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### **January 5, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. 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 9:30 a.m.

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

**2017-01-001 Moved by G. Murray that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

#### **2.0 2016/2017 Budget – Further Review, Questions & Approval**

**2017-01-002 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board of Directors approve the 2016/2017 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Board / GAC Joint Meeting Agenda Items**

#### **4.0 Corporate Planning Sessions – Agenda Items & Date(s)**

#### **5.0 Information Meetings – Dates, Locations, Topics**

**2017-01-003 Moved by G. Graham that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

[10:38 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Short break; I. Friesen, K. Bridges and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

#### **6.0 Response Letter to Jeff & Sheryl Van Wert**

**2017-01-004 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[12:03 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break; I. Friesen, K. Bridges and W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

[12:47 p.m. The Board recessed for the Joint Board / GAC Meeting at 1:00 p.m.]

[3:31 p.m. The Board reconvened; R. Owen had exited the meeting; E. Wilson entered.]

**7.0 BRID Judicial Review of Water License Application**

[3:44 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

**8.0 Upcoming Events**

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:45 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager



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**January 17, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. 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**

**2017-01-005 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Revised Agenda as amended. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 December 21, 2016 Regular Directors Meeting**

**2017-01-006 Moved by G. Murray that the Minutes of the December 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**2.02 January 5, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

**2017-01-007 Moved by G. Murray that the Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising****4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

[9:12 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway****5.01 Project Update****5.02 Board Tour – Set Date**

[9:24 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

[9:25 a.m. E. Chapman entered the meeting.]

**9:30 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2015/2016 Year End Statements – Ed Chapman, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants**

**2017-01-008 Moved by R. Owen that the Independent Auditors' Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2016 be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

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

**2017-01-009 Moved by B. Chrumka that the audit findings letter dated January 17, 2017 be accepted, executed and returned to the auditor and that the auditor independence letter dated October 3, 2016 be received as information. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**6.0 Financial Report**

**6.01 December 31, 2016 Financial Statements**

**2017-01-010 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2016, as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**6.02 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – December 31, 2016**

**2017-01-011 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2016 as presented.**

**2017-01-012 Moved by B. Chrumka that motion 2017-01-011 be tabled for acceptance until after the invoicing matter has been discussed.**

**6.03 2017 Remuneration Bylaw**

**2017-01-013 Moved by G. Graham that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2017-01-014 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**2017-01-015 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #914 (2017):**

- be amended by retaining the 2016 rate of remuneration to be paid to Directors; and
- be introduced and read the first time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2017-01-016 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board read and approve Bylaw #914 (2017) the second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

2017-01-017 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #914 (2017) this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2017-01-018 Moved by R. Johnson that Bylaw #914 (2017), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED**

**6.04 2017 Rates Bylaw**

2017-01-019 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #915 (2017), be introduced and read the first time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

2017-01-020 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board read and approve Bylaw #915 (2017) the second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED**

2017-01-021 Moved by G. Graham that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #915 (2017), this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2017-01-022 Moved by R. Johnson that Bylaw #915 (2017), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Annual Agreement Rate, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

**6.05 2017 Fees Bylaw**

[10:29 a.m. F. George declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

2017-01-023 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #916 (2017):

- be amended by setting the base charge for Livestock Water (served by a pressurized system) at \$800 and the base charge after July 15<sup>th</sup> at \$450; and
- be introduced and read the first time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by R. Johnson. **CARRIED**

2017-01-024 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #916 (2017) the second time this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED**

~~2017-01-025 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #916 (2017), this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** [rescinded by motion 2017-02-044]~~

~~2017-01-026 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #902 (2017), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED** [rescinded by motion 2017-02-044]~~

[10:32 a.m. F. George rejoined the meeting.]

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

**8.0 Operations**

**8.01 Snowpack Report**

[10:36 a.m. – 10:41 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

**9.0 Engineering**

**9.01 Project Status**

**9.02 2016/2017 Structures Program**

**2017-01-027 Moved by R. Owen that the 2016/2017 Structures Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$618,000. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

[10:52 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting, S. Dahl entered.]

**10.0 Buildings & Grounds**

**10.01 Crawling Valley Projects Update**

[11:03 a.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting; D. Buell entered.]

**11.0 Lands**

**11.01 Habitat, Wildlife & Access**

**11.01.1 2016 Access, Signage & Wildlife Summary**

[11:28 a.m. D. Buell exited the meeting.]

[11:32 a.m. J. Nitschelm, J. Charest, M. Porter, N. Fontaine and E. Lowe entered the meeting.]

**11:30 a.m. Jennifer Nitschelm, Director – Irrigation Secretariat, Ag & Forestry; and Jollin Charest, Manager – Basin Water Management Section, Ag & Forestry**

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**2017-01-028 Moved by G. Murray that the District explore the process of an irrigation expansion with an intent of requesting modelling from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

[12:08 p.m. – 12:48 p.m. Lunch break; M. Porter, N. Fontaine and E. Lowe exited the meeting.]

[12:54 p.m. J. Nitschelm & J. Charest exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

## **11.0 Lands cont'd.**

### **11.02 Grazing**

#### **11.02.1 Request to Transfer PGL #7054 Holt to Hemsing**

**2017-01-029 Moved by R. Johnson that:**

- **Private Grazing Lease #7054 be transferred from Kathy (Bob) Holt to Tyson Hemsing; and**
- **the list of eligible family members which may qualify for a transfer of Private Grazing Lease, as defined in the agreements, include grandchildren.**

**Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

#### **11.02.2 Request to Transfer PGL #7103/7104 Steiner to Steiner**

**2017-01-030 Moved by B. Chrumka that Private Grazing Lease #7104 be transferred from Erich Steiner to Renata Steiner. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**2017-01-031 Moved by B. Chrumka that Annual Private Grazing Lease #7103 be offered to Renata Steiner. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### **11.02.3 Set AUM Grazing Rate**

**2017-01-032 Moved by J. Culligan that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2017 season be set at \$12.50/AUM. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

#### **11.02.4 GAC Recommendations**

**2017-01-033 Moved by R. Owen that, with the condition added to the first bullet, the Board approve and incorporate into policy the following recommendations from the Grazing Advisory Committee:**

- **all pending Community Grazing applications and final EID Board decisions should be finalized by April 1<sup>st</sup>; subject to the applicant having been forwarded notification of the local Grazing Association's decision by January 15<sup>th</sup>;**
- **in a dry year, late entry (August 1<sup>st</sup>) grazers get equal AUMs as the early turnouts if there is an early exit date, as long as their grass has been saved;**
- **Newell Grazing enter into an Annual Bull Pasture Lease, (not a PGL as proposed) for the pasture in Kitsim Swing Field; the existing PGL that Newell Grazing has with the EID be converted to an Annual Bull Pasture Lease; fees for the Kitsim Annual Bull Pasture be**

- \$1,784 plus GST; fees for the bull wintering site switched to an Annual Bull Pasture be set at \$1,208 plus GST; and this format will be available to all Associations if they apply; and**
- **a rate of two times the AUM rate be set for bulls left in the pastures after the breeding season (after September 1<sup>st</sup>).**

**Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

#### **11.02.5 GAC Renter Proposal**

**2017-01-034 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Renter Requirements for Eligibility to Community Grazing Pastures, proposed by the Grazing Advisory Committee, as follows:**

- **standard rental agreement approved by the EID and executed by a lawyer; agreements may be up to 3 years in length maximum, however annual notarization is required;**
- **CRA tax forms submitted to auditor to determine if basic parameters regarding legitimate status are met; these parameters can be determined later if this proposal is accepted;**
- **sponsorship from an active grazing member; sponsor must be asked annually to maintain his/her willingness to participate therefore new sponsorship form must be filled out and signed every year; if renter is found out to be not legitimate, then sponsor will be suspended for 3 years; after the 3 year period, they would have to start as a new member; and**
- **maximum listing for a renter is 2/3 of the set maximum; a new renter will be able to start as a first year member at 1/3 listing, then 2/3 listing in year 2 and following years; existing renters will be allowed their current allocation until 2018; at this time they will be dropped to a 2/3 listing as well; existing renters would then be required to follow the requirements of the other renters.**

**Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED In favour – J. Culligan, R. Owen Opposed – R. Johnson, G. Murray, B. Chrumka**

#### **11.02.6 PGL Invoicing**

#### **11.02.7 Request for Community Grazing Association Membership Lists**

#### **11.02.8 Residency Requirement for Community Grazing Eligibility**

[1:56 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

[2:00 p.m. C. Slenders entered the meeting.]

**2:00 p.m. Cindy Slenders, Director, Brooks Campus & Regional Stewardship – Medicine Hat College**

[2:17 p.m. C. Slenders exited the meeting.]

#### **12.0 Letter from Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Ltd.**

[2:24 p.m. R. Gagley and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

**13.0 JBS Effluent Irrigation Proposal****14.0 Pivot Encroachment & Shortening – Ben Meyer – SW 19-16-13 W4M****15.0 Drain Relocation – Ben Meyer – SE 27-14-13 W4M**

[3:42 p.m. R. Gagley and R. Volek exited meeting.]

**16.0 U of A Rangeland Research Institute, Mattheis Ranch – Research Grant**

[3:52 p.m. – 3:56 p.m. Short break; E. Lowe entered the meeting.]

**11.0 Lands cont'd.****11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands****11.03.1 Farm Improvement – Thomas Janzen – NE 17-21-16 W4M**

~~2017-01-035 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Thomas Janzen for the conversion of 50 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 17-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,200. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2018-03-144]~~

**11.03.2 Farm Improvement – Kathy Holt – SE 13-14-14 W4M**

**2017-01-036 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kathy Holt for the conversion of 120 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 13-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,080. The deduction for keeping 17 acres outside the pivot area is \$8,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**11.03.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Robert & Tonya Smith**

**2017-01-037 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. Sec. 02-02-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Robert & Tonya Smith. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**2017-01-038 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. Sec. 02-02-14 W4M with revised ROW's, all lands being owned by Robert & Tonya Smith. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**11.03.4 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Howard & Arlene Torkelson**

**2017-01-039** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. E ½ 02-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Howard & Arlene Torkelson. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

**2017-01-040** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. E ½ 02-20-14 W4M with revised ROW's, all lands being owned by Howard & Arlene Torkelson. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED

**11.03.5 Assessment Report to December 31, 2016**

**11.03.6 General Assessment – 1<sup>st</sup> Pass**

[4:06 p.m. E. Lowe exited the meeting.]

**17.0 County Proposal re North Bantry Headgates / Ron Redelback**

**18.0 Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy**

**2017-01-041** Moved by B. Chrumka that clause 2.5 of the proposed Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy be deleted, and otherwise the proposed policy be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

**19.0 Corporate Planning – Agenda Items**

**20.0 Information Meetings – Agenda Items**

**21.0 Staffing Update**

**22.0 NWIO Yuma, Arizona Tour – Confirmation of Participation**

**23.0 Upcoming Events**

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:33 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager



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## **February 9, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017. 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 11:31 a.m.

