the Committee Meeting concerning issues of assessment, development and efficiencies. A letter of response from the Board will be sent to Mr. Neely; clarification will be added regarding the existing farmyard agreement on NE 31-21-12 W4M.

- 2016-06-146 Moved by B. Chrumka that correspondence from the Board be sent to Mr. Neely, based on the itemized sample letter included in the Board package. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

6.04 CNRL Update

Copies of the revised letter sent to CNRL, and information from J. Culligan are to be distributed to Directors.

6.05 Proposed Solar Project – NW 17 & SW 20-18-14 W4M

In the Committee Meeting direction was given to administration regarding the C & B Alberta Solar Development ULC proposal.

[2:33 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

6.06 GAC Rep re Recommendation for Renters

The matter of renters as eligible members in Community Grazing Associations is to come back to the Board for further discussion. The Grazing Advisory Committee is waiting for a response from the Board regarding a proposal.

6.07 PGL #7038 – Les Douglass Request to Meet with the Board

Les Douglass requested that the Board review an earlier decision regarding unauthorized cultivation of a private grazing lease, as follows:

2016-01-011 Moved by B. McKellar that a fence be installed on the east boundary of PGL #7038, by and at the cost of the Lessee (Les Douglass). Seconded by C. Chomistek. CARRIED

In Committee the incidence of this unauthorized cultivation was reviewed and discussion followed.

In follow up, the subsequent motion was put forward to put the parcel up for sale as it is a physically isolated parcel. A point was raised to take the opportunity to look at other options as part of this land offer prior to voting on the motion.

2016-06-147 Moved by G. Graham that Private Grazing Lease #7038, Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M, be offered for sale to Les Douglass to square up his parcel, and that an independent appraiser be used to help establish a value of the land and surface leases. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

Opposed – R. Owen, J. Culligan, B. Chrumka

A letter from the Board is to be forwarded to Mr. Douglass.

[2:37 p.m. G. Murray exited the meeting.]

6.08 PGL #7287 – Approval for 1 Year Permit

In Committee it was explained that PGL #7287, SE 25-14-13 W4M, was originally part of APGL #7102, held by George Murray V, which had been reduced in size by half for irrigation development. This parcel was tendered out as a 1 year Private Grazing Permit in 2015 and since no acceptable bids were received, it was offered to Mr. Murray at 2015 rates. It was now reasoned that the grazing lease continue to be offered to Mr. Murray as a permit, conditional on eligibility requirements being met, until the parcel is approved for irrigation development.

2016-06-148 Moved by B. Chrumka that an annual permit for Private Grazing Lease #7287, SE 25-14-13 W4M, be offered again to George Murray V, and that the permit automatically renew until the parcel is developed for irrigation, conditional on eligibility requirements being met. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:45 p.m. G. Murray rejoined meeting.]

7.0 Family Brand

The following motion was put forward. Upon presentation of the motion it was suggested to discuss this further in a consultative, whole policy review process whereby the impacts of this decision could be tested, and feedback gained from GAC.

2016-06-149 Moved by R. Johnson that the requirement for the Family Brand to be discontinued at the end of the 2017 grazing season be removed from policy, allowing the practice to continue. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

Opposed – J. Culligan, R. Owen, B. Chrumka

Grazing Associations will be notified of the change to policy and the revised policy will be distributed.

[3:05 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

6.0 Committee Business cont'd.**6.09 North Headgates Update**

The request for boat docks and lifts at North Headgates, and the progress in Ron Redelback meeting the County's requirements for that area were discussed in the Committee Meeting. Agreements for docks and lifts specific to North Headgates are to be completed.

2016-06-150 Moved by B. Chrumka, that as per clause 8.1 of the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy, upon making payment and signing the necessary agreements, 6 docks and 12 boat lifts be granted to the residents of North Headgates; and that upon receipt of such a 7th dock and 2 lifts be considered for Ron Redelback. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

6.10 Board Member Eligibility Information – Motion to Limit the Term for Director to 3 Terms

Legal opinion was provided confirming discussions of last month whereby the District cannot approve policy or bylaws which override or limit the *Irrigation Districts Act*. Thus, the motion from the floor at this year's AGM requesting the Board to adopt a policy that requires Board members to step down for one term following three consecutive terms of Board service was denied. Again, it was supported that the electorate continue to have their say in re-electing or replacing their divisional director.

6.11 City of Brooks Request for Presentation re Lakeside Leisure Centre Funding

Representatives of the City of Brooks have requested to present to the Board on sponsorship opportunities for the renovation and expansion of the Lakeside Leisure Centre. M. Redelback was asked to arrange for a presentation time for the July Board Meeting.

6.12 Staffing Update

I. Friesen announced in the Committee Meeting that Ryan Gagley has been promoted to Engineering Manager, and that Emma Wallace has been hired as the new GIS Analyst.

8.0 Attracting Industry to the District

Discussion was held on past incentives and current ideas for attracting industry to the District. G. Murray will give some industry contact information to Mr. Friesen for follow up.

10.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

10.01 May 31, 2016 Financial Statements

The financial statements to May 31, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$26.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$16.5 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$9.7 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2016-06-151 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

10.02 Appointment of the Auditors

In order to secure a firm to conduct the audit of the District's 2016 financial statements, an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented.

2016-06-152 Moved by B. Chrumka that the engagement letter, dated May 31, 2016 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2016 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

11.0 EIDNet Report

No major issues were reported since last month.

[3:30 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

12.0 Operations**12.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date**

I. Friesen advised that roughly the same amount of water has been diverted at this point in time, 207,611 acre feet, as last year. Precipitation levels are tracking below average for parts of the District; and although significant evaporation loss is experienced on hot days, reservoir levels are also about the same as last year. June 10th saw a peak of 650 parcels being irrigated as compared to 830 on the same date in 2015; today 580 parcels are on.

13.0 Engineering**13.01 Project for Review – Rosemary Drain – Project 2**

R. Gagley presented the preliminary synopsis for Rosemary Drain – Project 2, on behalf of R. Summach. The portion of the drain for this project runs diagonally through SE 34 & N ½ 27-20-16 W4M. Three options were presented for consideration: rebuilding the ditch down the present alignment through the alkali flat; digging a ditch to the south, roughly parallel but outside the alkali flat; or installing a short pipeline at the top end of this stretch to act as an emergency spillway only. Mitigating factors on all options and a recommendation for Option 3 were given. Mr. Gagley advised that a Project Farmer Meeting was previously held, and invited Directors to speak with affected landowners and respond with any matters of concern. Additional details on the project will be brought back to the Board for further discussion and approval at a later date.

13.02 Project for Review – 11-B Springhill

J. Kabut presented the preliminary synopsis for 11-B Springhill. The proposed alignment would come off of Sec B Springhill in NE 28-20-16 W4M, and meet and follow the existing canal in SW 02-21-16 W4M, which ends up at 2 points in Sec. 19-21-15 W4M. The proposed rehabilitation would consist of a closed gravity pipeline system that would supply approximately 3,500 acres. There is potential for 4 pivots being installed. It was noted that a large portion of the existing canal would have to be left open due to spill and drainage. A Project Farmer Meeting was previously held, and Directors are to speak with affected landowners and respond with any matters of concern.

Additional details on the project will be brought back to the Board for further discussion and approval at a later date.

[3:44 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

2.0 Irrigation Expansion cont'd.

Additional discussion was held regarding irrigation development. Mr. Friesen offered to forward previous PowerPoints to Directors that identify the prospects and the considerations.

[3:50 p.m. E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

14.0 Lands

E. McLeod presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands report.

14.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

14.01.1 Farm Improvement – Bill Martin – SW 04-21-14 W4M

Current assessment is 120 acres (96 pivot, 24 wheels); new wiper pivot is 26 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 24 acres wheels to pivot. 2 additional acres are needed to complete the new pivot and 6 are needed to infill the circumference of the existing pivot; these acres are gained from efficiencies. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008 (24 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment in the SW is 123 acres, and in the SE is 53; all under pivot irrigation.

2016-06-153 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bill Martin for the conversion of 24 acres wheels to pivot in SW 04-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008. The capital assets charge is \$2,400. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

14.01.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – Bill Martin – SW 04 & Pt. SE 04-21-14 W4M

An existing pivot in SW 04-21-14 W4M crosses into the SE quarter up to the parcel boundary, necessitating the registration of an Irrigable Unit.

2016-06-154 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 04 & Pt. SE 04-21-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Bill Martin. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

14.01.3 Farm Improvement – Frank & Margaret Wiebe – S ½ of SW 31-16-15 W4M

Current assessment is 70 acres flood; new wiper pivot is 61 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 61 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 9 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,124 (61 acres x \$84/acre) - \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) = \$624. Assessment remains the same.

2016-06-155 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Frank & Margaret Wiebe for the conversion of 61 acres flood to pivot in S ½ of SW 31-16-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$624. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

14.01.4 Farm Improvement – Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc. (Dirk Drost) – NW 31-14-12 W4M

Current assessment is 40 acres wheels; new wiper pivot is 54 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 40 acres wheels to pivot. 14 additional acres are needed to complete the new pivot; 6 are gained from efficiencies and 8 will be granted off of 12 Mile Coulee Reservoir. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,680 (40 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 54 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-06-156 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc. (Dirk Drost) for the conversion of 40 acres wheels to pivot in NW 31-14-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,680. The capital assets charge is \$4,200. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

14.01.5 Irrigable Unit Registration – Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc. (Dirk Drost)

Three pivots on separate quarter sections are all serviced from the same delivery site located off the 12 Mile Coulee Reservoir in NW 31-14-12 W4M, which requires the registration of an Irrigable Unit.

2016-06-157 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 29, SW 32, SE 31 & NW 31-14-12 W4M, all lands being owned by Spruce Lane Potatoes (Dirk Drost). Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

14.01.6 Application to Convert from Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc.

An application was received from Spruce Lane Potatoes (Dirk Drost) to convert 94 terminable acres in NW 29-14-12 W4M to irrigation acres. A new wiper pivot was approved for development and has been installed which covers NW 29 & SW 32-14-12 W4M. A mainline has been installed from the pump site in NW 31 to the pivot, which modifies the delivery point to be directly off 12 Mile Coulee Reservoir. Operations has confirmed the ability to deliver to this point. The capital assets charge to convert from terminable acres is \$100/acre.

2016-06-158 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the conversion of 94 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NW 29-14-12 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by Spruce Lane Potatoes (Dirk Drost). Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

14.02 Silver Sage – Request for Letter of Support

The District has received a request for a letter of support from Silver Sage Community Corral. The Society is applying for grants for new bucking chutes. Although a grant application for new chutes is not part of the Society's 3 Year Plan, it is perceived as a positive addition to the facility.

2016-06-159 Moved by R. Owen that a letter of support be forwarded from the Board, backing the grant application for the purchase of bucking chutes for the Silver Sage Arena. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[3:58 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

15.0 Equipment**15.01 Quotes on the Lease-to-Purchase of Excavators**

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

250 Excavator			
Company	Make	Quote	\$/Month
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	John Deere	\$322,130.00	\$10,000.00
Wajax Equipment	Hitachi (<i>new 2015</i>)	\$324,000.00	\$12,000.00
Finning Canada	Cat (<i>323F – smaller than 250</i>)	\$362,449.00	\$11,888.13

350 Excavator			
Company	Make	Quote	\$/Month
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	John Deere	\$410,500.00	\$14,000.00
Wajax Equipment	Hitachi (<i>new 2015</i>)	\$410,500.01	\$15,000.00
Finning Canada	Cat (<i>330F – smaller than a 350</i>)	\$422,761.00	\$14,881.19

2016-06-160 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of:

- a John Deere 250GLC Excavator for \$322,130; and
 - a John Deere 350GLC Excavator for \$410,500
- from Brandt Tractor Ltd., Calgary. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[4:01 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

14.0 Lands cont'd.**14.03 Grazing****14.03.1 Grazing Update**

R. Volek advised that with precipitation received since the May long weekend, grass conditions have improved significantly, and regrass pastures are producing well this year. At this point it is looking like cattle may be able to remain on the pastures at least for the normal season (October 15th). Fireguards are being disced and sprayed, and Downy Brome is being identified, monitored, pulled or sprayed. Increasing numbers of elk in small groups are being seen in the eastern part of the District. Alberta Environment & Parks is reporting that numbers have decreased to about 4,600 head from almost 6,000 in 2015. Cleanup of old fence material and garbage has begun; summer students are being utilized for this endeavour.

[4:07 p.m. J. Culligan and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

16.0 Buildings & Grounds

I. Friesen presented the Buildings & Grounds report on behalf of S. Dahl.

16.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Update

RHR Campground staff and management continue to do an outstanding job, although the campground has been experiencing fewer campers this year. The gravel road (Sec. Hwy 873), seems to not have been maintained as in prior years; Mr. Dahl will contact Volker-Stevin. Irrigation upgrades will begin next week, and a fixed air conditioning unit has been installed in the campground office. The day use and group site buildings have received positive feedback and are being used.

16.02 Capital Purchase – Jib Crane

Originally, a budget of \$30,000 had been allotted for the purchase of a non-automated jib crane for the Millwright shop, with the intent to upgrade the unit to being automated if required in the future. It has since been recognized that with the amount and type of work being performed, an automated unit is almost essential. As well, further enquiries have shown that a fully automated crane is more versatile than a retrofitted one. It was requested that approval be given for this revised purchase.

2016-06-161 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of an automated Jib Crane for the Millwright's shop from Kone Cranes an estimated cost of \$52,845. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

[4:11 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

17.0 Corporate Relations Report

M. Redelback presented the Corporate Relations Report, summarized as follows:

- Bassano Dam tours have been conducted for Concordia University environmental students, Roots of Change Charity delegates, a small group visiting from the USA, and approximately 400 County of Newell grade 5 students and supervisors
- upcoming Bassano Dam tours will be given to County of Newell staff, and during Alberta Open Farm Days
- Classroom Agriculture Program presentations have been given to approximately 80 grade 4 students at Holy Family Academy
- interviews are being coordinated for a number of article topics for *Irrigating Alberta* magazine
- coordination is continuing with Shaw Communications for additional irrigation themed shorts
- speaking on the International Rangelands Conference bus tour, July 22, from Strathmore to Mattheis Ranch regarding the EID and its native rangelands
- assisting in organizing summer tour sites on EID land for the Society of Range Management Intermountain Region Summer Tour at Mattheis Ranch

It was added that in addition to the BRID, the WID will also not be participating in a Calgary Farmers Market Corn Roast PR event. Mr. Friesen added that alternatively, Mrs. Redelback's suggestion of a similar PR event could be held locally.

[4:17 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

18.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use – Update on Agreements

Lake Newell Reservoir land use was discussed in the Committee Meeting; direction was given concerning certain allowances.

At Kinbrook Island:

- 38 out of 47 shoreline lessees have approved agreements, with possibly 4 more
- 4 out of 10 second tier lessees have approved agreements, with possibly 2 more

At Bantry Bay:

- 10 out of 12 lot owners have approved agreements, with possibly 1 more

19.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**19.01 Water Innovation Program Forum – Edmonton, May 30th & 31st**

I. Friesen attended the Water Innovation Program Forum in Edmonton on May 30th & 31st. This forum gives opportunity for funded water research programs to highlight their developments and findings to a wide range of water management participants. The forum links directly to the Water for Life Strategy and Alberta Water Research and Innovation Strategy. Andrea Kalischuk, Director of Water Quality with Agriculture & Forestry, presented on the “Method Development to Apply Potash to Irrigation Pipelines for the Control of Invasive Mussels” research project, of which the EID is contributing funds and a pipeline test site. Mr. Friesen advised the Board that to date the District has only been required to disburse \$20,000 of the original \$100,000 commitment.

19.02 AIPA Executive Meeting – Lethbridge, June 6th

Mr. Friesen also attended the AIPA Executive Meeting in Lethbridge on June 6th, highlighting the following:

- AIPA MLA Tour & BBQ is July 19th, ending in Lethbridge
- AGM & Conference planned for November 14th – 16th at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino in Calgary
 - Agriculture and Environment Ministers have been invited to speak
 - topics include water quality, invasive mussels, water license, etc.
- an MLA Reception in Edmonton is being planned, possibly including an IPEX tour
- Minister of Environment has invited AIPA to meet regarding carbon capture; industry examples previously discussed included pipelining, conversion from flood to pivot, variable rate pivots, micro irrigation, potential for hydro power, new dams, etc.
- the \$.02/acre increase to the AIPA rate for the electricity intervenor consultant’s fee needs to be confirmed with other districts
- cattle feeders have requested to collaborate with AIPA on an event in Edmonton

19.03 Antelope Creek Ranch 30th Anniversary – June 22nd

R. Owen, N. Fontaine, R. Volek and D. Buell attended the Antelope Creek Ranch 30th Anniversary tour and BBQ on June 22nd. A tour was given on the utilization of the Ranch’s mixed-grass prairie, wetlands and riparian areas by livestock, wildlife and waterfowl.

19.04 Prairie Conservation Forum AGM – June 23rd

R. Owen also attended the PCF AGM on June 23rd. It was noted that more special interest groups are attending; and topics included speculative discussions addressing climate change effects on the Northern Great Plains, snowpack, and fencing specs to allow for the migration of antelope.

19.05 Alberta Grain Elevators Society Event at EID Historical Park – June 25th

G. Graham was at the EID Historical Park on June 25th for the Alberta Grain Elevators Society event. The Park was hosting the event for the Society and the EID was asked for representation. The Society has been in operation for 12 years, and has made it their mandate to catalogue all the elevators in Canada and specifically in Alberta.

19.06 Meeting with Irrigation Council

F. George advised that Irrigation Council called for a meeting on Monday, July 25th. It will be held at the EID office, from 1:00 p.m. – approximately 3:00 p.m., and will include lunch.

20.0 Upcoming Events

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| 20.01 | Municipal Gov't Act Review – Tour | - Wednesday, July 13 th , 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Heritage
<i>[F. George attending]</i> |
| 20.02 | Pacific NW Economic Region Summit | - Tuesday, July 19 th , Calgary
<i>[B. Chrumka, I. Friesen attending]</i> |
| 20.03 | AIPA MLA Summer Tour | - Tuesday, July 19 th , Lethbridge
<i>[F. George, G. Graham, R. Johnson, G. Murray attending]</i> |
| 20.04 | U of A Mattheis Ranch Event | - Saturday, July 23 rd , 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<i>[F. George, R. Johnson, G. Murray attending]</i> |
| 20.05 | Meeting with Irrigation Council | - Monday, July 25 th , EID Office, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| 20.06 | Committee & Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 20.07 | Committee & Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |

Direction was given to administration to provide the Board Meeting package to the attending reporter for this month and upcoming Board Meetings. Information provided will not include the Financials, nor the Committee Meeting confidential package.

It was requested that all the Directors and Administration be notified of any additions to the agenda prior to meeting day so that proper due diligence may be made by the Board, Administration and Staff before any discussions or decisions.

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

 Chairman

 General Manager

July 26, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of July, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

- **Board & I. Friesen In-Camera** [8:55 a.m. – 9:24 a.m.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

There were no additions to the revised agenda.

2016-07-162 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 June 28, 2016

- Page 70, in continuance of the first sentence, G. Graham requested that the following be added: "to put the parcel up for sale as it is a physically isolated parcel".

2016-07-163 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the June 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

It is the intent of the Board to review the entire Grazing policy prior to next year's grazing season.

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Irrigation Expansion

In follow-up to last month's request for information on possible irrigation expansion, I. Friesen reviewed the maps which were earlier emailed to Directors. Short discussions were held on the following proposals, with direction given to Administration/Engineering to further investigate:

- 12 Mile Coulee: check soils
- Bow Slope Canal: cost estimates for pump station, deliveries, power, and pipeline
- Rolling Hills Reservoir Pump Station: (already designed), bring back costs
- Springhill/Rock Lake: advise of soil test results that JBS are having done in this area
- East Rolling Hills: cost estimates for parcels which are currently short term PGLs

- West Rolling Hills: cost estimates for parcel which is currently a short term PGL

Further discussion will be required on:

- consideration of raising the maximum new acre limitation for landowners, off-river and below reservoir
- possibly addressing infill acres on systems that are tagged for irrigation development
- general assessment review findings once complete, adequate reserve acres, available development acres, timeline and outcome for probable plebiscite in the future

[10:08 a.m. – 10:12 a.m. Short break; Russ Tanner and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

10:00 a.m. Presentation from City of Brooks re Lakeside Leisure Centre

F. George welcomed M. Redelback and Russ Tanner, City of Brooks Manager of the Lakeside Leisure Centre and Recreation Services, to the boardroom. Mr. Tanner proceeded to give a thorough overview of the expansion and redevelopment of the Lakeside Leisure Centre, including the project background, concept, and sponsorship goals. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Tanner.

[10:41 a.m. R. Tanner, M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued.

2016-07-164 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

2016-07-165 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Eastern Irrigation District donate:

- **\$250,000 to the City of Brooks for “builder designation” naming rights on the Lakeside Leisure Centre aquatic centre; and**
- **\$100,000 to the Brooks & District Health Foundation for the kidney dialysis fund raising initiative.**

Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

Opposed – G. Graham, G. Murray, F. George

2016-07-166 Moved by G. Graham that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[11:13 a.m. N. Fontaine & R. Volek entered the meeting.]

3.02 Clarification re PGL #7038 – Les Douglass

N. Fontaine advised of the approximate 6 month process for the subdivision of a parcel, and it was reiterated by Directors that the legal fees, surveying costs and subdivision costs involved would be borne by the purchaser. Confirmation was requested by staff and gained that only Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M of PGL #7038 be offered for sale to Les Douglass. The District will be retaining adequate ROW along the canal, and also the stilling pond area in the SW corner, which would result in an approximate 78 acre parcel. There was further discussion on the sale of the land. The appraisal on this parcel is to come back to the Board for review prior to setting the value.

3.03 Revised Grazing Policy re Family Brand

In response to the motion carried last month, draft policy wording for a new 4.8.2 (v) clause was presented for review. It was clarified by Directors that the intent was to allow the use of family brands immediately for all eligible members. The following wording of 4.8.2 (iv) of the Grazing policy is to be changed as follows:

"to use a family brand, the person must have ~~been a member in 2012 with the legal entitlement to use that family brand. No new Applicants, transfers or additional members will be accepted under a family brand after the year 2012. Persons who were Association Members in 2012 who are operating under a family brand will be allowed to do so through to the end of the 2017 grazing season after which time, they will be required to obtain and hold their own individual brand for all grazing seasons thereafter. No renter is allowed to gain eligibility using a family brand.~~"

Further examination of 4.8.2 (i), (ii) and (iii) will take place when completing the full review.

2016-07-167 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

3.02 Clarification re PGL #7038 – Les Douglass cont'd.

For clear direction on the matter, the following motions were presented and carried.

2016-07-168 Moved by G. Graham that an amendment to motion 2016-06-147 regarding the proposed sale of Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M of PGL #7038, be that:

- **"after an appraisal is received it be brought to the Board for review"**

Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

2016-07-169 Moved by J. Culligan that, in relation to motion 2016-01-011 regarding the installation of a fence in Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M of PGL #7038, the matter be dealt with after the proposed sale. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

8.0 Lands**8.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access**

N. Fontaine presented the following request on behalf of D. Buell.

8.02.1 Request from Big Country Oilmen's Assoc. for 2016 Pheasant Hunting Derby

A request for permission to access lands to conduct a pheasant hunt was received from the Big Country Oilman's Association. The 2016 Pheasant Hunting Derby is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, and the organizers are requesting to run the event on selected lands in various EID Community and Private Grazing Leases. In past years no issues were found with participants complying with District regulations regarding access, fire prevention and respect of the land, nor with the organizer providing proof of liability insurance.