### **1.0 JBS Effluent Irrigation Proposal**

#### **2017-02-042 Moved by F. George that:**

- **the District enter into an agreement with JBS Food Canada ULC to construct Phase 1 (as proposed) with the pipeline infrastructure sized to accommodate Phase 2 (location of Phase 2 to be determined);**
- **the annual land rental for the first 5 years be set at \$70/wetted acre (\$100/acre less conveyance fee);**
- **JBS reimburse the EID for costs incurred by the EID for the pipeline infrastructure, repayment to be over a 20 year term at 5% interest;**
- **a 5 year rate review be scheduled for annual rent and interest rate;**
- **if Phase 2 does not proceed, the EID reimburse JBS for any costs associated with Phase 2 that JBS has paid to the EID;**
- **JBS, at its cost, supply the pump station and pivots;**
- **JBS pays the costs for all fencing required for this project;**
- **there be no breaking of dry acres nor manure stockpiling;**
- **EID grants permission for additional soils testing to JBS, at JBS costs; and**
- **the project be compliant with all environmental standards.**

**Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:16 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

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## **February 15 & March 6, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February and 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. Those in attendance on February 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

**2017-02-043 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 January 17, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

##### **2.01.1 Fees Bylaw - #916 (2017)**

**2017-02-044 Moved by G. Graham that motion 2017-01-025 (consent to give 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to Bylaw #916 (2017)) and motion 2017-01-026 (3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Bylaw #916 (2017)) be rescinded. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2017-02-045 Moved by G. Graham that Bylaw #916 (2017) be amended by retaining the 2016 water conveyance rates for industrial, municipal and agricultural purposes. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[9:20 a.m. F. George declared a pecuniary interest and excused himself from the meeting.]

**2017-02-046 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #916 (2017), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2017-02-047 Moved by G. Graham that the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[9:22 a.m. F. George rejoined the meeting.]

**2.02 February 9, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

**2017-02-048 Moved by G. Murray that the Minutes of the February 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising**

[9:32 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

**4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

**2017-02-049 Moved by G. Graham that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**2017-02-050 Moved by R. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

[9:50 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

**2017-02-051 Moved by R. Johnson that the contract to supply and install gates, hoists and stop logs with hoists for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway be awarded to Instream at the bid price of \$3,787,513; and that all other tenders be rejected. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**5.0 Corporate Planning Follow-Up****5.01 Summary & Action Item Follow Up**

[9:52 a.m. E. Lowe entered the meeting.]

**5.02 General Assessment Update / Criteria to Administer****5.03 Encroachments**

[10:36 a.m. – 10:42 a.m. Short break; E. Lowe exited the meeting.]

**2017-02-052 Moved by B. Chrumka that during the current General Assessment review, several types of encroachments have been identified throughout the District.**

**Definition of Encroachment: Any type of irrigation, irrigation infrastructure (including pivot overhang), or other permanent or non-permanent structures that enter onto EID owned lands, whether stationary or mobile, without the express consent of the EID Board of Directors prior to installation.**

**The following direction regarding Encroachments was agreed upon:**

- **First, the District will assess whether there is opportunity to transfer portions of the lands encroached upon to the adjacent land owner to resolve the encroachment. All transfer requests will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Transfers will be reviewed based on the impact the sale would have on District operations.**
- **Second, encroachments will be reviewed in groups based on the type of encroachment and on the severity of the encroachment.**

| <b>Encroachment Type</b>          | <b>Examples</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Irrigation/Farming Related</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pivots extending onto EID owned lands</li> <li>▪ Pivot pads built on EID owned lands</li> <li>▪ Flood, wheel line, or dryland farming of EID owned lands</li> </ul> |
| <b>Permanent Structures</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Buildings</li> <li>▪ Lanes</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Non-Permanent Structures</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sheds and bins</li> <li>▪ Corrals</li> <li>▪ Fences</li> <li>▪ Stack yards</li> <li>▪ Junk yards</li> </ul>   |

| <b>Encroachment Severity</b>     | <b>Definition</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Major Works Encroachments</b> | Those encroachments on EID right-of-way lands containing infrastructure with a flow rate of 100 cubic feet per second or greater.                                       |
| <b>Minor Works Encroachments</b> | Those encroachments on EID right-of-way lands containing infrastructure with a flow rate of less than 100 cubic feet per second and encroachments on EID owned parcels. |

Approved encroachments related to irrigation will require Annual Agreements between the EID and the irrigator. The Agreement is only valid on current infrastructure; any proposed changes will need to receive Board approval prior to the changes being made.

Approved encroachments not related to irrigation will require Encroachment License Agreements between the EID and the applicant.

Seconded by G. Graham. **CARRIED**

- 5.04 Board Governance
- 5.05 Irrigation Expansion Limit
- 5.06 Irrigation Development / Development on EID Land
- 5.07 Scholarships
- 5.08 Annual Policy Review

**5.08.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

**2017-02-053** Moved by R. Johnson that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised to include a \$700/acre grant for the conversion to pivot corner-arm, small pivot, or subsurface irrigation on corners which already have assessment. Seconded by G. Murray.

**2017-02-054** Moved by R. Owen that Motion 2017-02-053 be tabled to the next meeting. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED**

**2017-02-055** Moved by G. Murray that the Drain & Canal Relocations 75/25 EID/Landowner cost-share portion of the Farm Improvement Policy be raised from a maximum District contribution of \$40,000 to \$50,000. Seconded by G. Graham. **CARRIED**

**5.08.2 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy**

**2017-02-056** Moved by B. Chrumka that the method for awarding grants under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy be revised from:

- a rating system evaluating a change to the landowner's water delivery arrangement (volume or location) which reduces the overall cost of construction
- to
- a participation system based on landowners converting from a less efficient method to pivot irrigation.

Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

**5.09 JBS Effluent Irrigation Proposal****5.10 PGL / Small Parcel Land Sales****5.11 CNRL / Solar Development****5.12 Mussels / Aquatic Invasive Species****5.13 Screen Cleaners****6.0 Reports on Meetings / Events****6.01 Report on AIPA Executive Meeting – January 30<sup>th</sup>****6.02 Report on Medicine Hat College – Brooks Campus Meeting – January 31<sup>st</sup>**

[11:26 am. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

**7.0 Lands****7.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2017 Rates**

- 2017-02-057 Moved by R. Owen that the 2017 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 and all of Section B 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:**
    - **\$10/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 G. Graham. CARRIED**

- 2017-02-058 Moved by R. Johnson that the 2017 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> and close at noon Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

#### **7.01.2 Brooks Motocross Agreement**

- 2017-02-059 Moved by J. Culligan that the Brooks Motocross Club be offered a 3 year lease on the current lands at a rental rate of \$1,200 per year. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

[11:36 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

#### **7.02 Grazing**

##### **7.02.1 Request to Tender Private Grazing Lease #7078 – W ½ 36-14-13 W4M (Lee Nygaard)**

- 2017-02-060 Moved by J. Culligan that Private Grazing Lease #7078:**
- **have the grazing capacity reduced from 83 AUM to 48 AUM; and**
  - **be tendered out as an Annual PGL;**
    - **with the bid based on annual payment; and**
    - **a renewal to be offered to the leaseholder for 4 subsequent years, subject to maintaining eligibility.**
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

##### **7.02.2 Request to Tender Annual Private Grazing Lease #7066 – NE 36-20-15 W4M (G & K Grove)**

- 2017-02-061 Moved by J. Culligan that Annual Private Grazing Lease #7066:**
- **again be tendered out as an Annual Private Grazing Lease:**
    - **with a minimum bid of \$600/year;**
    - **that a renewal be offered annually to the leaseholder, subject to maintaining eligibility; and**
  - **that the District rebuild the East, West and South fences at an estimated cost of \$5,000.**
- Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**7.02.3 Letter from Alvin Penner – Request to Graze East of Rock Lake**

[12:06 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**7.03 Assessment, Water & Lands****7.03.1 Farm Improvement – Floyd George – SW 22-23-16 W4M**

**2017-02-062 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for George Enterprises Inc. for the removal of trees to accommodate a future corner-arm in SW 22-23-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000; project subject to signing a no liability document regarding the fenced off well. The total project cost is \$2,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$1,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**7.03.2 Alternate Parcel Application – Miller to Bow City Colony**

**2017-02-063 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the annual transfer of 80 irrigation 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 G. Murray. CARRIED**

**8.0 Financial Report****8.01 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report – December 31, 2016****9.0 EIDNet Report****10.0 Operations****10.01 Snowpack Report****11.0 Equipment****11.01 Results of Bids on the Sale of the 2011 Tri-axle Truck****11.02 Quotes for the Purchase of a Rubber Tire Loader**

**2017-02-064 Moved by R. Johnson that the District purchase a 2015 544K Rubber Tire Loader from John Deere for \$162,500 plus auto-grease option. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**12.0 Letter from Jacobson Stock Farms**

**13.0 Letter from Todd Beasley, Lake Newell Marina Association****14.0 Request for Funding****14.01 Brooks & District Museum****14.02 Prairie Chicks Committee****15.0 Old Yard Remediation – Thurber Engineering Ltd.**

**2017-02-065 Moved by G. Graham that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**2017-02-066 Moved by R. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[1:11 p.m. The Board recessed until Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.]

Those in attendance on March 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**2017-03-067 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

**2.0 Reports on Meetings / Events****2.01 Northwest Irrigator Operators Tour – Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yuma, Arizona****2.02 McMillan LLP Seminar re USA Relations, Calgary**



**3.0 Financial Report****3.01 January 31, 2017 Financial Statements**

**2017-03-068 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2017, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

[9:28 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**4.0 Engineering****4.01 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy****4.02 Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects**

**2017-03-069 Moved by B. Chrumka that the maximum District contribution in clause 3.0 of the Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects be increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**4.03 Project Status****4.04 04 Scott Canal (12.5 km SE of Brooks)**

**2017-03-070 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 04 Scott Canal rehabilitation project by installing a 1,200 m closed gravity pipeline for an estimated \$351,500; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

**4.05 06 – 04C Sutherland / Springhill Canal (4 km NE of Brooks)**

**2017-03-071 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 06-04C Springhill Canal rehabilitation project by installing 700 m of pipeline and a screen cleaner for an estimated \$673,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

**4.06 05-C East Branch (3 km W of Brooks)**

**2017-03-072 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 05-C East Branch rehabilitation project by installing 5.6 km of closed gravity pipeline for an estimated \$2,918,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED**

**4.07 08-A Tailout (10 km E of Bassano)**

**2017-03-073 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the 08-A Springhill Canal Chute repair project by stabilizing the bottom section for an estimated \$26,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**4.08 Bow Slope Tailout (10 km SE of Scandia)**

**2017-03-074 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Bow Slope Canal Tailout repair project by stabilizing two sections for an estimated \$191,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**4.09 Drain Relocation – Ben Meyer – SE 27-14-13 W4M – Update****4.10 Pivot Encroachment & Shortening – Ben Meyer – SW 19-16-13 W4M – Update**

[10:22 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting, R. Volek, E. Lowe and S. Connauton entered.]

**5.0 Lands****5.01.1 Letter from Alvin Penner – Request to Graze East of Rock Lake – Update****5.01.2 Letter from Leigh Marquess – Request for Appeal for Lynne Marquess**

**2017-03-075 Moved by F. George that the requirements have been met and Lynne Marquess be allowed to graze cattle on EID pasture. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

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

[10:50 a.m. R. Johnson declared a pecuniary interest and excused himself from the meeting.]