2016-07-170 Moved by B. Chrumka that approval be given to the Big Country Oilmen's Association for a one day pheasant hunt on September 24, 2016 on the parcels as identified, subject to the consent of the associated grazing lessees. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

Mr. Fontaine presented the following Lands, Oil & Gas Report.

8.03.1 Update on Irrigated Lease #8268 – Russell Douglass

An update was given on the parcel subdivision and timeline for sale of Irrigated Lease #8268. Advertising the sale of this land is projected to take place in September. Upon request, information on minimum purchase price calculations set a year ago, was provided to Directors later in the meeting.

8.03.2 Inland Aggregates Lease Renewal

Inland Aggregates is wishing to renew their sand and gravel extraction lease for N ½ 15 & Pt. SE 22-17-17 W4M near Bow City. The current lease expires September 30, 2016. The company is required to secure permission from the Crown to access the gravel pit through Pt. Sec. 15 prior to the County issuing a development permit. It is anticipated that this requirement will be met shortly.

2016-07-171 Moved by R. Owen that the District renew the Inland Aggregates sand and gravel lease on Pt. N ½ 15 & Pt. SE 22-17-17 W4M for a 2 year term, expiring September 30, 2018. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

8.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following request.

8.04.1 Request for Loan from Gem Grazing Association

The Gem Grazing Association is requesting a \$50,000 loan amortized over 10 years to complete an addition and upgrades to the residence at the Gem Grazing camp. This request falls within policy and past practice for other Grazing Associations, and the loan is exclusive to that Association's funds.

2016-07-172 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve a \$50,000 loan at 0% interest for a 10 year term to the Gem Grazing Association for an addition and upgrades to the lease camp residence. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[12:01 p.m. – 12:32 p.m. Lunch break, N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited meeting.]

[12:32 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

5.0 Operations**5.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date**

I. Friesen advised that reservoir levels are at 96% of firm live storage, with the river presently recording its peak flows for the season. Water diversion to date is 287,148 acre feet, compared to 347,000 last year at this time, and equating to an average of .96 feet per acre across the District. On meeting day, 323 parcels were irrigating. As river flows were notably low this year, Mr. Friesen advised of a slight change to operations at the dam for extra insurance that the District's minimum flow limitation is not approached.

6.0 Engineering

6.01 11-B Springhill & Surge Pipeline

The 11-B Springhill and surge pipeline project, introduced last month, was brought back to the Board for approval by J. Kabut. The rehabilitation project, which runs SW to NE past the Village of Rosemary, consists of installing 15 km of closed gravity pipeline to serve 3,432 acres of irrigation, with the potential of 4 new pivots. The majority of the existing canal will be left open for drainage and spill. A surge pipeline will be installed at the top end in NW 27-20-16 W4M to act as an emergency spillway. The total project cost is estimated at \$7,208,000 to be funded under the IRP program. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Kabut.

2016-07-173 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 11-B Springhill rehabilitation project by installing a closed gravity pipeline and surge pipeline for an estimated \$7,208,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

Ross Hornberger is proposing to convert 28 terminable acres to irrigation acres for a wheel move field in NE 34-20-16 W4M, directly adjacent to his pivot in NW 35.

2016-07-174 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the conversion of 28 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 34-20-16 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by Ross Hornberger. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

As the delivery for both the pivot and wheels field is in NW 35, a registration of an Irrigable Unit is required.

2016-07-175 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 35 & NE 34-20-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Ross Hornberger. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

As the 2 deliveries for SE 19-21-15 W4M also serve the NE, a registration of an Irrigable Unit is required.

2016-07-176 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on E ½ 19-21-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Takeda Feeding Co. Ltd. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

Requests for Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants on this project will be brought back once confirmed.

6.02 Update on Lake Newell Reservoir Dam Repairs

R. Gagley, on behalf of R. Summach, gave a verbal update on the Lake Newell Reservoir dam repairs, first brought to the Board last October. The project was originally estimated to cost \$1,375,000; almost that amount has been spent to date. E2K Engineering, contracted to evaluate the dam's situation and design a solution, estimated 9,000 m³ of sand, but it is now projected that about 16,000 m³ will be used to build the repair as per specs. This discrepancy was discussed and Engineering was asked to investigate further to find the exact cause for the significant difference in the project estimate vs actual quantities; and to report back to the Board.

6.03 Request from Silver Sage Agricultural Society

Mr. Gagley presented a request from the Silver Sage Agricultural Society for assistance in removing and replacing approximately 4" of material from the floor of the arena. An excavator and trucks would be required, at an estimated cost of \$15,000. A short discussion followed.

2016-07-177 Moved by J. Culligan that the District donate excavator and truck in-kind work to the Silver Sage Agricultural Society for removing and replacing material from the Corral arena floor, on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$7,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

It was requested that discussions be held on setting parameters for the donation of money and in-kind work, perhaps at a retreat.

[1:06 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting; E. McLeod entered.]

7.0 Equipment

7.01 Quotes on the Purchase of a Tridem Truck

Mr. Friesen presented quotes and recommendation for the purchase of a tridem truck, deck, auto-greaser and heater. The Kenworth truck was recommended based on the turning radius of the unit, engine and parts. The new deck will be wired in-house, and the existing winch will be re-installed.

Tridem Truck	
Make & Company	Quote
2017 Mack TD714 - TransWestern Truck Centres, Calgary	\$194,150.00 + taxes & fees
2017 Kenworth T800 - GreatWest Kenworth, Lethbridge	\$197,900.00 + taxes & fees
2016/17 Peterbilt 567 - Lethbridge Peterbilt	\$199,400.00 + taxes & fees

2016-07-178 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the purchase of:

- a 2017 Kenworth T800 tridem truck for \$197,900 + applicable taxes and fees, from GreatWest Kenworth, Lethbridge;
- truck deck from Celtic Pride for \$44,000;
- Groeneveld auto-greaser for \$5,200; and
- Webasto heater for \$1,200

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

8.0 Lands cont'd.

8.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

E. McLeod presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands report.

8.01.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2016

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 was presented. There are presently 299,402 total assessed irrigation acres.

EID WATER ROLL			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
April 1, 2016	294,304	4,660	298,964
June 30, 2016	294,771	4,631	299,402
Net increase	467	< 29 >	438
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 2 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			440
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			29
Terminable Acres Canceled			0

8.01.2 Farm Improvement – Shawn Lelek – E ½ 02-22-13 W4M & Irrigable Unit Reg.

Current assessment is 155 acres flood; new wiper pivot is 106 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 106 acres flood to pivot. The remaining 49 irrigation acres will continue as a flood field to the north of the pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,904 (106 acres x \$84/acre). Assessment remains the same.

~~2016-07-179 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Shawn Lelek for the conversion of 106 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 02-22-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,904. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2018-03-142]~~

As the wiper pivot in the SE reaches into the NE, the registration of an Irrigable Unit is required.

2016-07-180 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. E ½ 02-22-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Shawn Lelek. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

8.01.3 Farm Improvement – Tracy O’Hara – NE 31-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 80 acres wheels; new pivot is 93 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to pivot. 13 additional acres are needed to complete the new pivot; these are gained from efficiencies. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360 (80 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,900 (13 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 93 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

~~2016-07-181 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy O’Hara for the conversion of 80 acres wheels to pivot in NE 31-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360. The capital assets charge is \$3,900. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2018-11-464]~~

8.01.4 Farm Improvement – Chad Sewall – SW 14-20-13 W4M

Current assessment is 40 acres flood; new wiper pivot is 51 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot. 11 additional acres are needed to complete the new pivot; these are gained from efficiencies. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner

is \$3,360 (40 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,300 (1a acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 51 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-07-182 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chad Sewall for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in SW 14-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,360. The capital assets charge is \$3,300. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

8.01.5 Farm Improvement – Darren Skanderup – W ½ of SW 33-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 67 acres flood; new wheels area is 73 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 67 acres flood to wheels. 6 additional acres are needed to complete the wheels; these are gained from efficiencies. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,814 (67 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 73 acres, all under wheel move irrigation.

2016-07-183 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Darren Skanderup for the conversion of 67 acres flood to wheels in W ½ of SW 33-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,814. The capital assets charge is \$1,800. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

8.01.6 Irrigable Unit Discharge – IL #8268 – W ½ 31-23-15 & Sec. 36-23-16 W4M

Now that the East half of W ½ 31-23-15 W4M has been subdivided from the West half of 31 in preparation of the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268, that portion of the Irrigable Unit needs to be discharged.

2016-07-184 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of Irrigable Unit #688 from East half of W ½ 31-23-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

[1:19 p.m. E. McLeod exited the meeting.]

9.0 Buildings & Grounds

9.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Update

I. Friesen presented the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Update on behalf of S. Dahl. Campground attendance has been somewhat lower than in previous years, although weekends are consistently full. Installation of park benches and additional sprinklers has been delayed but should be installed the first part of August. The maintenance of the gravel road (Sec. Hwy 873) to the campground has been considerably better this month. The campground experienced some minor damage due to heavy rains such as broken trees and a washed out road, but all has been rectified.

10.0 Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Potash Research Project Update

Mr. Friesen informed the Board that the “Method Development to Apply Potash to Irrigation Pipelines for the Control of Invasive Mussels” research project, performed its first potash injection trial the first week of July. A small closed pipeline on Brad Niznik’s land in the Antelope Creek area was used for 3 days. Liquid potash was injected through the air vent at the top end of the system, and target concentration levels were held for 2 days prior to flushing the system through Mr.

Niznik's pivot. These levels of liquid potash concentration are deadly to mussels, but not harmful to crops. No mussels were used in the test trial. Calculations predicting the length of time to reach optimum concentration in this test system, and the level of concentration held, were very close to actual test results. The researchers were very pleased with the generous cooperation of the landowner and EID staff, and with the weather conditions and test trial results. It is likely that a second test will be conducted on a more complex system in the District.

11.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

11.03 Pacific NW Economic Region Summit – Calgary, July 19th

B. Chrumka and I. Friesen attended the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region Summit in Calgary, where Mr. Friesen made a presentation on the 19th describing Alberta's irrigation sector and addressing the concerns associated with invasive mussels. PNWER is a comprehensive high powered summit, with MLAs, Senators and Ambassadors attending from the 5 NW Provinces/Territories and 5 NW States. Several concurrent sessions were held covering many economic engines of the Pacific NW area such as water, energy & environment, agriculture, forestry, infrastructure, border issues, etc. Connections were made with experts from the east who have been dealing with invasive mussels for some time now, and recognition received for helping fund the AIS detection dog program. The District also sponsored the travel costs for a presenter from Manitoba speaking on living with an AIS infestation.

11.03.1 St. Mary River Irrigation District AIS Prevention Strategies

Through the Summit it was learned that SMRID has developed some practices and procedures to compliment the government's "Clean, Drain, Dry" program in place for the awareness and prevention of aquatic invasive species. Additional "Stop the Invasion" campaign signs have been posted, basic boat triage is carried out (similar to what EID staff are doing), and staff will be sent to a course on invasive species. In addition, shoreline lot owners and other watercraft owners are being asked to sign declarations that if their boats leave the province they will get them inspected before bringing them back in. Furthermore, SMRID will likely prevent boaters from entering their reservoirs if they feel there is a reasonable risk, and they intend to close down boat access to a reservoir if it does become infested as they do not want the responsibility of infecting other water bodies. Mr. Friesen added that the training course will be explored for EID staff, and future Board discussions will be needed to map out a response plan if and when mussels are found in any of the EID's reservoirs.

11.01 Municipal Government Act Review Tour – Brooks, July 13th

F. George attended the Municipal Government Act Review Tour in Brooks on July 13th. The provincial tour was to introduce the new MGA, its impact and implications. Municipalities and associated bodies were given the opportunity to review the proposed amendments and provide feedback at the public session or by written submission. The open house was well attended with province-wide and local representatives. Good information was provided, such as board training and strengthening appeal boards; and a summary was given to Mr. Friesen. Mr. George advised that the District should keep abreast of any MGA amendments which may affect the District. F. George will respond to MP Martin Shields' letter asking for comment on the review.

11.02 Dinosaur Provincial Park Tour – July 18th

Along with a variety of City of Brooks and County of Newell representatives, R. Owen, R. Volek and D. Buell attended the familiarization tour of Dinosaur Provincial Park UNESCO World Heritage Site on July 18th. Visitor and research facilities were toured, along with the Park’s natural preserve and restricted area. Mr. Owen conveyed that it was a good tour and overall review of the Park, and that appreciation was expressed to the EID for addressing any cattle grazing fencing issues as they may arise.

11.04 AIPA MLA Summer Tour – Lethbridge, July 19th

The AIPA MLA Summer Tour was held July 19th. From Calgary, MLAs were given an aerial tour over the greater irrigation area, landing in Lethbridge. F. George joined the group in Lethbridge for the bus tour which stopped at Pioneer’s hybrid canola seed processing plant, Perry biogas plant, Gouw onion farm, Lamb Weston French fry plant, Windiana farm, and Kasko Sandy Hill feedlot. The day ended with a BBQ in Lethbridge, where G. Graham, R. Johnson, G. Murray, and other district and municipal representatives attended. The tour was well received as it provided an excellent platform for discussion and elucidation on irrigation matters with new government leaders, in addition to the opportunity to meet with a variety of industry people.

11.05 U of A Mattheis Ranch Announcement & Tours – July 23rd

F. George and G. Murray attended the U of A Mattheis Ranch on July 23rd for a scheduled announcement pertaining to a gift from AltaLink. Although this announcement was postponed, participation in the coinciding 2016 SRM/IMS (Society for Range Management / International Mountain Section) Summer Tour and Range Team Reunion proved beneficial. Constructive information was gleaned concerning the rangeland, management and research thereof, resident species, impact of oil wells, lessons learned, etc. A presentation was also given on carbon sequestering on grazed native grass, a research project supported by ALMA (Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency Ltd.).

12.0 Newell Regional Services Corporation – Request for Joint Meeting

Newell Regional Services Corporation has offered a tour and requested a joint meeting with the Board. Mr. Friesen was given direction on suitable days for arranging this invitation.

[1:54 p.m. – 1:59 p.m. Short break, R. Moen entered the meeting.]

13.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen, Internet Services Supervisor, presented the following EIDNet Report.

13.01 Monthly Report

The recent storms caused some intermittent outages. None of them caused any serious damage and all outages were short in duration.

Current EIDNet Customer Accounts	
Legacy Residential Accounts	217
Residential Accounts	1,278
Business Accounts	51
EID Automation	24

Total	1,570
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13.02 EIDNet Presentation

A historical review of the EIDNet branch of the District was presented, summarized as follows:

- began in 1995 as a dial-up service partnership with an ISP company as there was no other internet provided in the rural areas
- 2008 hired additional EID staff to assume more of the technical services
- 2009 began to rebuild the network and handle all aspects by the EID; considerable growth seen
- recognized by provincial government for providing rural internet services

In continuance, EIDNet now:

- is an internet service provider whose sole purpose is to provide high quality, highly reliable, high speed and cost effective internet services to individuals or businesses within the EID that is equivalent, if not superior to, services available to others in the larger city centers
- has 18 towers located within the District that make EIDNet available to almost all residents and businesses
- sees steady growth in both customer accounts and bandwidth usage; speeds are guaranteed and bandwidth usage is unlimited
- believes customer service is of utmost importance: with business hours and on-call helpdesk and support, onsite evaluations and installations, and EIDNet business planning
- has 24/7 network monitoring, troubleshooting and repair; and in-house network planning, design and implementation
- is responsible for District infrastructure automation and SCADA, corporate computer systems, security alarm system, and corporate telephone system; and provides live security and operational video feed of the Bassano Dam
- provides co-locates for Newell 911, Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System, Fire Departments and County of Newell
- provides secure communication for Newell Regional Water Services, and 3 locations for Weatherbug Weather stations

Further information was provided concerning adverse service and costs outcomes for both the District and rural area if EIDNet were not operating. Questions regarding future plans for the service were responded to by Mr. Moen.

13.03 Palliser Economic Partnership

A short description was given of the Palliser Economic Partnership presented at the Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting in June, attended by both J. Culligan and R. Moen. The Board confirmed direction to invite this group to present at the August Board Meeting.

[2:28 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

4.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

4.01 June 30, 2016 Financial Statements

The financial statements to June 30, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$29.3 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$19.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10 million.

2016-07-185 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2016, as presented. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

4.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2016

The 3rd Quarter Investment Report was presented on behalf of Lorna Smith. The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2016 was \$15,053,367 or 19% higher than the book value at September 30, 2015. EID short term investments totaling \$19.95 million matured and short term investments totaling \$7 million were purchased. IRP short term investments totaling \$2 million matured and short term investments totaling \$4.4 million were purchased. Bassano Dam Spillway short term investments totaling \$21.09 million matured and short term investments totaling \$21.5 million were purchased. EID long term investments totaling \$12.1 million were purchased.

The EID holds an investment that no longer meets the minimum credit rating of "A" as set out in the EID's investment policy. The Sun Life Financial bond rated at "A low" is set to mature in March 2017. Based on advice from the Vice President and Associate Portfolio Manager of BMO Nesbitt Burns that there is no concern for the ability of this bond to be paid on maturity, and the relative short period to maturity, administration decided to continue to hold this investment.

2016-07-186 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2016 as presented and confirm administration's decision to retain ownership of the Sun Life Financial bond, currently rated A low, that will mature on March 2, 2017. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

4.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2016

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

2016-07-187 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2016 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[2:54 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands cont'd.

8.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd.

8.03.3 CNRL Update

N. Fontaine gave an update on negotiations with CNRL; a counterproposal is expected to be received in late August.

8.03.4 C & B Alberta Solar Development ULC

Mr. Bridges updated the Board as to discussions with legal counsel and the County concerning a proposed solar project partly on EID land. A number of matters were discussed, direction given, and consensus to move forward with the project.

8.03.5 Acestes Power ULC

Mr. Fontaine advised that Acestes Power has requested the consideration of a solar project as an option to their previously submitted natural gas powered generation project. The project requirements for the two proposals were discussed. Direction was given to continue negotiations on the original request for the natural gas fired power generation plant. In the future, a proposal for consideration of a solar project may be submitted via a separate application.

8.03.6 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use

8.03.6.1 Letter from Glenn Ravensborg

An email to F. George was received from Glenn Ravensborg and also on behalf of Garnet Altwasser and Jamie Nesbitt, regarding the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy as pertaining to Kinbrook Island lessees. A lengthy discussion followed. Suggestions put forth by Directors were that a committee meet with this group to try and resolve issues at this point, that legal counsel be consulted for any proposed changes to the policy, that the committee bring their findings back to the Board, that admin/staff be involved for documentation and information, and that as options to consider the boating season run its course this year and then reflect on the policy or that representatives from all 3 areas be met with in the fall.

2016-07-188 Moved by G. Graham that a committee of 3 Directors be set up to meet with Kinbrook Island representatives to hear comment on the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

The Committee is to consist of: G. Graham, R. Johnson, B. Chrumka, I. Friesen and K. Bridges. A meeting is to be arranged for some time after mid-August.

[4:12 p.m. – 4:16 p.m. Short break.]

8.03.6.2 Letter from Ron Redelback

An email to F. George was received from Ron Redelback asking that the EID grant access and easement to his development for use of the District's existing roadway along the shoreline at North Headgates. An earlier request to purchase this land was denied by the EID because of the right-of-way issues that would be created for the District. Administration intends to grant Mr. Redelback a 3 year license agreement for the use of the EID's roadway until he builds a road to the east of the residences, which will be legally accessed and constructed to County standards. I. Friesen advised that selling the shoreline land or giving permanent easement may undermine the County's development requirements, be inadequate for road standards, erode the District's right-of-way privileges and impose liability on the District. A thorough discussion followed. Mr. Friesen further advised that it would be appropriate to abandon this roadway in time, reclaim the lands by seeding those areas to grass, and reroute any District traffic to the canal bank.

[4:34 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

14.0 Irrigation District Rates & Fees - 2016

Information from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry on the 2016 rates and fees for all irrigation districts was provided to Directors, which included:

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

[4:36 p.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

15.0 Other

A letter from Bob Hale addressed to the Board was deferred to the August Board Meeting.

Direction was given to I. Friesen and M. Redelback regarding a press release.

[4:39 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

August 23, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of August, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.03 Letter from Crawling Valley Campground
- 9.01 AIPA Executive Report
- 9.02 Meeting with MP Martin Shields
- 10.01.6 General Assessment Update
- 13.0 Wayne Swenson Flood Claim

2016-08-189 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 July 26, 2016

The "Letter from Ron Redelback" agenda item at the end of the July 26th meeting was given a short discussion to confirm consensus on the matter. A letter from the Board is to be forwarded to Mr. Redelback outlining the following:

2016-08-190 Moved by B. Chrumka that as per Administration's opinion and advice at the July 26th Board Meeting:

- **a license agreement providing for a 3 year temporary easement for use of the right-of-way/roadway on EID land that supplies access to a portion of the North Headgates residential area, be offered to Ron Redelback;**
- **the purpose of this provision is to provide time for Mr. Redelback to construct an access road, east of the residences, on his own land; and**
- **after which time, use of the access road on EID land be discontinued, the access road area be reclaimed and District traffic be rerouted to the canal bank. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

- July 26, 2016 Minutes – Page 91, 8.03.6.2, omit "A response letter is to be forwarded to Mr. Redelback."

2016-08-191 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the July 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Meeting with Lake Newell Reps re LNR Land Use Policy

A summary of the Committee meeting with Kinbrook Island representatives Glenn Ravensborg, Jamie Nesbitt and Garnet Altwasser on August 22nd is to be brought back for discussion with the Board at September's meeting.

[9:27 a.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

Mrs. Redelback was invited to convey comment and concerns from Kinbrook Island residents who have enquired about or signed agreements for boat docks and slips. Discussion ensued.

Legal advice is to be obtained on certain revisions and/or additions. A Committee meeting with Bantry Bay representatives is to be set up for late September or early October.

[9:45 a.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting, E. Wilson entered.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

Mr. Wilson advised that the Independent Review is near complete. Construction of the cofferdam is expected to begin in October after water shut-down.

[10:00 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

[10:09 a.m. – 10:14 a.m. Short break.]

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 July 31, 2016 Financial Statements

The financial statements to July 31, 2016 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$32.4 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$21.8 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.6 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2016-08-192 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

5.02 Setting the Interest Rate Applicable to Financing Agreements

The interest rate applicable to financing agreements for capital assets charges and capital construction charges is reviewed annually in August, in preparation for the new construction season. There was consensus for no change to the current rate of 5%.

2016-08-193 Moved by B. Chrumka that the interest rate applicable to financing agreements remain at 5% for the first 5 years, and for the balance of the term. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.0 Operations

Mr. Friesen presented the following Operations report.

6.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date

Reservoirs are currently being drawn down to winter levels. At this time last year, approximately 430,000 acre feet of water had been diverted, compared to this year's 320,000 acre feet. As well, last year saw almost 500,000 acre feet diverted in total, vs a projection of under 400,000 acre feet in total this year.

6.02 Set Water Shut-Down Date

A water shut-down date is again being recommended for the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend to allow the system to drain over the long weekend, prior to the startup of construction season. This date will also allow preparation for the cofferdam construction to begin at the end of October.

2016-08-194 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Friday, October 7, 2016. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

7.0 Equipment

7.01 Quotes on the Purchase of a D6 Dozer

Mr. Friesen presented quotes and recommendation for the purchase of a D6 Dozer. The new 2014 Cat was recommended; a full warranty is included.