**5.02 Assessment, Water & Lands****5.02.1 Farm Improvement – 1717853 Alberta Ltd. – N ½ 22-19-14 W4M**

**2017-03-076 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717853 Alberta Ltd. for the removal of trees to accommodate a new pivot design in N ½ 22-19-14 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$15,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$7,500. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[10:52 a.m. R. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

**5.02.2 Farm Improvement – 1742044 Alberta Ltd. – NE 27-14-14 W4M**

**2017-03-077 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1742044 Alberta Ltd. for the conversion of 45 acres flood to pivot in NE 27-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,376 (64 acres x \$84/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**5.02.3 Farm Improvement – Phyllis Andrus – SW 23-21-17 W4M**

~~**2017-03-078 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Phyllis Andrus for the conversion of 25 terminable acres flood to wheels in SW 23-21-17 W4M. The Farm**~~

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~~Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,050 (25 acres x \$42/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED [rescinded by motion 2017-07-229]~~

**5.02.4 Farm Improvement – Gordon Frank – N ½ 26-17-14 W4M**

2017-03-079 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon Frank for the conversion of 24 acres wheels to linear pivot in N ½ 26-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,008 (24 acres x \$42/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

**5.02.5 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Gordon Frank**

2017-03-080 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NW 25, NE 26, SE 35 and SW 36-17-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Gordon Frank. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

2017-03-081 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 25, NE 26, NW 26, SE 35 and SW 36-17-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Gordon Frank. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

**5.02.6 Farm Improvement – Cory & Keri Andrew – S ½ 14-18-14 W4M**

2017-03-082 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cory & Keri Andrew for the conversion of 242 acres wheels to two pivots in S ½ 14-18-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,164 (242 acres x \$42/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED

**5.02.7 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Cory & Keri Andrew**

2017-03-083 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 56 irrigation acres from S ½ 14-18-14 W4M to S ½ 13-18-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Cory & Keri Andrew; subject to soil tests passing. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED

**5.02.8 Conversion of Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc.**

2017-03-084 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the conversion of 8 terminable acres to irrigation acres in S ½ 05-18-16 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by Roy Brewin Holdings Inc. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**5.02.9 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc.**

2017-03-085 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on N ½ 05-18-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Roy Brewin Holdings Inc. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

2017-03-086 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 05-18-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Roy Brewin Holdings Inc. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED

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**5.02.10 Farm Improvement Policy****5.02.11 General Assessment Update / Criteria to Administer**

**2017-03-087** Moved by B. Chrumka that as the current EID policy ***Increases in Irrigation Acres, Criteria and Guidelines***, has specific guidelines as to how assessment may be added, for purposes of the 2017 General Assessment, only, the following allowances will be made:

- The total increase in irrigation acres in 2017 may exceed 2,500 acres and may be more than 500 acres in any area of the District, including areas not below Crawling Valley Reservoir and Lake Newell.
- District staff will contact landowners where assessment changes are needed and therefore, application for irrigation development does not need to be in writing.
- New parcels and parcels needing more than 20 acres are to be reviewed at a time separate than that of the regular irrigation development ratings and review time.
- The irrigation acres added as part of the General Assessment will not contribute towards the maximum allowable increase in off-river or reservoir supported acres per person or corporation.
- The capital assets charge for all irrigation acres added to the assessment roll will be administered based on Bylaw 898.

District staff have been authorized to add irrigation acres to the assessment roll based on the following criteria, in order of priority:

- **First, transfer unused acres within the on-farm irrigation system and the farming unit.**
  - 1. Transfer irrigation acres within the current on-farm irrigation system. (E.g. where a pivot is located slightly differently than the original proposal, transfer acres to match the as-built irrigated area)
  - 2. Transfer irrigation acres within the farming unit. (E.g. where an irrigator has unused acres in a corner on one quarter and requires acres under a pivot on a separate quarter, transfer the unused acres to infill the pivot).
- **Second, increase assessment where additional irrigation acres are needed outside of those transferred.**
  - This applies to pivot, wheel move, and leveled surface irrigation.
  - Undeveloped surface irrigation ("wild flood"), pivot corners under flood or wheels, and irregularly shaped parcels less than 10 acres in size are not eligible for any increases.
  - The following chart outlines the three categories of increases:

| Irrigation Acres Required per Parcel | Applicable Policy/Procedure   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 0-5 acres                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Soils testing not required</li> <li>▪ Capital Assets Charge applies</li> <li>▪ Assessment to be amended with landowner consent</li> </ul>  |
| 6-20 acres                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Soil Classification Guidelines</li> <li>▪ Capital Assets Charge applies</li> <li>▪ Assessment to be revised with landowner consent</li> </ul>  |
| Greater than 20 acres                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individually reviewed by the Board of Directors</li> <li>▪ Soil Classification Guidelines</li> <li>▪ Capital Assets Charge applies</li> <li>▪ Assessment to be revised with landowner consent</li> </ul> |

In instances where the soils criteria cannot be met, the landowner will be required to modify field irrigation practices to satisfy soils requirements.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED

**5.02.10 Farm Improvement Policy cont'd.**

[12:14 p.m. – 12:37 p.m. Lunch break; E. Lowe and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**2017-03-088 Moved by R. Johnson that every irrigable unit in the EID be eligible for the Farm Improvement Grant one time up to \$100/acre when improving efficiencies. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[12:42 p.m. E. Lowe and S. Connauton rejoined the meeting.]

**2017-03-089 Moved by R. Johnson to lift motion 2017-03-054 from the Table. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**2017-03-090 Moved by R. Johnson that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised to include a \$700/acre grant for the conversion to pivot corner-arm, small pivot, or subsurface irrigation on corners which already have assessment. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**6.0 Additional Examples Similar to Jacobson Stock Farms**

**2017-03-091 Moved by G. Graham that when valuing District land to be sold to Jacobson Stock Farms:**

- an estimate be obtained by a third party appraiser and that information be brought to the Board for final approval; and that
- the purchaser would be responsible for all survey, appraisal and legal fees.

**Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

[1:23 p.m. E. Lowe and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**7.0 Legal Opinion on One Entity Limitations (Spouse) as Grazing Eligibility Requirement**

**8.0 Legal Opinion on Residency as Grazing Eligibility Requirement**

**9.0 Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Potash Research Project Update**

**10.0 Letter from Jeff & Sheryl Van Wert**

**11.0 Letter from Donald & Cindy Wolfer**

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

**2017-03-092 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

- **Board In-Camera**

**2017-03-093 Moved by G. Graham that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**G. Murray moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:25 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

### **March 20, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. Those in attendance were:

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|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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**

**2017-03-094 Moved by G. Graham that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

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

##### **2.01 February 15<sup>th</sup> & March 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Directors Meeting**

**2017-03-095 Moved by R. Johnson to table the minutes until we hear the recorder. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Business Arising**

[9:50 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

#### **4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

[10:04 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

#### **5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

##### **5.01 AIPA MLA Meet & Greet – March 8<sup>th</sup>, Edmonton**

**2017-03-096 Moved by B. Chrumka that the EID support, up to \$18,000, the AIPA emergency funding initiative for two additional AIS decontamination units for approximately \$70,000 total, subject to other district participation. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**5.02 Joint Shared Services Committee – March 14<sup>th</sup>**

[10:21 a.m. – 10:26 Short break.]

**5.03 AIS Mock Exercise – March 14<sup>th</sup>, Brooks**

**6.0 Financial Report**

**6.01 February 28, 2017 Financial Statements**

**2017-03-097 Moved by G. Graham that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2017, as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

**8.0 Operations**

**8.01 Snowpack Report**

**8.02 Set Water Delivery Date**

**2017-03-098 Moved by R. Johnson that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 2, 2017. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

[10:54 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**9.0 Engineering**

**9.01 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy**

**2017-03-099 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**9.02 Project Status**

**9.03 06-04C Sutherland**

[11:16 a.m. – 11:21 a.m. Short Break. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and D. Buell entered.]

**10.0 Lands**

**10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**



**10.01.1 Discussion on Criteria for Small Parcel Sales****10.01.2 Letter from Brian Schmidt**

**2017-03-100** Moved by R. Johnson that the piece of land in yellow, approximately 4.55 acres, be sold to Brian Schmidt, and we honour the grazing on the middle land, and using the parameters we used for Jacobson he pays for all costs. Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED**

**10.01.3 Letter from Brian Slenders and Wayne Slenders**

**2017-03-101** Moved by G. Graham that the District agrees to the request to sell this property to Brian Slenders and Wayne Slenders with the intent in consolidating the balance of that triangle with the property they already own. Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED**

[12:22 p.m. – 12:46 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine and D. Buell re-entered the meeting.]

**10.01.4 CNRL Update****10.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access****10.02.1 PHD Program Summary**

[1:06 p.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

**10.03 Grazing****10.03.1 Set Grazing Number Per Member**

**2017-03-102** Moved by B. Chrumka that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2017 grazing season be set at 84 for full members, 56 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year members, and 28 for 1<sup>st</sup> year members. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

**10.03.2 Set Turn-Out Date**

**2017-03-103** Moved by J. Culligan that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for Regrass be May 1<sup>st</sup> and for Native Pasture be May 13, 2017. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

**10.03.3 JBS Effluent Irrigation Project – Update****10.03.4 Annual Private Grazing Lease #7078 and #7066 – Tender Results**

**2017-03-104** Moved by J. Culligan that the high bids be accepted on the tenders for Annual Private Grazing Leases #7066 and #7078. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED**

**10.03.5 Rock Lake Grazing – Update****10.03.6 Elk Update**

[1:37 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**10.04 Assessment, Water & Lands**

[1:41 p.m. E. Lowe and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

**10.04.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

**11.0 Appeals**

[2:35 p.m. W. Enns exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Legal Opinion on Grazing Matters**

**2017-03-105 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

**2017-03-106 Moved by J. Culligan that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED**

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:51 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

### **April 11, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017. Those in attendance were:

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|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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**

**2017-04-107 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by G. Graham. CARRIED**

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

##### **2.01 February 15<sup>th</sup> & March 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Directors Meeting**

**2017-04-108 Moved by G. Graham to lift motion 2017-03-095 from the Table. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**2017-04-109 Moved by G. Graham that the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

##### **3.01 MHC Advisory Committee & Board of Governors Community Dinner – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

##### **3.02 AIPA Executive Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

##### **3.03 AIPA Board Meeting – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Raymond**

##### **3.04 Crawling Valley Campground Draw – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

##### **3.05 Aggie Days – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **4.0 Review Water Delivery Date**

**5.0 Newsletter**

**2017-04-110 Moved by G. Murray that the entire proposed newsletter be sent out. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan**

**6.0 Old Yard Remediation – Update & Phase I Costs**

**7.0 Crawling Valley Campground Invoice**

**8.0 Upcoming Events**

**G. Graham moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:00 a.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **May 2, 2017 Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |          |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Director | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Director | [Division 6] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. George Murray V  | Director | [Division 7] |                   |                                   |

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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

#### **1.0 Elections**

##### **1.01 Election of Chairman**

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

**2017-05-111 Moved by B. Chrumka that R. Owen be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by J. Culligan.**

**2017-05-112 Moved by R. Johnson that J. Hale be nominated for Chairman. Seconded by G. Murray.**

A ballot vote was conducted; R. Owen was elected Chairman.

##### **1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman**

R. Owen called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**2017-05-113 Moved by J. Culligan that B. Chrumka be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis.**

**2017-05-114 Moved by R. Johnson that J. Hale be nominated for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by G. Murray.**

A ballot vote was conducted; B. Chrumka was elected Vice-Chairman.

#### **2.0 Appointments**

##### **2.01 Committee of the Whole**

All Directors are included on the Committee of the Whole.