D6 Dozer			
Dealer	Make	Quote	\$/Month for 3 months, 100% applying to purchase
Finning Canada Lethbridge	Caterpillar D6N LGP New 2014 <i>[in stock]</i>	\$294,000	\$12,000
	Caterpillar D6N LGP New 2015 <i>[in stock]</i>	\$343,938	\$14,000
	Caterpillar D6N LGP New 2017 <i>[factory order – shipped from France]</i>	\$405,000 <i>[approx.]</i>	<i>[no info]</i>
SMS Equipment Calgary	Komatsu D61PX-24 LGP New 2016 <i>[factory order]</i>	\$357,400	<i>[no info]</i>
Brandt Tractor Ltd. Calgary	John Deere New 2015 <i>[in stock]</i>	\$346,000	<i>[no info]</i>
	John Deere 750K LGP New 2016 <i>[factory order – 12 weeks]</i>	\$385,000	\$12,500

2016-08-195 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of a new 2014 Caterpillar D6N Dozer for \$294,000 + applicable taxes and fees, from Finning Canada, Lethbridge. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

8.0 Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Friesen also presented the Buildings & Grounds report, on behalf of S. Dahl.

8.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Update

There were no major issues to report, although speeding in the campground is an ongoing problem. A few different approaches are being tried to curb this practice. New park benches were delayed due to supply, but will be installed before the end of the month. Additional lines and ground sprinklers will be installed after the camping season to eliminate any disturbance for campers.

8.02 Crawling Valley Campground Update

The Crawling Valley Campground has been very full, with some campers being turned away not only on weekends but during the week as well. Again, there were no major issues to report, and it appears the second year managers are handling the campground quite well.

8.03 Letter from Crawling Valley Recreation Society

A letter was received from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society proposing an addition to the shower & bathroom building, adding playground equipment, widening of the boat launch, extra boat trailer parking and more shelter belts/trees. The Society is asking if the District would consider contributing to some or all of these projects, and is suggesting that some of the returned revenue from the campground be tagged for such. Staff will estimate the cost of these proposals and bring the information back to the Board for discussion.

9.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

9.01 AIPA Executive Report

B. Chrumka recently attended an AIPA Executive Meeting, noting the following:

- both BRID and WID received modified approvals to their water license amendment applications
- some construction bids reported by other Districts have come in under the project estimate, due to the present economy
- Irrigation Council has 2 openings; an application and interview process will be used instead of a Ministerial appointment
- very positive responses to the MLA Tour were received; there is interest in hosting another tour and getting more MLAs involved
- rates and bylaws will be voted on at the upcoming AIPA Board Meeting
- the contracting of a lobbying firm has been discontinued and not renewed
- an intervenor for electrical rates will commence, with AIPA covering the costs
- AIPA Board Meeting – Monday, September 26th, 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge; at least 4 representatives are encouraged to attend
- AIPA AGM – Monday, November 14th, Annual Conference – November 14th – 16th, Calgary.

9.02 Meeting with MP Martin Shields

I. Friesen met with MP Martin Shields August 22nd to further discuss water and irrigation politics as referred to at the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) Summit in July. "Alberta Open Farm Days" were also discussed and it was suggested to encourage irrigation farms, in addition to dryland farms, to be open to the public during any future events.

[11:03 a.m. E. McLeod entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands**10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

E. McLeod presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands report.

10.01.1 Farm Improvement – Warren Hendricksen – NE 19-16-13 W4M

Current assessment is 142 acres flood; new corner-arm pivot area is 152 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 142 acres flood to pivot. 10 additional acres are needed to complete the pivot; these are gained from efficiencies. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,928 (142 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre). New assessment is 152 acres, all under pivot irrigation.

2016-08-196 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Warren Hendricksen for the conversion of 142 acres flood to pivot in NE 19-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,928. The capital assets charge is \$3,000. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

10.01.2 Farm Improvement – Stewart & Lenita Musgrove – W 27-20-14 W4M

Current assessment is 73 acres flood; new gated pipe area is 53 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 53 acres flood to gated pipe. The Landowner will be installing a stretch of gated pipe for the amount of \$20,000 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. Assessment remains the same, and an Irrigable Unit is already registered on this parcel.

2016-08-197 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the farm improvement for Stewart & Lenita Musgrove for the conversion of flood to gated pipe in Pt. W 27-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,000. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

10.01.3 Farm Improvement – Allen Nielsen – NE 25-16-16 W4M

Current assessment is 132 acres flood; new pivot area is 121 acres. This Farm Improvement calls for the conversion of 121 acres flood to pivot. The Landowner is choosing to keep the 11 extra acres outside the pivot area at a deduction of \$500/acre. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,164 (121 acres x \$84/acre) - \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) = \$4,664. Assessment remains the same.

2016-08-198 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Allen Nielsen for the conversion of 121 acres flood to pivot in NE 25-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,664. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

10.01.4 Commercial Lease Annual Rent Review – Brooks Gymnastics Club

It is required that the annual rental rate for the Brooks Gymnastics Club be set. In consideration of the satisfaction of the tenants and that demand for this type of space is low, it was recommended that there be no increase to the triple net lease consisting of \$10 + utilities share, taxes and insurance.

2016-08-199 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board offer to the Brooks Gymnastics Club a 0% increase on their lease agreement for 2017. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[11:08 a.m. – 11:13 a.m. Short break; E. McLeod exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

10.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.03.2 Set Round-Up Date

As pastures are in good shape from above average rainfall, a round-up date for the end of October was recommended. 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.

2016-08-200 Moved by R. Owen that cattle are to be out of community leases by end of day on Monday, October 31, 2016. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

10.03.3 Request from Newell Grazing Association for Private Grazing Lease

A request was received from Newell Grazing Association to continue to use a specific parcel of land, currently designated as part of Kitsim Swing Field, as a grazing field for their bulls. The bulls are all Association owned, and the parcel is approximately 464 acres, rated at 78 AUM and would continue to be used for 4-6 weeks through to the end of November. A background report outlining past use, cost and agreement was provided, with the recommendation that this request be granted, be administered via a Private Grazing Lease with corresponding cattle deductions and bull rate invoicing, and that the opportunity be open to all Associations. A thorough discussion followed, including the advantages of such an arrangement, and representative billing. Grazing Associations are to be surveyed for their opinion concerning this specific request, and the matter be brought back to the Board.

[11:48 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting, R. Moen entered.]

11.0 EIDNet Report**11.01 Monthly Report**

No major issues were reported since last month.

[11:50 a.m. – 12:18 p.m. Lunch break; R. Moen exited the meeting.]

[12:18 p.m. R. Volek re-entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands cont'd.**10.03 Grazing cont'd.****10.03.1 Update re JBS Food Canada Inc.**

A preliminary report was received by the Board concerning a forthcoming request from JBS Food Canada Inc.

[12:35 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered and E. McLeod re-entered.]

2016-08-201 Moved by G. Graham that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd.**10.01.5 Irrigated Lease #8268 – Russell Douglass**

Russell & Pam Douglass met with Mr. Friesen and Ms. McLeod last week to discuss the minimum purchase land value set for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268. The Lessees are not satisfied with the purchase price and have asked the Board to reconsider. A background report was reviewed with Directors, explaining the original agreement for the installation of a pipeline at the Lessee's request and as cost-shared by the District, and the rationale for setting the minimum price to recoup any outstanding amounts owed to the District through an increased sale price for the land. A lengthy discussion followed. A motion was delayed to the end of the meeting.

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine gave the following Lands, Oil & Gas Report.

10.02.1 CNRL Update

A counterproposal from CNRL has not yet been received.

10.02.2 PGL #7038 (Les Douglass) – Appraisal on Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M

In response to direction and clarification from the June and July Board Meetings, Mr. Fontaine presented the results of an appraisal from Mancroft Resource Group for the sale of approximately 78 dry acres in Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M, presently part of Private Grazing Lease #7038. The findings of the appraisal for realtor transactions were discussed, tempered by information on private sales, the existing well, etc. A motion was delayed to the end of the meeting.

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd.**10.01.6 General Assessment Update**

Ms. McLeod advised that the general assessment is approximately 25% complete; identified and projected number of acres required for irrigating in excess and encroachments were reported. Similarly, numbers for irrigating road allowances, and acres not being used were also conveyed.

[1:11 p.m. N. Fontaine and E. McLeod exited the meeting; R. Moen, J. Slemph, W. Valentini and C. Dobson entered.]

1:00 p.m. Palliser Economic Partnership

F. George welcomed Jay Slemple, Chairman – Palliser Economic Partnership; Walter Valentini, Executive Director – Palliser Economic Partnership; Craig Dobson, President – TaylorWarwick Consulting Ltd.; and R. Moen, Internet Services Supervisor – EID, to the boardroom. A presentation was given by the guests, with subsequent discussion taking place. The Partnership representatives will continue to keep Mr. Moen informed as to the status of this proposal for SE Alberta.

[2:06 p.m. Short break; R. Moen, J. Slemple, W. Valentini and C. Dobson exited the meeting.]

[2:11 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

12.0 Engineering**12.01 Update on Lake Newell Reservoir Dam Repairs**

In follow up to last month's meeting, R. Gagley and R. Summach explained the discrepancy between the project estimate and actual quantities of sand used in the repair of the Lake Newell Reservoir Dam. Taking into account software vs manual slope stability calculations, replacement of silted sand, leaving the bottom of the sand piles to avoid silted sand, and using approximately 1" more to ensure specified amounts, the difference proves much less significant. In any case, it was conveyed that the amount of sand used was the correct amount to repair the dam to design specifications.

2016-08-202 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

12.02 01-N Tilley

R. Summach presented the 01-N Tilley synopsis, being the west boundary of NW 24-17-13 W4M, located directly west of the Hamlet of Tilley. The canal serves 422 acres and needs to be clipped regularly. The proposal is to install a closed PVC pipeline along this stretch, noting that the forgoing concrete pipe portion can also be operated as a closed pipeline. This rehab project is slated for the 2016/2017 construction season, and is estimated to cost \$408,000 to be funded under the capital works program.

2016-08-203 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 01-N Tilley rehabilitation project by installing 800 m of closed PVC pipeline for an estimated \$408,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

12.03 C North Branch Drainage

R. Gagley advised that it was requested to bring the C North Branch Drainage proposal back to the Board for reconsideration. Although previously discussed and approved in June 2015, there has been no landowner consensus for moving forward. I. Friesen clarified that typically if a drain relocation is requested, whether jumping the queue on an isolated parcel or requesting during a County / EID Drainage Program project, it is on a 75/25 cost-share basis. Therefore, a 75/25 cost-share for the entire project was approved, which covered options for an individual cost-share for just Brian Plett's land as it is on the bottom end, or requesting approval for the project under the County / EID Drainage Program. Notification of the project not being approved for the Drainage Program, lack of Landowner buy-in for cost-shares, and the simplicity of resolving most of the drainage issue by relocating the bottom end were all discussed. Direction was given to proceed with relocating the drain on B. Plett's land as per the previously approved 75/25 cost-share basis,

and as per policy, estimated at \$2,000 with the Landowner share being \$500. There is limited evidence to suggest that drainage areas changed with the removal of the canal or its banks, but it is a consideration when looking at drainage issues.

12.04 11-B Springhill – Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants

J. Kabut advised that in conjunction with the 11-B Springhill rehab project, Takeda Feeding Co. Ltd. (Ward Takeda) is proposing to put up 2 pivots on NE & SE 19-21-15 W4M, which will reduce the flow in the pipeline. As a result, the District would save \$358,000 in downsizing the pipe further upstream, and as per policy the Landowner would be eligible to receive a grant of \$20,000 for each quarter. The Board did not approve the Landowner's request to extend the pipeline to the pivot centers.

~~2016-08-204 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Takeda Feeding Co. Ltd. in E ½ 19-21-15 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot, saving the District \$358,000 in pipe costs. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000 for the NE quarter and \$20,000 for the SE quarter. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2016-09-218]~~

Takeda Holdings (Ward Takeda) is also proposing to install 2 pivots on SE & Pt. NE 12-21-16 W4M as part of this project. The EID does not save any money in downsizing the pipe, therefore there is no eligible Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant; however the Landowner may apply for Farm Improvement Grants for the conversions from flood to pivot. The Landowner's request to pipeline to the pivot centers was granted, as there is no extra cost in this alignment.

The revised project estimate for 11-B Springhill will be brought back to the Board once all Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants are confirmed.

[2:45 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

13.0 Wayne Swenson Flood Claim

I. Friesen updated the Board as to the status of a flood claim submitted by Wayne Swenson.

[2:50 p.m. M. Redelback re-entered the meeting.]

14.0 Requests for Funding

Mrs. Redelback presented the following letters regarding funding.

14.01 Letter of Thanks from the Brooks & District Health Foundation

A letter of thanks from the Brooks & District Health Foundation was received as information.

14.02 Brooks Public Library re Interior Furnishings for New Library

A funding request for interior furnishings from the Brooks Public Library was denied. The EID, through the Carl Anderson Trust Fund, has been supporting all local libraries since 1998.

15.0 Ducks Unlimited Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction

The Ducks Unlimited Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction, of which the EID is a major sponsor, is slated for the end of September. Directors are to inform M. Redelback of their attendance.

[3:04 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

16.0 Letter from Bob Hale

A letter from Bob Hale was received at last month's meeting. A letter of response from the Board will be forwarded.

10.0 Lands cont'd.

The following items were brought forward from the In-Camera portion of the meeting.

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd.**10.01.5 Irrigated Lease #8268 – Russell Douglass cont'd.**

The original price for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268, set at the July 28, 2015 Board Meeting was \$2,096,842. This was calculated as: (450 irrigated acres x \$3,800/acre) + (450 irrigated acres x \$300/acre for outstanding amount owed on the added infrastructure) + (151 dry acres x \$1,000/acre) + (5 years annual surface revenue x \$13,238.40) + (50% of mainline value of \$69,300). If the current leaseholder is the purchaser, the 50% of mainline value is not applied. For reference, the following motion comes from the July 28, 2015 minutes:

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

It was deliberated to correlate the minimum purchase price of this irrigated lease with the previous irrigated lease sale to Les Douglass in 2015. The revised price for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268 is \$1,959,107.40. The base value of the irrigated acres was reduced, and the subdivision of the parcel resulted in less surface lease acres. This was calculated as: (450 irrigated acres x \$3,500/acre) + (450 irrigated acres x \$300/acre for outstanding amount owed on the added infrastructure) + (151 dry acres x \$1,000/acre) + (5 years annual surface revenue x \$12,691.48) + (50% of mainline value of \$69,300). Again, if the current leaseholder is the purchaser, the 50% of mainline value is not applied.

2016-08-205 Moved by G. Murray that motion 2015-07-177 be rescinded, and that the minimum purchase price for Irrigated Lease #8268 be set as follows:

- **\$3,500 x 450 irrigation acres, as a reduced base rate;**
- **\$300 x 450 irrigation acres, to cover the outstanding principal balance on the pipeline;**
- **\$1,000 x 151 dry acres;**
- **5 years surface lease revenue; plus**
- **50% of the mainline cost for the purchaser other than the current leaseholder.**

Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd.

10.02.2 PGL #7038 (Les Douglass) – Appraisal on Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M cont'd.

As noted in previous meetings the legal fees, surveying costs and subdivision costs will be applied on top of the approved purchase price. The final parcel area will be determined by a legal land survey. The surface lease revenue is \$2,352.50/year.

2016-08-206 Moved by G. Graham that the purchase price for Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M, approximately 78 dry acres, be set at \$1,000/acre plus 5 years surface lease revenue. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Newell Water Project Wrap Up Celebration | - Wednesday, August 24 th , 11:00 a.m., Gem Hall
<i>[F. George, R. Owen, J. Culligan attending]</i> |
| 17.02 | Bow Irrigation Districts Mtg with E&P ADM,
S SK Regional Director, & Dave Ardell | - Tuesday, September 13 th , Calgary
<i>[F. George, I. Friesen attending]</i> |
| 17.03 | AIPA Board Meeting | - Monday, Sep 26 th , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge
<i>[B. Chrumka, F. George & others attending]</i> |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.05 | DU Annual Fund Raising Dinner & Auction | - Friday, September 30 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.07 | Newell Reg. Serv. Corp. / EID – Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, October 25 th <i>[tentative]</i> |

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

September 27, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of September, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-09-207 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 August 23, 2016

2016-09-208 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the August 23, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

[9:10 a.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 County of Newell Water Project Wrap Up Celebration – August 24th, Gem

4.02 Bow River Working Group – September 7th & 8th, Calgary

4.03 Bow Districts Mtg with E&P ADM, S SK Reg Dir, & Dave Ardell – Sep 13th, Calgary

4.04 AIPA Board Meeting – September 26th, Lethbridge

4.05 Joint Shared Services Committee – Request for Meeting

5.0 Corporate Relations Report**5.01 Mural Request from Communities in Bloom - Update****5.02 Request for Funding – BRBC (Bow River Basin Council)**

2016-09-209 Moved by B. Chromka that the District contribute \$10,000 to the Bow River Basin Council each year for years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.03 “Global Village” Community Access Show on Shaw TV

[9:36 a.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report**6.01 August 31, 2016 Financial Statements**

2016-09-210 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

7.0 EIDNet Report**7.01 Monthly Report****8.0 Operations****8.01 Reservoir Status & Water Use to Date****8.02 Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Potash Research Project Update**

[10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering**9.01 Project Status****9.02 County/EID Drainage Program – Drain Relocation – Bill Swenson – SW 30-16-15 W4M**

[10:22 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

9.03 Irrigation Expansion

10.0 Buildings & Grounds**10.01 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Year End Update****10.02 Crawling Valley Campground Update****11.0 Equipment****11.01 Results of Bids on Sale of 2009 Dozer**

[10:27 a.m. E. Lowe entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Assessment, Water & Lands****12.01.1 Farm Improvements****12.01.1.1 David Rath – NW 30-16-12 W4M**

2016-09-211 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David Rath for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in NW 30-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,172. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-09-212 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Cost-Share for David Rath for backfilling an abandoned District drain in NW 30-16-12 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District and the Landowner. The total project cost is \$10,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$2,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.01.1.2 Scott Sewall – S ½ 23-20-13 W4M

2016-09-213 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott Sewall for the conversion of 82 acres flood to pivot in S ½ 23-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,888. The capital assets charge is \$3,600. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

12.01.1.3 Dennis Will – E 29-17-13 W4M

2016-09-214 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis Will for the conversion of 109 acres flood to pivot in E 29-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,156. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

12.01.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – North Creek Ranches Ltd. – Sec 26 & Pt. SE 35-19-14 W4M

2016-09-215 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 26 & SE 35-19-14 W4M, all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

12.01.3 Request to Transfer Irrigated Lease – #8333 Jacob De Jager

2016-09-216 Moved by B. Chrumka that Irrigated Lease #8333 be transferred from Jacob De Jager to Jacob De Jager & Carla De Jager-Unser, subject to both Jacob & Carla De Jager satisfying the irrigated lease eligibility requirements. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

[10:34 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

12.01.4 County of Newell Regional Water Project – Funding Initiative Update

[10:39 a.m. E. Lowe exited the meeting.]

13.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

2016-09-217 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District move forward with the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway project by, according to policy, confirming I. Friesen's authority to award the first contract. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[10:59 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

14.0 Meeting with Bantry Bay Reps re Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy**15.0 Elections for Directors**

[11:48 a.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering cont'd.**9.04 11-B Springhill****9.04.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants – Takeda Feeding Co. Ltd. – E ½ 19-21-15 W4M**

2016-09-218 Moved by G. Murray that motion 2016-08-204 be rescinded; that the Board approve the \$20,000 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Takeda Feeding Co. Ltd. in only the NE 19-21-15 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot on 2 quarters in E ½ 19, saving the District \$358,000 in pipe costs; and approve the extension of the pipeline to the south boundary of NE 19-21-16 W4M. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

9.04.2 Revised Project Estimate

[12:07 p.m. – 12:37 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting and E. Lowe re-entered.]

12.0 Lands cont'd.

12.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd.

12.01.5 General Assessment Update

[12:40 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

12.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

12.02.1 Irrigated Lease #8268 – Sale Eligibility Requirements

2012-09-219 Moved by R. Johnson that the eligibility requirements for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268 be that the purchaser:

- **must own a minimum of 100 acres in the EID, of which 60 acres are irrigation acres (1st water rights) or 80 acres are terminable acres (2nd water rights);**
 - **is not required to reside within the EID;**
 - **must not have more than 640 irrigated acres combined in irrigated leases (lease #8268, all current irrigated leases and lease-to-purchase leases); and**
 - **must submit a bid by a written offer to purchase on the official Offer to Purchase form**
- Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[12:52 p.m. E. Lowe exited the meeting.]

12.02.2 CNRL Update

12.03 Grazing

12.03.1 Request from Newell Grazing Association for Private Grazing Lease - Update

2016-09-220 Moved by G. Graham that:

- **a temporary Private Grazing Lease for 2016 be offered to Newell Grazing for pasturing their bulls on EID pasture lands after Round-Up;**
- **the fee for pasturing any bulls after September 1st be \$2.50/bull/day for 2016; and**
- **that future requests to pasture bulls past September 1st or past Round-Up, and the suitable fees, be addressed at the next GAC Meeting for the group's concluding advice to the Board.**

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

12.03.2 Requests to Purchase Private Grazing Leases

12.03.2.1 Paul & Irene Hanson – PGL #7069, Pt. E ½ 26-17-14 W4M

12.03.2.2 Elis Kropf – PGL #7290, Pt. SW 36-16-14 W4M**12.03.2.3 Wolfer Ranching Ltd. – PGL #7121, SE 34-17-13 W4M**

[1:53 p.m. – 1:58 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting; D. Redmond and E. Lowe entered.]

2:00 p.m. Presentation from Silver Sage Agricultural Society

[2:08 p.m. D. Redmond and E. Lowe exited the meeting; R. Volek re-entered.]

12.0 Lands cont'd.**12.03 Grazing cont'd.****12.03.4 Use of a Brand Inspector**

2016-09-221 Moved by J. Culligan that the Land Administrator – Grazing be authorized to hire a brand inspector for use when warranted, by his discretion or when directed. Seconded by B. Chromka. CARRIED

12.03.3 Proposal for EID Pasture Land near Cowoki Reservoir

[2:41 p.m. G. Murray exited the meeting.]

2016-09-222 Moved by B. Chromka that in reference to grazing around Cowoki Reservoir, the following offer be made:

- a 99 year Private Grazing Lease;
- for all lands associated with this matter (EID lands W of Sec. Hwy #876 SE of Cowoki Reservoir, and EID lands N, W & S of Cowoki Reservoir, all with consideration for establishing setbacks, and PGL #7074, #7113, & #7108);
- to a Murray family entity that must meet eligibility requirements; and
- which is transferable to an eligible family member only.

Seconded by J. Culligan.

2016-09-223 Moved by R. Johnson that motion 2016-09-222 be tabled to the next meeting until more information can be presented. Seconded by G. Graham. [no vote]

Motion 2016-09-222 was DEFEATED

[3:55 p.m. R. Volek exited, G. Murray re-joined the meeting.]