##### **2.02 Alberta Irrigation Projects Association Executive**

B. Chrumka will continue as AIPA Representative.

**2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum**

T. Brummelhuis was appointed as PCF Representative.

**2.04 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground Committee**

The RHRCG Committee was disbanded.

**2.05 Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

J. Hale was appointed as CVRS Representative.

**2.06 Joint Shared Services Committee**

B. Chrumka will continue as JSSC Representative; with J. Culligan as alternate.

**2.07 U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council**

No EID representation is needed this year for the U of A Rangeland Research Institute Advisory Council.

**2.08 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee**

J. Hale was appointed as MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee Representative.

**2.09 Scholarship Selection Committee**

The Scholarship Selection Committee, if needed, will consist of all Directors and I. Friesen, with the prerequisite of members stepping down if in conflict. The continuation of the Scholarship Program is to be discussed at the May or June Board Meeting.

**2.10 Watershed & Storage Committee**

R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis and I. Friesen were appointed to formulate a new committee on watershed and water storage to promote projects such as the proposed Eyremore Dam. I. Friesen is to contact Richard Phillips, General Manager of BRID, and David McAllister, General Manager of WID for those district's participation on the committee, and to arrange a first meeting.

**2017-05-115 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

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**REGULAR MEETING****1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 5.0 Eyremore Dam

**2017-05-116 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED**

## **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

### **2.01 March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Directors Meeting**

Prior to approval of the minutes, a discussion took place regarding meeting and minutes formats.

**2017-05-117 Moved by G. Murray that the “Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers” bylaw be revised and brought back to the board to include the recording of all votes for every resolution. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**2017-05-118 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District revert back to the previous structure and format for Board Meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED Opposed – R. Johnson, G. Murray**

**2017-05-119 Moved by J. Hale that the District develop a system where there will be a live voice recording of the Board of Directors meetings which will be made available to the public through the website. Seconded by G. Murray. DEFEATED In Favour – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale**

**2017-05-120 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the March 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

### **2.02 April 11<sup>th</sup> Special Directors Meeting**

**2017-05-121 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

## **3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

[10:43 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

## **4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Update**

E. Wilson advised that operational issues have occurred with the dewatering pumps although this matter has recently been resolved. As an additional safeguard, one or two backup pumps will be ordered. Depressurization wells will be activated subsequently. Project timeline is approximately 3 weeks behind, but it is anticipated to be on track for calling the next tender, which involves excavation, granular bedding and concrete. Directors were asked to consider the format for this next project tender. Mr. Wilson explained 2 options for a tandem bid process: Option A with completion in early 2019; Option B with completion in early 2020. Low bidder in Option B would be awarded the contract if he is at least \$500,000 below low bidder for Option A, or if no Option A bids are received. It was requested that a decision to be made at the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **5.0 Eyremore Dam**

It was opted to address this matter at a later date.

[11:05 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

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## 6.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

### 6.01 Round Table Discussion with MP Martin Shields re 2017 Budget – April 24

I. Friesen, along with County, City and MHC representation, attended an informal "Round Table Discussion" with MP Martin Shields, April 24<sup>th</sup> in Brooks. Topics stemming from the recent Federal government budget included elected officials tax deferral, carbon tax, NAFTA, taxes, tariffs, etc. Discussions applicable to the EID included Ag funding, new wells and exemptions, neonic pesticides, water quality, Bovine Tuberculosis & ongoing testing, elk, etc.

## 7.0 Financial Report

### 7.01 March 31, 2017 Financial Statements

The financial statements to March 31, 2017 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$33.35 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$12.08 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$21.27 million.

**2017-05-122 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2017, as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

### 7.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2017

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2017 was \$5,507,165 or 6% higher than the book value at September 30, 2016. EID short term investments totaling \$23.672 million matured and short term investments totaling \$20.9 million were purchased. IRP short term investments totaling \$3.45 million matured and short term investments totaling \$2.975 million were purchased. Bassano Dam Spillway short term investments totaling \$14.38 million matured and short term investments totaling \$9.1 million were purchased. EID long term investments totaling \$7.5 million were purchased. PHD investment totaling \$.145 million matured and an investment totaling \$.125 million was purchased. \$8,726 was withdrawn from the Carl Anderson Trust Fund to fund part of the annual payment to the local libraries.

**2017-05-123 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2017 as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

### 7.03 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2017

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report was presented and various accounts were discussed.

**2017-05-124 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2017 as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED**

### 7.04 Banking Resolution re Signing Authority

As the District has had changes to its signing officers, notification to the following institutions is required.

**2017-05-125 Moved by J. Culligan that one or more accounts in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:**

- ATB Securities Inc.,



- Alberta Treasury Branches and ATB Financial,
- Bank of Montreal,
- Bank of Nova Scotia,
- BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Ltd.,
- Connect First Credit Union Ltd. and Chinook Financial,
- Scotia Capital Inc. and ScotiaMcLeod,
- Servus Credit Union Ltd.,
- Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and Sun Life Financial Trust Inc., and
- 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**

**8.0 EIDNet Report**

No major issues were reported.

| <b>Current EIDNet Customer Accounts</b> |              |
|---|--------------|
| Legacy Residential Accounts             | 156          |
| Residential Accounts                    | 1,410        |
| Business Accounts                       | 29           |
| EID Automation                          | 4            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>1,599</b> |

## 9.0 Operations

### 9.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Friesen advised that the current status of the various snowpack pillows is generally above average, with no sign of decline. On May 8<sup>th</sup> he will be attending a meeting with Alberta Environment regarding the Bow Basin operations.

[11:29 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

### 9.02 Reservoir Status

Reservoirs are largely at FSL, and the river is strong. 20 parcels are currently being irrigated, with 37 orders in queue.

## 10.0 Engineering

### 10.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date

Mr. Gagley provided a project costs-to-date summary, noting that all winter projects are near 100% complete. For the majority, all work areas are cleaned up and seeding and fencing underway. The Joint County / EID Drainage Program should resume in Rainier and Millicent this week.

[11:33 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

### 10.02 JBS Effluent Irrigation Project Update

Direction on this project was confirmed for Engineering to proceed with Phase 2 of the development, subject to soils passing. Phase 2 would see up to 4 quarter section pivots installed in Sec. 04-20-15 W4M. If soils do not pass, the pivots in NE 33 and NE 34-19-15 W4M could be developed. The wiper pivot in SE 34 was not recommended due to proximity to the landfill.

After a meeting with JBS, Duchess Grazing and EID representatives, it was requested of JBS to consider a revision to Phase 1 of the development by designating the new wiper pivot in NE 02 & SE 11-20-15 W4M as EID owned and maintained, thereby allowing all the effluent irrigation E of Hwy #36 to be utilized by Duchess Grazing as irrigated pasture to compensate for the loss of grazing west of the highway. A rotation system would be implemented to accommodate the rejuvenation of all existing pivots east of the highway. JBS has responded that they are in agreement to this proposal.

**2017-05-126 Moved by J. Culligan that the District move forward with the EID owned pivot for Duchess Grazing as proposed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

[11:57 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

## 11.0 Lands

### 11.01 Grazing

#### 11.01.1 Report on GAC Meeting

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held April 19<sup>th</sup> to review the 2017 cattle listings (up 607 pair), Swingfield allocations, pasture conditions, JBS effluent irrigation project, Kitsim pivots, lease cleanup, and a variety of smaller matters. The Bovine Tuberculosis investigation was also discussed in detail. Some members may not have the quarantine lifted by entry date. It was discussed to give alternate entry options to these members if needed. Two recommendations were made to the Board as follows:

GAC17-04 Moved by D. Plumer to recommend that the EID buy the new east pivot of the proposed JBS development Phase 1, and retain control of all the land east of Hwy #36 to be utilized for irrigated pasture. Seconded by L. Pickett. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GAC17-05 Moved by B. Niznik that the EID establish permanent irrigated pasture at the Kitsim Pivots after the 2017 crop year. Seconded by C. Harbinson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The second recommendation will be brought back to the Board at a later meeting.

[12:11 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

## 11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

### 11.02.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary – October 1, 2016 to April 25, 2017

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

| <b>Oil &amp; Gas Activity Report</b>                                 |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>New Activity – October 1, 2016 to April 24, 2017</b>              |                            |
| New Locations  | 32                         |
| Twinned Wells  | 45                         |
| Total  | 77                         |
| Pipelines  | 158.72 acres or 26.6 miles |
| <b>Abandoned &amp; Reclaimed – October 1, 2016 to April 24, 2017</b> |                            |
| Abandonment Notifications  | 186                        |
| Abandoned Twinned Wells  | 7                          |
| Reclamation Certificates   | 19                         |
| Canceled Locations   | 6                          |

### 11.02.2 Map of Abandoned Wells

A map was displayed indicating CNRL's abandoned wells, almost entirely in the SE corner of the District.

### 11.02.3 Letter from Wildeboer Farms Ltd – Request to Purchase Land

A letter was received from Wildeboer Farms Ltd. requesting to purchase the SE corner of SE 19-16-15 W4M. N. Fontaine advised that the approximate 33 acre parcel was previously severed by the Bow Slope Canal. The perimeter fence for Newell Grazing was also moved and the parcel has since been unutilized except for the construction of the stilling pond and associated 04 & 05 Bow Slope

pipelines. It was recommended, however, to not sell this parcel until the necessary work on 06 Bow Slope is completed, which is projected to be rehabbed in 2 years.

- 2017-05-127 Moved by G. Murray that the District agrees to sell the property in Pt. SE 19-16-15 W4M to Wildeboer Farms Ltd. to help consolidate to the land in the quarter they already own, and retain the land for a settling pond and temporary work space for a canal pipeline rehab, to be appraised and to come back to the Board for approval; cost of legal and appraisal to be incurred by Wildeboer Farms Ltd. Seconded by R. Johnson. DEFEATED In Favour – G. Murray, R. Johnson**

T. Brummelhuis will speak with the owner of Wildeboer Farms Ltd. to discuss the intended use of the parcel and the available options.

[1:04 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

### 11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

#### 11.03.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2017

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 was presented. There are presently 300,131 total assessed irrigation acres.

| <b>EID WATER ROLL</b>  |                         |                         |              |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>   | <b>Irrigation Acres</b> | <b>Terminable Acres</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| January 1, 2017  | 295,406                 | 4,603                   | 300,009      |
| March 31, 2017   | 295,528                 | 4,603                   | 300,131      |
| Net increase   | 122                     | 0                       | 122          |
| <b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b><br>(acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)          |                         |                         | < 6 >        |
| <b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b><br>(acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) |                         |                         | 128          |
| <b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>  |                         |                         | 0            |
| <b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>   |                         |                         | 0            |

#### 11.03.2 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd.

An existing irrigable unit covers NE 05, SE 08 & Pt. NE 08-21-16 W4M. A pivot in W ½ 05 has been enlarged and now crosses into the E ½, requiring an irrigable unit to be discharged from the former and a new one placed on all affected parcels.

- 2017-05-128 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE 05-21-16, SE 08 & Pt NE 08-21-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED**

- 2017-05-129 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 05-21-16 W4M and SE 08 & Pt NE 08-21-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED**

**11.03.3 Irrigable Unit Registration – Willard Smith & Evelyn Jensen**

An existing pivot straddles the quarter line in E ½ 12-21-18 W4M. There currently is no irrigable unit registered on these titles, therefore the registration of an irrigable unit is required.