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd.**4.06 Water Monitoring Workshop – Sep 14th & 15th, Lethbridge**

16.0 Gender-Neutral Wording

17.0 Letter to Bob Hale

18.0 Upcoming Events

- **Board In-Camera**

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

Chairman

General Manager

October 25 and November 7 & 18, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th of October, and 7th & 18th of November, 2016. Those in attendance on October 25th were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-10-224 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 September 27, 2016

**2016-10-225 Moved by G. Murray to have only the motions recorded in these minutes and in future minutes to help reflect the true intentions of the Board. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED
Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan**

3.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

[9:25 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

4.0 Engineering

4.01 11-B Springhill Revised Project Estimate

2016-10-226 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 11-B Springhill rehabilitation project revised estimate at \$6,983,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

4.02 06-A Rolling Hills

2016-10-227 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the 06-A Rolling Hills rehabilitation project, Option #2 including expansion and terminable acres, by installing a closed gravity pipeline

for an estimated \$4,505,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

4.03 10-G North Bantry

2016-10-228 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 10-G North Bantry rehabilitation project by installing a closed gravity pipeline for an estimated \$1,204,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

[9:53 a.m. – 9:58 a.m. Short break. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting; E. Lowe entered.]

5.0 Lands

5.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

5.01.1 Assessment Report to September 30, 2016

5.01.2 Farm Improvements

5.01.2.1 North Shore Farms Ltd. – W ½ 25-16-13 W4M

2016-10-229 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Shore Farms Ltd. for the conversion of 119 acres flood to pivot in W ½ 25-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,996. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

5.01.2.2 SK Bassano Lands Inc. – Pt. E 16 & Pt. S 21-21-17 W4M

2016-10-230 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for SK Bassano Lands Inc. for the conversion of 206 acres wheels to pivot in Pt. E 16 & Pt. S 21-21-17 W4M, subject to soils passing. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,652. The capital assets charge is \$6,600. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

2016-10-231 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. E ½ 16-21-17 W4M, all lands being owned by SK Bassano Lands Inc. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-10-232 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. E ½ 16 & Pt. SE 21-21-17 W4M, all lands being owned by SK Bassano Lands Inc. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.01.3 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Peter Wolf – SE 26-16-13 to NE -09-17-13

2016-10-233 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the transfer of 8 irrigation acres from SE 26-16-13 W4M to NE 09-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Peter Wolf. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.01.4 General Assessment Update

6.0 Irrigation Applications for 2017

2016-10-234 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the following Irrigation Applications for 2017:

- Tom & Claudia Declercq – NE 23-17-17 W4M
- Highplains Cattle Co. Ltd. (Alisha Armstrong & Mike Hale) – Sec. 23-21-17 W4M
- Endersby Ranching Ltd. – N 31-21-14 W4M
- Wade Tobler – N 02-20-13 W4M
- Clarence Procknow – W 13-18-15 W4M
- Herb & Dorothy Torkelson – NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M
- 1078828 AB Ltd. (Lee Pickett) – NE 21-22-17 W4M
- Meyer Seed Potatoes Inc. – SW 20-16-13 W4M
- GW Murray Ranches Ltd. – Sec. 04 & S 09-18-13 W4M
- Harley Tateson – SE 05-15-15 W4M
- Todd Irwin – NE 04 & SE 09-21-12 W4M
- Ron Henrickson – NW 31-21-12 W4M
- Brad Hale and Duane Hale – Sec. 20-22-17 W4M
- Spruce Lane Potatoes Inc. – NW 31-14-12 W4M
- Darrell Owen – NW 33-20-12 W4M
- Cody & Tricia Milne – N 07-24-15 W4M
- 1078828 AB Ltd. (Lee Pickett) – SW 16-22-17 W4M
- Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. – Sec. 30-21-13 W4M
- Fred & Nancy Klassen – E 25-21-17 W4M
- Les & Lina Klassen – E 17-21-16 W4M
- 1717866 AB Ltd. (Reid Johnson) – SW 21-19-14 W4M
- Carla Rabadan – SW 06-21-18 W4M

Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[10:14 a.m. E. Lowe exited the meeting, N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

7.0 Equipment

7.01 Quotes on Purchase of ½ Ton Trucks

2016-10-235 Moved by G. Murray that the District purchase:

- from Martin Chrysler Ltd.:
 - six ½ ton extended cab short box trucks at \$28,759.00 per unit; and
- from Brooks Motor Products:
 - two ¾ ton regular cab long box trucks at \$32,512.25.

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

5.0 Lands cont'd.

5.02 Grazing

5.02.1 Update re JBS Food Canada Inc.**5.02.2 PGL #7108 – Direction on Application to Transfer & Invoicing**

2016-10-236 Moved by R. Johnson that Private Grazing Lease #7108 be transferred from Lily Murray to Anna Martens. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

5.02.3 PGL #7074 & 7113 – Direction on Invoicing**5.02.4 Request to Convey Water Outside District Boundaries – Update**

2016-10-237 Moved by G. Murray that the Board accept the addition of NW 31-17-10 W4M (601406 AB Ltd., Max Tateson) to the Eastern Irrigation District; parcel to be served through a Rural Water Use Agreement for Livestock Water – Pressurized System. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-10-238 Moved by G. Murray that the Board accept the addition of NW 06-18-10 W4M (Scott Tateson and Max Tateson) to the Eastern Irrigation District; parcel to be served through a Rural Water Use Agreement for Livestock Water – Pressurized System. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

5.02.5 Letter from Wolfer Ranching re Request to Meet with the Board

2016-10-239 Moved by B. Chrumka to retract the sale of a portion of PGL #7038 (Pt. SW 25-24-16 W4M) to Les Douglass until further parameters are set for the sale of small Private Grazing Leases and miscellaneous parcels. Seconded by J. Culligan. DEFEATED In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan

5.02.6 Setting Parameters for the Sale of Small PGLs and Misc. Parcels**5.02.7 Set Date of & Direction to Staff for Grazing Policy Review**

[11:31 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

5.03 Lands, Oil & Gas**5.03.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (Oct 1, 2015 – Sep 30, 2016)****5.03.2 Sale of Irrigated Lease #8268 – Russell Douglass – Results of Bids**

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

2016-08-205 Moved by G. Murray that motion 2015-07-177 be rescinded, and that the minimum purchase price for Irrigated Lease #8268 be set as follows:

- *\$3,500 x 450 irrigation acres, as a reduced base rate;*
- *\$300 x 450 irrigation acres, to cover the outstanding principal balance on the pipeline;*

- \$1,000 x 151 dry acres;
- 5 years surface lease revenue; plus
- 50% of the mainline cost for the purchaser other than the current leaseholder.

Seconded by G. Graham. **CARRIED**

Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan

2016-10-240 Moved by B. Chrumka that the initial motion 2015-07-177 setting the minimum price for the sale of Irrigated Lease #8268 and the revised motion 2016-08-205 be included in the Annual Report. Seconded by J. Culligan. DEFEATED

5.03.3 CNRL Update

8.0 Status of Lease Negotiations for NW 17-18-14 W4M

2016-10-241 Moved by G. Graham that, due to unresolved issues, the District withdraw from negotiations with the County of Newell / C & B Alberta Solar for the lease of NW 17-18-14 W4M. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

[11:59 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

11:59 a.m. G. Graham moved the Board recess until Monday, November 7th, 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on November 7th were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	AGM – Corp. Services <i>[apologies]</i>
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

- **Board In-Camera**

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-11-242 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 27, 2016**

2016-11-243 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Revised Minutes of the September 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 AGM & Election****3.01.1 Set Annual General and Board Meeting Dates**

2016-11-244 Moved by B. Chrumka that:

- **the March Board Meeting be held Monday, March 20, 2017;**
- **the Annual General Meeting be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017;**
- **the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.; and**
- **that, if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 25, 2017 and**
- **Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, May 2, 2017.**

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

3.01.2 Electoral Divisions & Voting Subdivisions Bylaw (911)

2016-11-245 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #911 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 7th day of November, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2016-11-246 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board read and approve Bylaw #911 (2016) the second time this 7th day of November, 2016. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

3.01.3 2017 Election Date Bylaw (912)

2016-11-247 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #912 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 7th day of November, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2016-11-248 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board read and approve Bylaw #912 (2016) the second time this 7th day of November, 2016. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2016-11-249 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #912 (2016), this 7th day of November, 2016. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016-11-250 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #912 (2016), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2017, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

3.01.4 Advance Voting

2016-11-251 Moved by G. Graham that two Advance Votes be held in conjunction with the 2017 Election of Directors. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

3.01.5 Special Ballots

2016-11-252 Moved by G. Murray that provision be made to use special ballots in the 2017 Election of Directors and further that application for a special ballot may be made by any one or more of the following methods:

- a) in writing;**
- b) by telephone;**
- c) by telecopier;**
- d) in person;**
- e) by email.**

Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Ducks Unlimited Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction – September 30th**

[10:03 a.m. M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

4.02 AIPA Executive Meeting**4.03 Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus**

2016-11-253 Moved by B. Chrumka that G. Graham continue to represent the EID on the Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus Revitalization Committee. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

4.04 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council**5.0 Corporate Relations Report**

[10:20 a.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting, L. Smith entered.]

6.0 Financial Report**6.01 September 30, 2016 Preliminary Financial Statements**

2016-11-254 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

6.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2016

2016-11-255 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2016 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

6.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2016

2016-11-256 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2016 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

[10:32 a.m. L. Smith exited the meeting.]

7.0 EIDNet Report**8.0 Palliser Economic Partnership Meeting****9.0 Buildings & Grounds****9.01 Star Tech Automotive – Building Renovations Update****9.02 Crawling Valley Campground – Estimates on Proposed Projects**

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

10.0 Engineering**10.01 06-A Rolling Hills**

2016-11-257 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the revised estimate for the 06-A Rolling Hills rehabilitation project at an estimated \$4,282,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2016-11-258 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[10:47 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

11.0 Solar Farm – Request for Drain Relocation**12.0 Irrigation Expansion**

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

13.0 Flood Claim – S & K Farms Ltd.

[11:48 a.m. N. Fontaine and M. Redelback entered the meeting.]

14.0 CNRL Update

[12:09 p.m. N. Fontaine and M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

15.0 Growing Forward II – Grant Applications

2016-11-259 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2016-11-260 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the District cost-share funding and submission of the following applications to the Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Conveyance Works Management Program with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry:

- **“Improved On-Farm Efficiency and its Impact on an Irrigation Delivery System” – Ryan Gagley (EID Engineering Manager) and Mark Porter (EID Information Services Technologist); and**
- **“Development of Reclamation Guidelines for Class 5R Non-Irrigable Lands in Alberta” – Brent Paterson (Paterson Earth & Water Consulting Ltd.).**

Seconded R. Owen. CARRIED

16.0 Upcoming Events

12:23 p.m. R. Owen moved the Board recess until Friday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on November 18th were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Services
Mr. Jim Culligan	Director	[Division 2] <i>[apologies]</i>	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-11-261 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

2.0 Lake Newell Reservoir**2.01 Letter from Don Snell****2.02 Unauthorized Reservoir Activity**

2016-11-262 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

3.0 CNRL Update**4.0 Scheduling of Meetings / Events / Agendas****4.01 County / EID Joint Meeting Agenda Items****4.02 Corp Retreat/Planning/Board Governance – Date(s) & Items****5.0 Legal Opinion re Pecuniary Interest****6.0 Irrigation Districts Act Amendment Procedure****7.0 Setting the Term for Chair & Vice-Chair**

2016-11-263 Moved by G. Murray that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2016-11-264 Moved by R. Johnson that after serving 9 consecutive terms of office for Chair or Vice-Chair, a member of the Board is no longer eligible to be nominated, elected or declared elected to the same office for 35 months (3 terms), unless exempted by resolution of the Board. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

2016-11-265 Moved by G. Murray that, as recommended by legal counsel, quorum consist of at least four (4) members of the Board. Seconded by R. Johnson.