**2017-05-130 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SE & Pt NE 12-21-18 W4M, all lands being owned by Willard Smith & Evelyn Jensen. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED**

**11.03.4 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Ron Wiebe**

The landowner is requesting to transfer 40 acres from E ½ 08-21-16 W4M to Sec. 05-21-16 W4M to supply the pivot which has been increased in size. Soils testing has been completed and passes.

**2017-05-131 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the transfer of 40 irrigation acres from E ½ 08-21-16 W4M to Sec 05-21-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**11.03.5 Farm Improvement Policy**

In order to complete the development of the revised Farm Improvement Policy, S. Connauton presented working scenarios, comparisons for consideration, and associated questions. The Board directed that the policy is to be brought back for final approval, with the following clarifications:

- \$500/acre grant deduction to be applied in all FI applications where corner acres have been retained by the landowner
- corner-arm grant to be applied only to acres outside the area of a pivot with end gun sized to fit the parcel
- infrastructure does not need to be new, but operational
- effective date of the policy to be March 6<sup>th</sup>
- flood to wheel line conversion to be \$50/acre
- wheel line to pivot confirmed at \$100/acre, providing that the parcel has never received a grant

[2:08 p.m. – 2:12 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Equipment****12.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids**

The following bids were received for the 2013 250 and 350 GLC excavators.

| <b>Bids on Purchase of Used Excavators – 2013 JD 250 &amp; 350 GLC</b> |                           |                           |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Company</b>   | <b>250 GLC – Unit 526</b> | <b>350 GLC – Unit 525</b> |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers  | \$103,400 + GST           | \$119,500 + GST           |
| Canadian Public Auction  | \$ 95,288 + GST           | \$103,288 + GST           |
| Michener Allen Auctioneering   | \$ 86,800 + GST           | \$108,200 + GST           |
| Brooks Industrial Metals Ltd.  | \$ 59,900 + GST           | -                         |
| BYZ Enterprises Inc.   | -                         | \$ 96,500 + GST           |

**2017-05-132 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the District sell the 2013 John Deere 250 GLC Excavator for \$103,400 + GST and the 2013 John Deere 350 GLC Excavator for \$119,500 + GST to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

**12.02 Sale of Trucks – Results of Bids**

The following bids were received for the used ½ and ¾ ton pickups.

| <b>8 ½ and ¾ ton (2008 – 2013) Trucks – Units 238, 244, 254, 262, 270, 273, 283, 295</b> |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Company</b>   | <b>Bid</b>                        |
| Annett Auction Services  | \$52,636 + GST, or 5% commission  |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers  | \$53,250 + GST, or 10% commission |
| Michener Allen Auctioneering   | 7% commission                     |

**2017-05-133 Moved by J. Culligan that the District sell the 8 used ½ and ¾ ton pickups through Annett Auction Services Ltd. at 5% commission. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED**

**13.0 MHC Board of Governors Executive Committee – Request for Meeting**

A request has been received from the Medicine Hat College Board of Governors to meet with the EID Board. J. Hale, and possibly R. Owen, will meet with an MHC representative to discuss this request and report back to the Board.

**14.0 Request to Schedule Presentations**

As meeting agendas allow, I. Friesen will schedule separate Board presentations regarding Water Quality Testing Results, and from Alberta WaterPortal with the Alberta WaterSMART organization.

**15.0 Upcoming Events**

- 15.01 Brooks Leisure Centre Grand Opening - Sat, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, [R. Owen]
- 15.02 AIPA Executive Meeting - Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> [B. Chrumka]
- 15.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- 15.04 CWRA National Conference - June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge

**B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:25 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

### **May 30, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [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:

- 3.01 Audio Recording of Meetings
- 9.03 System Capacity
- 12.0 Group Benefits Plan
- 14.0 Letter from Gem Community Association
- 19.0 Requests for Funding
- 19.01 EID Historical Park
- 19.02 SPEC - Makerspace

**2017-05-134 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED**

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

##### **2.01 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

A couple of questions regarding the JBS project were responded to by Mr. Friesen. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**2017-05-135 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Organizational and Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

#### **3.0 Business Arising**

##### **3.01 Audio Recording of Meetings**

A Director requested that audio recording of Board meetings be further discussed, citing the County as an example, and discussions with Water Users.

**2017-05-136 Moved by J. Hale to develop a system to audio record board meetings and make available on the website. Seconded by G. Murray. DEFEATED In Favour – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale**

[9:12 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

#### **4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

##### **4.01 Format for Excavation, Granular Fill & Concrete Contract**

E. Wilson advised of the dewatering and depressurization process on-site. The water level and pressure in the drilled wells is expected to be within the advisable range for construction within the next contract's timeline. If all is on schedule it is anticipated that the concrete work could start by September/October. A pre-tender site meeting is set for June 8<sup>th</sup> for this next contract of excavation, granular bedding and concrete. The awarding of the contract will be reported on at the June Board Meeting.

##### **2017-05-137 Moved by B. Chrumka that the contract for excavation, granular bedding and concrete for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway be proposed with a two option format:**

- **Option 1 – completion in spring of 2019, or**
- **Option 2 – completion in spring of 2020;**

**with contractors only being allowed to bid on one option. The contract will be awarded to the lowest bid under Option 1, unless the bid for Option 2 is at least \$500,000 lower.**

**Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED**

[9:35 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

#### **5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

##### **5.01 Brooks Leisure Centre Grand Opening – May 13<sup>th</sup>**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, R. Owen represented the EID in the grand opening of the City of Brooks leisure centre, renamed the JBS Canada Centre. Mr. Owen addressed the crowd regarding the EID Aquatic Centre, of which a District contribution was committed last July.

##### **5.02 AIPA Executive Meeting – May 29<sup>th</sup>**

B. Chrumka attended an AIPA Executive May 29<sup>th</sup> in Lethbridge. The AIPA fly over tour for MLAs is planned for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, to be followed by a Lethbridge and area ground tour and BBQ. Ron McMullin, Executive Director is retiring in August; the position is currently being advertised.

##### **5.03 MHC Board of Governors Executive Committee – Meeting Request Update**

The Medicine Hat College Board of Governors Executive Committee's request to meet with the Board will be followed up by J. Hale and R. Owen.

#### **6.0 Financial Report**

##### **6.01 April 30, 2017 Financial Statements**

The financial statements to April 30, 2017 were reviewed by K. Bridges, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$37.1 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$14.0 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$23.1 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.



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**2017-05-138 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2017, as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**6.02 Appointment of the Auditors**

In order to secure a firm to conduct the audit of the District's 2017 financial statements, an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented.

**2017-05-139 Moved by R. Johnson that the engagement letter, dated May 19, 2017 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2017 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

No major issues were reported.

**8.0 Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers Bylaw**

In follow up to a motion made last meeting, Mr. Bridges presented a revised Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers Bylaw, drafted to require that for all votes by show of hands, every Director's vote would be recorded. Voting for the election of officers will remain by ballot.

**2017-05-140 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #917 (2017), be introduced and read the first time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**

**2017-05-141 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board read and approve Bylaw #917 (2017) the second time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED**

**2017-05-142 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #917 (2017), this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-05-143 Moved by R. Johnson that Bylaw #917 (2017), 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. Murray. CARRIED**

[10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**9.0 Operations**

Mr. Friesen responded to a number of questions concerning algae conditions, chemical treatments, reservoir operating levels and canal rehabs.

**9.01 Snowpack Report**

A drop off has occurred, but the snowpack is trending along the upper quartile, which is above average for this time of year.

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

Reservoirs are full and the river continues to flow strong; 2,000 cfs is currently being diverted and 7,500 cfs is spilling over the dam.

**9.03 System Capacity**

A short discussion was held on a specific system's capacity, and what options in general may be available to Water Users to manage these limitations. Information, including examples from other districts, will be brought back to the Board for further discussion.

**10.0 Engineering**

R. Summach presented the following three synopsis.

**10.01 08-H West Bantry Pipeline**

The 08-H West Bantry system is located on the north border of 08-17-13 W4M, approximately 10 km SW of Tilley, and currently serves 978 acres. The proposed rehabilitation is to pipeline 800 m which is currently unlined and not armoured, and install a screen cleaner, for an estimated cost of \$775,000. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Summach and Admin.

**2017-05-144 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 08-H West Bantry project by installing 800 m of pipeline and a screen cleaner for an estimated \$775,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02 Farm Improvement Drain Relocation – Jozef & Bertha Versteegen – NW 21-14-13 W4M**

Jozef & Bertha Versteegen have requested a drain relocation in NW 21-14-13 W4M. Currently the drain severs the NW corner of the quarter and the landowners are requesting that it be relocated to the quarter section boundaries to better accommodate the pivot. The project is estimated to cost \$57,900 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$50,000.

**2017-05-145 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Jozef & Bertha Versteegen in NW 21-14-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis. The total project cost is \$57,900 (\$43,425 – EID, \$14,475 – Landowner). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03 Farm Improvement – Pete Conacher – SE 16-20-13 W4M**

Pete Conacher has asked the District to push in the old head ditches in SE 16-20-13 W4M to accommodate a new pivot. The project is estimated to cost \$3,500, of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

**2017-05-146 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pete Conacher to push in head ditches in SE 16-20-13 W4M, be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis. The total project cost is \$3,500 (\$1,750 – EID, \$1,750 – Landowner). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**2017-05-147 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**  
**In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis**  
**Opposed – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale**

## **11.0 Lake Newell Reservoir**

### **11.01 Request from Lake Newell Resort Marina**

### **11.02 Kingfisher Bay**

[11:41 a.m. R. Gagley and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

## **12.0 Group Benefits Plan**

**2017-05-148 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:48 a.m. Janelle Villeneuve entered the meeting.]

### **11:48 a.m. Water Quality Testing Results Presentation**

Mr. Owen welcomed Janelle Villeneuve, Water Quality Specialist from the Water Quality Section of Agriculture & Forestry to the room. Ms. Villeneuve was invited to present on the 2016 water quality testing results for the District. It was discussed that interpretation of the year-to-year data is complicated, particularly in the EID by such things as differing amount of sites and location of sites over the years, a shift in the District's research focus to monitor known poor areas, and the amount of municipally shared drains. In addition, it was noted that areas of silty water will test poorer as some chemicals have more of a propensity to adhere to silts; as well as the difference between irrigation return and watershed returns and why watershed returns typically have poorer water quality versus irrigation returns. Data sets on chemical exceedances (based on guidelines for vegetable crops), total dissolved solids and pathogens were given as per primary (diversion), secondary and return sites. 2016 results and prior years were presented, along with comparatives with other districts. Overall for 2016, the District rated mostly excellent in its primary and secondary sites, and mostly marginal in its watershed return sites. Feedback on the area was given and several questions asked, particularly regarding Dicamba, where only one other district exceeded the EID. The EID had the lowest E.coli occurrence recorded; pathogen monitoring began in 2012 in response to general media statements on irrigation water. Testing for neonicotinoids is in its first year to aid neonic regulation discussions. Ms. Villeneuve was thanked for her time and presentation given.

[12:28 p.m. – 1:03 p.m. Lunch break; J. Villeneuve exited the meeting, N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

**13.0 Lands****13.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

N. Fontaine presented the following two requests to purchase land.

**13.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – Pt. NE 23-16-16 W4M**

A request has been received from Robin & Pascale Wisse to purchase the adjacent 40 acres in Pt. NE 23-16-16 W4M in Rainier, part of the Water Operator's residence. A short discussion was held; it was requested to bring back additional information to the Board for further discussion.

**13.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – Pt. SE 20-14-13 W4M**

A request has been received from Erik Versteegen to purchase part of the acres adjacent to his land, in Pt. SE 20-14-13 W4M. As this land is included in PGL #7053 the request was denied. The private grazing lease will expire in 2023.

**13.01.3 Request to Purchase Land – Pt. SE 19-16-15 W4M - Update**

In follow up to last month's meeting, T. Brummelhuis advised the Board of his discussion with the owner of Wildeboer Farms Ltd.

**2017-05-149 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the District agrees to sell the property in Pt. SE 19-16-15 W4M to Wildeboer Farms Ltd. to help consolidate to the land in the quarter they already own, and retain the land for a settling pond and temporary work space for a canal pipeline rehab, land to be valued at \$2,300/acre; cost of legal to be incurred by Wildeboer Farms Ltd. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED  
In Favour – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis  
Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan**

[1:36 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

**13.02 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following 2 requests.

[G. Murray declared a pecuniary interest and abstained from voting.]

**13.02.1 Request to Transfer PGL #7113 & #7074 – G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. to Anna Martens**

A request to transfer Private Grazing Leases #7113 & #7074 from G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. to Anna Marten was submitted to the EID. Both long term grazing leases are transferable to any eligible Water User, and have 7 years remaining with the right to renew for a further 15 years. Anna Marten meets the eligibility requirements.

**2017-05-150 Moved by R. Johnson that Private Grazing Lease #7113 and #7074 be transferred from G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. to Anna Marten. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED  
In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, R. Johnson, J. Hale  
Opposed – T. Brummelhuis**

**13.02.2 Grazing Seminar – June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Gem**

The Foothills Forage and Grazing Association is hosting a grazing seminar in Gem on June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The intensive 3 day workshop will focus on irrigated pasture management with classroom and

field lessons. It was advised that the District was asked to be a corporate sponsor, and that in the past the EID has sponsored some Grazing Association participation to similar workshops.

**2017-05-151 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District sponsor 1 person per Grazing Association to attend the Jim Gerrish 3-Day Grazing School June 12-14, 2017 in Gem, and to provide \$1,500 "Gold Sponsorship" for the seminar. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

#### **14.0 Letter from Gem Community Association**

J. Hale presented a letter from the Gem Community Association requesting written consent for the addition of an outdoor sport court to the lands being leased from the EID.

**2017-05-152 Moved by J. Hale that consent be given to the Gem Community Association for a 50' x 100' outdoor sport court to be constructed on District lands leased by the County, located east of the Gem Community Centre and gazebo. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **13.0 Lands cont'd.**

##### **13.03 Assessment, Water & Lands**

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands items.

##### **13.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

The Farm Improvement Policy was brought back to the Board for final approval. A lengthy discussion followed concerning incentive programs, farming practices and water efficiencies.

**2017-05-153 Moved by R. Johnson that the revised Farm Improvement Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED  
In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale  
Opposed – J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis**

The revised policy will be posted on the website.

##### **13.03.2 Irrigable Units**

##### **13.03.2.1 Discharge & Registration – 1078828 AB Ltd. (Lee Pickett) – SE 21, SW 22 & NE 16-22-17**

An existing irrigable unit covers NE 16, SE 21 & Pt. SW 22-22-17 W4M. As NE 21 is being developed for new irrigation and a single delivery in that quarter provides for all affected parcels, the existing irrigable unit needs to be discharged and a new all-encompassing one registered.

**2017-05-154 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SE 21, Pt. SW 22 & Pt. NE 16-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by 1078828 Alberta Ltd. (Lee Pickett). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**2017-05-155 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 21, SE 21, Pt. SW 22 & Pt. NE 16-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by 1078828 Alberta Ltd. (Lee Pickett). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.2.2 Discharge & Registration – AMN Farms (Jacob Neufeld) – Pt. Sec. 11 and SE 11-17-13**

An existing irrigable unit covers Pt. NW, Pt. SW & Pt. SE 11-17-13 W4M, which needs to be updated. Turnouts have been added and delivery points are now separate for E & W halves. A new irrigable unit is required for the SE; AMN Farms Ltd. (Jacob Neufeld) as landowner.

**2017-05-156 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW, Pt. SW 11-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Francis Buday, and Pt. SE 11-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by AMN Farms Ltd. (Jacob Neufeld). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-05-157 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 11-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by AMN Farms Ltd. (Jacob Neufeld). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.2.3 Registration – Francis Buday – Pt. Sec. 11 and NW & SW 11-17-13 W4M**

With the existing irrigable unit being discharged (above), a new one is required for the Pt. W ½; Francis Buday as landowner.

**2017-05-158 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW & Pt. SW 11-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Francis Buday. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.2.4 Discharge & Registration – Joanne Buteau and James Buteau – Sec. 27-18-16 W4M**

An existing irrigable unit is registered on SW, NW & NE 27-18-16 W4M. As a full section pivot with one delivery point covers all 4 quarters, the existing irrigable unit needs to be discharged and a new all-encompassing one registered.

**2017-05-159 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE 27, NW 27 & SW 27-18-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Joanne Buteau and James Buteau. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-05-160 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 27-18-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Joanne Buteau and James Buteau. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre.

**13.03.3.1 Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)**

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

**13.03.3.1.1 Flood & Wheels to Pivot & Wheels – 724863 AB Ltd. (D. & T. Deschner) – NW 35-17-14**

- Assessment: 137 acres wheels
- Converting: 118 acres wheels to pivot; keeping 18 acres outside pivot area
- New Assessment: 136 acres (118 pivot, 18 wheels, 1 acre transferred out)

**2017-05-161 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 724863 Alberta Ltd. (David & Trudy Deschner) for the conversion of 118 acres flood and wheels to pivot and wheel lines in NW 35-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,800 (118 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,000 (18 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 18 acres outside the pivot area = \$2,800. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.1.2 Flood to Pivot & Irrigable Unit – L. & C. Burns – W ½ 03-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 40 acres flood
- Converting: 40 acres flood to pivot; 21 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 61 acres, all under pivot
- Irrigable Unit required

**2017-05-162 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L. & C. Burns for the conversion of 40 acres flood to pivot in W ½ 03-21-18 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,000 (40 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$6,300 (21 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-05-163 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW 03 & Pt. NW 03-21-18 W4M, all lands being owned by Lyle & Cindee Burns. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Tyrone & Glenda Charlton – SE 29-19-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 73 acres flood
- Converting: 66 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 7 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-164 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tyrone & Glenda Charlton for the conversion of 66 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 29-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,600 (66 acres x \$100/acre), less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 7 acres outside the pivot area = \$3,100. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Herb Torkelson – SE 27-20-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 109 acres wiper pivot and 10 acres flood
- Converting: 10 acres flood to wiper pivot; 3 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 122 acres, all under pivot

**2017-05-165 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Herb Torkelson for the conversion of 10 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 27-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,000 (10 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.2 Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, corner pivot, subsurface*)

The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

[R. Johnson declared a pecuniary interest and abstained from voting.]

**13.03.3.2.1 Corner Pivot – 1717875 AB Ltd. (Rod Johnson) – NE, SE & SW 21-20-14 W4M**

- Assessment: in NE, SE & SW corners of section center – 19 acres flood
- Converting: 19 acres flood to wiper corner pivot
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-166 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717875 Alberta Ltd. (Rod Johnson) for the conversion of 19 acres to wiper corner pivot in NE, SE & SW 21-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (19 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED**

**In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, G. Murray, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis  
Opposed – [none]**

**13.03.3.2.2 Corner Arm & Transfer – North Shore Farms Ltd. (Sheldon Kennedy) – NE 26-16-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres
- Converting: 2 acres flood to corner arm; 2 acres transfer in; 12 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 148 acres, all under pivot
- Previous penalty to be returned: 2 acres at \$500/acre

**2017-05-167 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 2 irrigation acres from Pt. NW 25-16-13 W4M to NE 26-16-13 W4M, all lands being owned by North Shore Farms Ltd. (Sheldon Kennedy). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-05-168 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Shore Farms Ltd. (Sheldon Kennedy) for the conversion of 2 acres to corner pivot in NE 26-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,400 (2 acres x \$700/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-05-169 Moved by G. Murray that the penalty of \$500/acre applied in October 2016 for Pt. W ½ 25-16-13 W4M be returned to North Shore Farms Ltd. (Sheldon Kennedy) for 2 acres of new efficiencies; 2 acres x \$500/acre = \$1,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.3 Upgrades** (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

**13.03.3.3.1 Panel Upgrade – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. (Ray Virostek & Derek Virostek) – SE 07-16-13**

- Assessment: 155 acres pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade quoted for \$6,234; keeping 19 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same



**2017-05-170** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. for the pivot panel upgrade in SE 07-16-13 W4M quoted at \$6,234. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,500 (19 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 19 acres outside the pivot area = \$4,000. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13.03.3.3.2 Panel Upgrade – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. (Ray Virostek & Derek Virostek) – NW 08-15-13**

- Assessment: 123 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade quoted for \$11,165
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-171** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. for the pivot panel upgrade in NW 08-15-13 W4M quoted at \$11,165. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$11,165. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13.03.3.3.3 Nozzle Upgrade – Peter Braun – SE 23-15-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 127 acres pivot and 14 acres outside pivot area
- Installing: low pressure nozzle pkg quoted for - \$9,192; keeping 14 outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-172** Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter Braun for the low pressure nozzle package upgrade in SE 23-15-14 W4M quoted at \$9,192. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 11 acres outside the pivot area = \$7,200. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13.03.3.3.4 Nozzle Upgrade – Peter Braun – SW 24-15-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Installing: low pressure nozzle package quoted for - \$9,192
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-173** Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter Braun for the low pressure nozzle package upgrade in SW 24-15-14 W4M quoted at \$9,192. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$9,192. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13.03.3.3.5 Pivot Replacement – Danny Henke – NW 17-20-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 124 acres wiper pivot and 11 acres outside pivot area
- Installing: replacement wiper pivot; keeping 11 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-174** Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Danny Henke for the replacement wiper pivot in NW 17-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,400 (124 acres x \$100/acre), less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 11 acres outside the pivot area = \$6,900. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13.03.3.3.6 Nozzle Upgrade – Willard Smith & Evelyn Jensen – E ½ 12-21-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 41 acres pivot and 5 acres wheels
- Installing: low pressure nozzle pkg quoted for - \$2,023; keeping 5 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-175 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Willard Smith & Evelyn Jensen for the nozzle package upgrade in E ½ 12-21-18 W4M quoted at \$2,023. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,100 (41 acres x \$100/acre), less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 5 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$1,600. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.3.7 Panel & Nozzle Upgrade - Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek – SW 08-16-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 126 acres wiper pivot and 6 acres outside pivot area
- Installing: panel upgrade quoted for - \$8,044; keeping 6 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-05-176 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek for the panel and nozzle package upgrade in SW 08-16-13 W4M quoted at \$8,044. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre), less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 6 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$8,044. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.3.8 New Pivot Design - Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. – Sec. 05-21-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 171 acres pivot (40 acres transferred in last month)
- Installing: new pivot design; 2 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 173 acres, all under pivot

**2017-05-177 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. for the new pivot design in Sec. 05-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$17,100 (171 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.4 Miscellaneous (*combinations, or retroactive*)**

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions; up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades (upon receipt), and up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 2 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

**13.03.3.4.1 Flood to Pivot with Corner Arm – Charles & Wynona Hansen – SW 19-19-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 153 acres flood
- Converting: 128 acres flood to pivot & 18 acres to corner arm; transferring 7 acres out
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-05-178 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles & Wynona Hansen for the conversion of 128 acres flood to wiper pivot and 18 acres flood to corner arm in SW 19-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,800 (128 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) = \$25,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.4.2 Pivot & Corner Arm (retroactive) - Larry Hirsch, V. & D. Lethbridge – SE 36-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 152 acres pivot
- Converted: 136 acres flood to pivot and 16 acres flood to corner arm (top up grant)
- Assessment remains the same
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-05-179 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the retroactive Farm Improvement for Larry Hirsch and Victor & Dorothy Lethbridge for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot and 16 acres flood to corner arm in SE 36-14-14 W4M. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,176 (136 acres x \$16/acre) plus \$9,856 (16 acres x \$616/acre) = \$12,032. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.3.4.3 Pivot with Corner Arm (new) – Renus & Rosalind Van Hal – SW 36-15-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres flood
- Converting: 134 acres flood to pivot and corner arm; 19 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 153 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-05-180 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Renus & Rosalind Van Hal for the new corner arm pivot in SW 36-15-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$5,700 (19 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.03.4 General Assessment Update**

Ms. Connauton advised the 3,500+ parcels within the District have had assessment examined. Over 2,000 parcels only required line work to be adjusted, as these parcels did not require any additional acres. Of the remaining parcels, approximately 850 require 0-5 additional acres; letters for these parcels have begun to be sent out. Priority has been given to farms associated with Farm Improvement applications so that any necessary transferring of acres can occur within the farm link, and amounts owing or receiving can be balanced.

**2017-05-181 Moved by J. Culligan that, for General Assessment balancing, staff be permitted to transfer up to 5 acres per parcel within the farm link without requiring board consent. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.0 Buildings & Grounds**

**15.01 Campgrounds Update**

Crawling Valley Campground opened May 1<sup>st</sup> and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground opened May 15<sup>th</sup>. Most of the improvements for the season have already been completed at the RHRCG, and improvements are scheduled shortly and in fall for CVC.

## 16.0 Equipment

### 16.01 Sale of Eight ½ & ¾ Ton Trucks – Results of Auction

The eight ½ and ¾ ton trucks sold at the Annett Auction for a total of \$62,500 less 5% commission = \$59,280. The guaranteed price, had it been chosen, was \$52,636 from Annett and \$53,250 from Ritchie Bros.

## 17.0 Scholarship Program Discussion

After a short discussion it was directed that the Scholarship Program be continued for 2017.

## 18.0 Review of March 21, 2017 AGM Minutes

The draft minutes for the 2017 Annual General Meeting were presented to Directors. No comments were received.

## 19.0 Requests for Funding

### 19.01 EID Historical Park

A letter was received from the EID Historical Park requesting funding assistance in meeting their operational costs. This request was discussed and denied.

### 19.02 SPEC – Makerspace

Information was received from the SPEC Association for Children & Families requesting sponsorship for a proposed Brooks & Area Makerspace. This request was discussed and denied.

## 20.0 Upcoming Events

|       |                          |   |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 20.01 | CWRA National Conference | - June 5-7, Lethbridge [Ivan, Earl, Ryan G, Ryan S] |
| 20.02 | Regular Board Meeting    | - Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| 20.03 | AIPA MLA Summer Tour     | - Tuesday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> , Lethbridge       |
| 20.04 | Regular Board Meeting    | - [TBD]   |

**R. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:56 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **June 27, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017. Those in attendance were:

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|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [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:

- 3.01.1 EID Concerned Water Users Proposed Motion
- 3.02 Audio Recording of Meetings
- 4.01 In-Camera Session

**2017-06-182 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 May 30<sup>th</sup> Regular Directors Meeting**

Mr. Friesen was asked to obtain legal opinion concerning disclosing associated shareholder names of companies in meeting minutes, with the approved minutes ultimately reflecting the advice received.

**2017-06-183 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the May 30, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented; subject to amending if necessary as per legal opinion. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

#### **3.01 Review of March 21, 2017 AGM Minutes**

The draft minutes for the 2017 Annual General Meeting were again presented to Directors. No comments or requests for revisions were received. The minutes will be included in next spring's Annual Report Book and taken to the Water Users at the following AGM.

#### **3.01.1 EID Concerned Water Users Proposed Motion**

The following motion was made at the 2017 AGM under 8.02 General Matters Raised from the Floor, with additional comments recorded in the AGM minutes:

*Moved by Jeff Van Wert that henceforward no EID lands shall be sold that contain resource revenues. And further, any future land sales that do occur over 10 acres be conducted only by a unanimous vote of the EID Board of Directors. Seconded by Michael Dovichak. CARRIED*

Motions from the floor of AGM meetings, a proposed change in the voting process, and the particulars of this direction were discussed at length, with the following motion being approved.

- 2017-06-184 Moved by J. Culligan that any future land sales be conducted only by a majority plus one vote of the EID Board of Directors. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED**  
**In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis**  
**Opposed – R. Johnson, G. Murray**

Requests to purchase lands will continue to come to the Board for approval, and will now include any municipal requests, ie. minimal acres for road widenings, which were previously handled through administration.

### **3.02 Audio Recording of Meetings**

A Director requested that audio recording of Board Meetings be once again discussed, citing discussions with Water Users and the fact that the District receives taxpayer money.

- 2017-06-185 Moved by J. Hale that the District develop a recording system to audio record Board Meetings and that those recordings be available on the website. Seconded by G. Murray. DEFEATED**  
**In Favour – G. Murray, R. Johnson, J. Hale**  
**Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis**

[10:21 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

## **4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

- 2017-06-186 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4.01 In-Camera Session**

- 2017-06-187 Moved by R. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4.02 Excavation, Granular Fill & Concrete Contract – Results of Bids**

E. Wilson presented the bids for the excavation, granular fill and concrete contract for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway. Contractors had the choice of bidding based on a completion date of spring of 2019 or spring of 2020. The contract would be awarded to the lowest bid for 2019 unless the bid for 2020 was at least \$500,000 lower.

| <b>Engineer's Estimate</b>                 | <b>\$26,433,000</b> |                 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Contractor</b>                          | <b>Bid Amount</b>   | <b>Option</b>   |
| Niitsitapi-Graham LP                       | \$28,315,970.00     | 2019 Completion |
| AECON                                      | \$36,827,363.00     | 2019 Completion |
| Pennecon Limited                           | \$41,576,000.00     | 2020 Completion |
| Bird Construction Industrial Services Ltd. | \$42,549,488.82     | 2019 Completion |
| West Pro, a Division of Pomerleav Inc.     | \$44,986,676.84     | 2020 Completion |

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

**2017-06-188 Moved by B. Chrumka that the contract for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway be awarded to Niitsitapi-Graham LP for the bid amount of \$28,315,970 and completion date of 2019. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

### 5.01 CWRA National Conference – June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

I. Friesen, E. Wilson, R. Gagley and R. Summach attended the Canadian Water Resources Association National Conference in Lethbridge on June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. A number of concurrent sessions were offered, including topics such as land use, climate change, prairie hydrology, water quality, aquatic invasive species, etc. A very informative session on flood events in and downstream of mountainous regions was given, and it may be followed up to have this presented at an AIPA meeting.

[10:51 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

### 5.02 MHC Board of Governors Executive Committee – Meeting Request Update

In follow up to a phone conversation, J. Hale will be meeting with an MHC representative to obtain further information on this request for a meeting.

## 6.0 Financial Report

### 6.01 May 30, 2017 Financial Statements

The financial statements to May 31, 2017 were reviewed by K. Bridges, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$16.9 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$24.3 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2017-06-189 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2017, as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

The major windstorm on June 8<sup>th</sup> caused damage to the Rosemary to Gem and Bow City to Cassils backhauls, as well as the office automation tower and numerous customer equipment. Backhaul repairs affecting customers were completed by the end of the next day, the automation tower was repaired on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and customer repairs were completed in a timely manner as the calls were received.

**8.0 Operations****8.01 Snowpack Report**

I. Friesen advised that the snowpack for the Bow River is largely depleted. The major water licensees have requested Alberta Environment & Parks to start filling Ghost Reservoir now, while the river is still relatively strong.

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

District reservoir levels are at the higher end of the operating range which is good preparation for going forward into the warmer weather. 826 parcels were irrigating on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, decreasing to 133 June 16<sup>th</sup> due to the recent rains. Diversion flows at the dam were as high as 2,280 cfs to as low as 550 cfs over the past month. Weeds and algae continue to be an issue in portions of the District, with chemical treatment and dragging operations being done on an as needed basis. In exception to this, a scheduled trial will be conducted on the Tilley Canal this year for an every 2 weeks application of Magnacide H, to assess efficacy.

Concerning mussels, Mr. Friesen advised that District pipelines may not have the issues first anticipated. The latest information received advised that where pipelines drain in winter the mussels should freeze and fall off. However, reservoirs, beaches, ecosystems and any water lines that are not drained or do not freeze would still have the potential to be hugely affected.

[11:33 a.m. – 11:36 a.m. Short break.]

**8.03 System Capacity**

In follow up to last month, 3 potential options were outlined that may allow for new irrigated parcels to be added to pipelines that are already at the design capacity. Limitations and advantages of each option were identified and the matter discussed at length. Additional Board discussions will be necessary, prior to irrigation applications in fall. Options will be investigated further and on a legal scope; and Water Users on the 04-C East Branch will be contacted regarding possible system capacity options.

[12:11 p.m. – 12:39 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**9.0 Engineering****9.01 Project for Review – C Springhill**

C Springhill currently serves 10,306 acres, with its majority being a lined canal. This preliminary review looks at piping a portion of the canal from Rock Lake Reservoir and a portion from North Bantry Canal, with 2 separate pipelines. The approximate 4,200 acres served off the North Bantry



Canal would change to being reservoir supported via Lake Newell Reservoir. 3 options were presented with cost estimates and comments; in all cases decommissioning Sutherland Pump and marginally reducing Springhill and Longpump pumping station demands. The redevelopment was discussed at length in regards to water, pumping, treating and weed screen savings; project cost and rehabbing in stages; and how it may force irrigation development limitations on other areas. It was requested that additional information be brought back to the Board for an option of tying in from Lake Newell Reservoir, with associated costs and water supply risks.

### **9.02 Secondary A Rolling Hills Canal**

This portion of the Secondary A Rolling Hills system is located 1.6 km directly south of Rolling Hills. The proposed rehabilitation is to line the 2.4 km stretch of canal in its existing alignment to prevent further seepage and damage to the adjacent lands, at an estimated cost of \$828,000.

**2017-06-190 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Secondary A Rolling Hills Canal project by installing 2,400 m of lining for an estimated \$828,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:20 p.m. R. Summach exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

**2017-06-191 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **10.0 Update on Request from Lake Newell Marina**

[2:38 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

### **11.0 Lands**

#### **11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

##### **11.01.1 Update on Request to Purchase Land – Pt. NE 23-16-16 W4M**

##### **11.01.2 Land Sale Appraisal Report – Brian Slenders & Wayne Slenders – Pt. NW 11-15-15 W4M**

##### **11.01.3 Land Sale Appraisal Report – Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd. (Don Jacobson) – Pt. W ½ 35-14-15**

##### **11.01.4 Encroachment – Nathaniel Dyck – SW 18-23-16 W4M**

**2017-06-192 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A letter from the Board will be forwarded to Robin & Pascalle Wisse informing them that their request to purchase land in Pt. NE 23-16-16 W4M was denied.

The following motions were approved to address preceding matters 11.01.2 and 11.01.3.

**2017-06-193** Moved by G. Murray that the approximate 23 dry acres in Pt. NW 11-15-15 W4M be sold to Brian Slenders and Wayne Slenders to consolidate the parcel bordered by the road and canal for \$30,000, plus all survey, appraisal and legal fees. Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-06-194** Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the approximate 45 acres in Pt. W ½ 35-14-15 W4M be sold to Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd. (Don Jacobson) to consolidate into the respective parcels:

- Pt. NW 35 – 18 dry acres at \$2,000/acre = \$36,000
- Pt. SW 35 – 6 potentially irrigated acres at \$7,000/acre = \$42,000
- Pt. SW 35 – 21 dry acres at \$2,000/acre = \$42,000

for a subtotal of \$120,000 plus all survey, appraisal and legal fees.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED**

**IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis**

**OPPOSED – R. Johnson, G. Murray**

11.01.4 matter is to be brought back to the Board when there are similar examples to compare and discuss.

[4:07 – 4:14 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Volek and S. Connauton entered.]

## **11.02 Grazing**

### **11.02.1 Grazing Season Update**

Recent rains have made current grass conditions very good. Some spring runoff helped to partially fill many dugouts that were very low last year, although normal pumping to some dugouts is expected. The waterline that the EID took possession of from Cenovus last year is operational; and projects to add new water tanks in other areas are underway. Final cattle numbers totaled 17,625 cow/calf pairs. The bovine tuberculosis investigation in the fall of 2016 resulted in 21 members having their herds quarantined. By June 16<sup>th</sup> all quarantines were lifted and most members placed their cattle in EID pastures as normal. Fireguards have been sprayed, with good current and residual results. Approximately 50 km of new or replacement fencing will be completed this year. The lease cleanup program is almost complete in Eyremore, and underway at Newell. Lightening started a grass fire in the Patricia area which the rain extinguished; an estimated 59 acres were burned, with no loss of cattle or fences. Contrary to this time last year, very few elk have been spotted on EID land this spring; this correlates with recent estimations of the herd dropping from almost 6,000 in 2017 to 3,800 in 2017.

[4:24 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

## **11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands**

### **11.03.1 Conversion from Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Jim Lengyel – SE 24-15-14 W4M**

An application was received from Jim Lengyel to convert 94 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SE 24-15-14 W4M, currently being served off a drain. Operations and Engineering have confirmed the ability to deliver water to this parcel via a rehab project to be completed this year. The capital assets charge to convert from terminable acres is \$100/acre.

**2017-06-195 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the conversion of 94 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SE 24-15-14 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge; all lands being owned by Jim Lengyel. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **11.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new Farm Improvement grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre.

#### **11.03.2.1 Conversions** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

##### **11.03.2.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Skretting Cattle Co. (Dwayne Skretting) – SE 11-18-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 35 acres flood
- Converting: 35 acres flood to wiper pivot; 7 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 42 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-196 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Skretting Cattle Co. (Dwayne Skretting) for the conversion of 35 acres flood to pivot in SE 11-18-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,500 (35 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.03.2.2 Upgrades** (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

##### **11.03.2.2.1 Pivot – Dwayne & Coralee Skretting – NE 11-18-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Installing: replacement pivot; 4 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 138 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-197 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dwayne & Coralee Skretting for the replacement pivot in NE 11-18-14 W4M quoted at \$41,000. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,144 (134 acres x \$16/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,000 (4 acres x \$1,000/previously returned acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **11.03.2.2.2 Panel – Bantry Seed Farms (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – NW 07-16-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 139 acres pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade quoted for \$14,331.03; keeping 6 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same

**2017-06-198 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) for the pivot panel upgrade in NW 07-16-13 W4M quoted at \$14,331.03. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre), less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 6 acres outside the pivot area = \$10,300. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.3 Pump & Motor – Jamie Buteau and Joanne Buteau – Sec. 27-18-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 489 acres section pivot
- Installing: motor & pump upgrade quoted for \$54,142.20; 5 additional acres will be transferred
- New Assessment: 494 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-199 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for James Buteau and Joanne Buteau for the motor and pump upgrade in Sec. 27-18-16 W4M; receipt amount \$54,142.20. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$48,900 (489 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.4 GPS & Pump – Clearview Hutterian Brethren – Sec. 23-23-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 240 acres pivot
- Installing: GPS & pump upgrade quoted for \$4,361.50; 8 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 248 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-200 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clearview Hutterian Brethren for the GPS and pump upgrade in Pt. Sec. 23-23-18 W4M quoted at \$4,361.50. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$24,000 (489 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$4,361.50. The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.5 GPS & Pump – Clearview Hutterian Brethren – Sec. 24-23-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 167 acres pivot
- Installing: GPS & pump upgrade quoted for \$4,361.50; 6 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 173 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-201 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clearview Hutterian Brethren for the GPS and pump upgrade in Pt. Sec. 24-23-18 W4M quoted at \$4,361.50. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$16,700 (167 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$4,361.50. The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.6 GPS & Pump – Clearview Hutterian Brethren – Sec. 25-23-18 W4M**

- Assessment: 228 acres pivot
- Installing: GPS & pump upgrade quoted for \$4,361.50; 8 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 236 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-202 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clearview Hutterian Brethren for the GPS and pump upgrade in Pt. Sec. 25-23-18 W4M quoted at \$4,361.50. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$22,800 (228 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$4,361.50. The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.7 GPS & Booster – Martin Cattle Co. (Brent Martin and Kevin Martin) – N ½ 09-21-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 130 acres pivot
- Installing: GPS & booster upgrade quoted for \$22,136.04; 11 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-203 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Martin Cattle Co. (Brent Martin and Kevin Martin) for the GPS and booster upgrade in N ½ 09-21-14 W4M quoted at \$22,136.04. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.8 GPS & Booster – Martin Cattle Co. (B. Martin and K. Martin) – NW 04 & SW 09-21-14**

- Assessment: 135 acres pivot
- Installing: GPS & booster upgrade quoted for \$28,438.13; 5 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 140 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-204 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Martin Cattle Co. (Brent Martin and Kevin Martin) for the GPS and booster upgrade in NW 04-21-14 W4M quoted at \$28,438.13. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.2.9 Pivot – Richard & Diana Schuett – SE 05-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Installing: pivot & pump upgrade quoted for \$129,563; 2 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 136 acres, all under pivot

**2017-06-205 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Diana Schuett for the replacement pivot and pump upgrade in SE 05-15-13 W4M; receipt amount \$129,563. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3 Upgrade with Corner Irrigation (*corner arm, corner pivot, subsurface*)**

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

**11.03.2.3.1 Transfer – 1144288 AB Ltd. (Herman Meurs) – NW 02 to NW 01-16-16 W4M**

The landowner is requesting to transfer 1 acre from NW 02-16-16 W4M to NW 01-16-16 W4M to complete a new increased pivot size.

**2017-06-206 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the transfer of 1 irrigation acre from NW 02-16-16 W4M to NW 01-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman Meurs). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3.2 Pivot & Corner Arm – 1144288 AB Ltd. (Herman Meurs) – N ½ 02-16-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 177 acres (1 acre will be transferred under the general assessment)
- Installing: new pivot with corner arm
- New Assessment: 176 acres (134 pivot, 42 corner arm)

**2017-06-207 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman Meurs) for the increased corner arm pivot in N ½ 02-16-16 W4M. The**

**Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$29,400 (42 acres x \$700/acre) = \$42,800. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3.3 Pivot & Corner Arm – 1144288 AB Ltd. (Herman Meurs) – NW 01-16-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 143 acres + 1 acre transferred
- Installing: new pivot with corner arm
- New Assessment: 144 acres (135 pivot, 9 corner arm)

**2017-06-208 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman Meurs) for the replacement corner arm pivot in NW 01-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre) = \$19,800. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3.4 Pivot & Corner Arm – 1717875 AB Ltd. (Rod Johnson) – NW 22-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 82 acres
- Installing: new pivot with corner arm; 8 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 90 acres (73 pivot, 9 corner arm)

**2017-06-209 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717875 Alberta Ltd. (Rod Johnson) for the replacement corner arm pivot in NW 22-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,300 (73 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre) = \$13,600. The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3.5 Pivot & Corner Arm – Rod & Joanne Dyck – W ½ 31-20-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 205 acres
- Installing: new pivot with corner arm; keeping 5 acres outside pivot area; 29 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same (139 pivot, 32 corner arm, 34 flood)

**2017-06-210 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rod & Joanne Dyck for the replacement corner arm pivot in W ½ 31-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,900 (139 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$22,400 (32 acres x \$700/acre) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 5 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$33,800. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3.6 Pivot & Corner Arm – Jim Lengyel – NE 13-15-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 142 acres
- Installing: new wiper pivot with corner arm; 3 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 145 acres (130 pivot, 15 corner arm)

**2017-06-211 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jim Lengyel for the addition of a corner arm to the pivot in NW 22-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$8,400 (12 acres x \$700/acre) = \$21,400. The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.03.2.3.7 Pivot & Corner Arm – Ben & Laurel Nickel SW 19-21-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 146 acres (1 acre will be transferred under general assessment)
- Installing: new wiper pivot with corner arm
- New Assessment: 145 acres (126 pivot, 19 corner arm)

**2017-06-212 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ben & Laurel Nickel for the replacement corner arm pivot in SW 19-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$13,300 (19 acres x \$700/acre) = \$25,900. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Farm Improvement Grant Discussion

In the case of a retroactive grant application, the number of irrigation acres that were on the assessment roll at the time the on-farm improvement was made, is the number of irrigation acres to be used to calculate the grant. The Farm Improvement Grant is calculated prior to the addition of efficiency acres.

[5:04 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Buildings & Grounds**

**12.01 Campgrounds Update**

The Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground is in great shape and ready for the heavier use camping season. Minimal damage occurred from the 2 recent windstorms, although beavers are posing a problem. The Crawling Valley Campground is also looking lush and running well, with the exception of 1 irrigation pump that failed but will be replaced prior to the long weekend.

**13.0 Equipment**

**13.01 Quotes for the Lease-to-Purchase of Excavators**

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

| <b>250 Excavator</b> |                    |              |                 |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Company</b>       | <b>Make</b>        | <b>Quote</b> | <b>\$/Month</b> |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd.  | John Deere 250 GLC | \$328,750.00 | \$10,000        |
| Wajax Equipment      | Hitachi ZX 250LC-5 | \$363,349.82 | \$10,000        |
| Finning Canada       | Cat 326 FL         | \$402,686.00 | \$12,000        |

| <b>350 Excavator</b> |                    |              |                 |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Company</b>       | <b>Make</b>        | <b>Quote</b> | <b>\$/Month</b> |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd.  | John Deere 350 GLC | \$415,300.00 | \$14,000        |
| Wajax Equipment      | Hitachi ZX 350LC-5 | \$454,337.55 | \$14,000        |
| Finning Canada       | Cat 336 FL         | \$512,508.00 | \$16,000        |

**2017-06-213 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the lease-to-purchase of:**

- a John Deere 250GLC Excavator for \$328,750; and
  - a John Deere 350GLC Excavator for \$415,300
- from Brandt Tractor Ltd., Calgary. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.0 Solar Update**

Mr. Friesen advised that a consultant has been hired to assess the District