2016-11-266 Moved by G. Graham that Motion 2016-11-265 be tabled to the next meeting. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

8.0 Upcoming Events

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager

November 24, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of November, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-11-267 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Revised Agenda as amended. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 October 25, Nov 7 & 18, 2016

2016-11-268 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the October 25, November 7 and November 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Bylaw #911 (2016) Electoral Divisions & Voting Subdivisions

2016-11-269 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #911 (2016), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Provide for the Division of the District into Electoral Divisions and Voting Subdivisions, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

3.02 Bylaw #913 (2016) Quorum, Voting Procedures, Election of Officers

2016-11-270 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #913 (2016), be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November, 2016. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

2016-11-271 Moved by G. Murray that the Board read and approve Bylaw #913 (2016) the second time this 24th day of November, 2016. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update**5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events****5.01 AIPA AGM & Conference – November 14th – 16th, Calgary****5.02 Potash Workshop – November 8th, Lethbridge Research Centre****6.0 Corporate Relations Report****6.01 Request for Sponsorship – Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan****7.0 Financial Report****7.01 October 31, 2016 Financial Statements**

2016-11-272 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

8.0 Engineering**8.01 Project Status****8.02 Drain Relocation – Ben Meyer – SE 27-14-13 W4M****8.03 Drain Relocation – Ben Meyer – NE 19-16-13 W4M**

2016-11-273 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Ben Meyer – NE 19-16-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis by the District (up to a maximum District contribution of \$40,000) and the Landowner. The total project cost is \$19,500 (\$14,625 – EID, \$4,875 – Landowner). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

2016-11-274 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ben Meyer for removing trees in NE 19-16-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$12,000, of which the Landowner's share is \$6,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

9.0 Buildings & Grounds**9.01 Crawling Valley Campground Proposed Projects - Update**

10.0 Lands**10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands****10.01.1 Farm Improvements****10.01.1.1 Blue Rock Ranching Ltd. – E 01-23-17 W4M**

2016-11-275 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Blue Rock Ranching Ltd. for the conversion of 70 acres wheels to pivot in E ½ 01 & Pt. W ½ 01-23-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,940 (70 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$24,800 (50 acres x \$300/acre + 14 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

2016-11-276 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on E ½ 01 & Pt. W ½ 01-23-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Blue Rock Ranching Ltd. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

10.01.1.2 Terry Morishita – NE 08-21-15 W4M

2016-11-277 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Terry Morishita for the conversion of 81 acres wheels to wiper pivot in NE 08-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,402 (81 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$9,300 (31 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.01.1.3 Don & Elma Plett – NW 33-22-16 W4M

2016-11-278 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Don & Elma Plett for the conversion of 40 acres flood to sub-surface irrigation in NW 33-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,000 (40 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.01.1.4 Pedro & Eva Wiebe – SW 25 & SE 26-17-13 W4M

2016-11-279 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro & Eva Wiebe for the conversion of 57 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt. SW 25 & Pt. SE 26-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,368. The deduction for keeping 5 acres outside the pivot is \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

10.01.1.5 One Tree Ranching Co. – SE 29-20-13 W4M

2016-11-280 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for One Tree Ranching Co. for the conversion of 72 acres flood to pivot in SE 29-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,048 (72 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$19,200 (50 acres x \$300/acre + 7 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

10.01.2 Irrigated Lease Rate Reviews

10.01.2.1 Long Term Irrigated Leases

- 2016-11-281 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the five year rental rate of \$94/irrigated acre, \$5/dry acre, plus water and taxes for the years 2017 through 2021 for:
- Irrigated Lease #8226 – NE 12-15-14 W4M – Jelmer Tilma, and
 - Irrigated Lease #8310 – Pt. SE 10-14-13 W4M & Pt. NE 03-14-13 W4M – Jozef & Bertha Veersteegen.
- Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

10.01.2.2 Annual Irrigated Leases

- 2016-11-282 Moved by B. Chrumka that the irrigated lease rate for the following annual leases be re-evaluated after the general assessment has been completed:
- Irrigated Lease #8290 – NW 15-15-13 W4M – Mike & Anne Van Dijk,
 - Irrigated Lease #8323 – SE-01-17-14 W4M – Don Peterson Farms Ltd.,
 - Irrigated Lease #8378 – NE 14-19-14 W4M – Brookside Farms Ltd.
- Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED
- 2016-11-283 Moved by G. Murray that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

11:00 a.m. David Colwell, President & CEO, and Pat Gummesson, Farm Manager, JBS Food Canada Inc. re Proposed Project

10.02 Grazing

10.02.1 Summary of 2016 Grazing Season

10.02.2 Set Total Number of Cattle

- 2016-11-284 Moved by G. Murray that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED
- 2016-11-285 Moved by R. Owen that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2017 grazing season. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.02.5 Update re JBS Food Canada Inc. Proposed Project

- 2016-11-286 Moved by R. Johnson that the District investigate the options to accommodate JBS Food Canada Inc. proposed irrigation project. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED
- 2016-11-287 Moved by G. Murray that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

10.02.3 Scheduling of Board / GAC Joint Meeting re Grazing Policy - Update

10.02.4 PGL #7074 & 7113

1:00 p.m. Donald & Cindy Wolfer re Request to Purchase Private Grazing Lease

10.02.6 Land Acquisition Request re NW 17-18-14 W4M

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

10.03.1 CNRL Update

11.0 EIDNet Report

11.01 Monthly Report

11.02 Report on Palliser Economic Partnership Committee Meeting

2016-11-288 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

12.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Research Grant

13.0 Upcoming Events

G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

December 13, 2016 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 13th day of December, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-12-289 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

2016-12-290 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board resolve into the Committee of the whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

[9:59 a.m. – 12:07 p.m. I. Friesen, K. Bridges, W. Enns exited the meeting.]

- **Board In-Camera**

[12:07 p.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

2016-12-291 Moved by G. Murray that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

2.0 2016/2017 Budget Discussion

[12:41 p.m. M. Porter entered the meeting.]

12:41 p.m. IT & EIDNet

[12:47 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

[1:00 p.m. M. Porter and R. Moen exited the meeting.]

1:00 p.m. Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting

[attendance was regrettably declined]

1:01 p.m. Operations & Maintenance

[1:01 p.m. C. Getz and D. Syvret entered the meeting.]

[1:12 p.m. C. Getz and D. Syvret exited the meeting.]

[1:16 p.m. S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

[1:31 p.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

[1:32 p.m. R. McLean, T. Canning, E. Palaschak entered the meeting.]

1:32 p.m. Equipment & Shop

[1:48 p.m. – 1:52 p.m. Short break; R. McLean, T. Canning, E. Palaschak exited the meeting.]

2:00 p.m. Administration

2:13 p.m. Lands

[2:13 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

2.01 Set AUM Grazing Rate

3.0 Discussion re Bovine Tuberculosis Outbreak

3.01 Request from Patricia Grazing Association re Invoice

2016-12-292 Moved by J. Culligan that, for Community Grazing Association members affected by TB kill or quarantine orders, the District defer the 2016 grazing invoice payment deadline to March 31, 2017. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

[2:13 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

4.0 Upcoming Events

G. Murray moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

December 21, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21st day of December, 2016. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Floyd George	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. George Graham	Vice-Chair	[Division 5]	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. Rod Johnson	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. George Murray V	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-12-293 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 November 24, 2016

2016-12-294 Moved by G. Murray that the Minutes of the November 24, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2.02 December 13, 2016

2016-12-295 Moved by G. Murray that the Minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[9:57 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

3.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update

[10:10 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

4.0 Business Arising

4.01 Bylaw #913 (2016) Quorum, Voting Procedures, Election of Officers – 3rd Reading

2016-12-296 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #913 (2016), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District Governing Quorum and Voting Procedures at Meetings of the Board and Governing the

Election of Officers of the Board, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

4.02 2016/2017 Budget – Further Review, Questions & Approval

2016-12-297 Moved by G. Murray that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[10:12 a.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[10:27 a.m. I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

[11:55 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Lunch break.]

[12:23 p.m. I. Friesen, K. Bridges & W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

2016-12-298 Moved by G. Murray that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

[12:58 p.m. I. Friesen, K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

2016-12-299 Moved by G. Murray that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

[1:17 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Short break; I. Friesen, K. Bridges, W. Enns rejoined the meeting and M. Redelback entered.]

2016-12-300 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

6.0 Corporate Relations Report

6.01 Sponsoring Biology 20 Classes to Participate in RiverWatch Field Trips

2016-12-301 Moved by B. Chrumka that for local high school classes participating in RiverWatch field trips the EID offer to pay:

- net RiverWatch field trip fees; plus 80% of transportation fees, up to \$1,200/class.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

6.02 Request for Presentation – Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus

[1:36 p.m. M. Redelback exited the meeting.]

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

5.01 Palliser Economic Partnership Meeting

2016-12-302 Moved by G. Murray that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2016-12-303 Moved by R. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

5.02 Bow River Working Group

7.0 Financial Report

7.02 Director Per Diems and Benefits Disclosure

7.01 November 30, 2016 Financial Statements

2016-12-304 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

8.0 EIDNet Report

8.01 Monthly Report

9.0 Engineering

9.01 Project Status

9.02 Request for Delivery – Stuart Kanegawa – SE 35-15-15 W4M

9.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2017/18 to 2019/20

2016-12-305 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2017/18 to 2019/20. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

9.04 Drain Relocation – Ben Meyer – SE 27-14-13 W4M

2016-12-306 Moved by B. Chrumka that the drain relocation be centered on the property line between SE & SW 27-14-13 W4M, with Ben Meyer's share being \$40,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

10.0 Plebiscite Process Update

11.0 Lands

11.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

11.01.1 Farm Improvements

11.01.1.1 465406 Alberta Ltd. – N 19 & S 30-17-12 W4M

2016-12-307 Moved by R. Owen that, conditional upon the Landowner receiving approval from the County to farm the road allowance, the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 465406 Alberta Ltd. for the conversion of 213 acres flood to wiper pivot in N 19 & S 30-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$17,892; there is no deduction for the remaining 69 acre flood field in SW 30-17-12 W4M. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

11.01.1.2 Thomas Janzen – NE 17-21-16 W4M

11.01.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – Wade & Frances Tobler – N ½ 02-20-13 W4M

2016-12-308 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on N ½ 02-20-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Wade & Frances Tobler. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

11.02.1 Set Rates – Dirt, Landspraying, Seismic

2016-12-309 Moved by J. Culligan that the Oil & Gas rates for 2017 be:

- landspraying – \$2,500/well;
- fill – \$6.00/m³, (\$3,00/m³ for Water Users); (fill material used on District land must be obtained from an approved source on District land);
- topsoil – \$15.00/m³; and
- seismic:
 - source – \$1,250/mile,
 - receiver – \$800/mile,
 - improved pasture – additional \$100/mile.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

11.04 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy

11.03 Grazing

11.03.4 Update re JBS Food Canada Inc. Proposed Project

11.03.1 Report on GAC Meeting

11.03.2 2017 Cattle Listings

11.03.3 Set Grazing Number Per Member

12.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Research Grant

13.0 Buildings & Grounds

13.01 Crawling Valley Campground Proposed Projects

2016-12-310 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the following upgrades to the Crawling Valley Campground:

- parking pad with chain link fencing, at an estimated cost of \$65,000; and
- shower house additions, at an estimated cost of \$118,000;

to be cost-shared between the Crawling Valley Recreation Society and the EID, with the EID's cost-share maximum being \$160,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

14.0 County Proposal re North Headgates / Ron Redelback

2016-12-311 Moved by G. Murray that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

15.0 Request to Purchase Land – Don Jacobson

16.0 S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) Flood Claim – SW 29-15-15 W4M

17.0 Corporate Planning Sessions – Agenda Items

18.0 Board / GAC Joint Meeting Agenda Items

19.0 Letter from Jeff & Sheryl Van Wert

2016-12-312 Moved by G. Murray that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

2016-12-313 Moved by G. Graham that administration be authorized to increase by \$12,000 the previous offer of \$14,000 to settle a flood damage claim with S & K Farms Ltd. on SW 29-15-15 W4M. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

20.0 Upcoming Events

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager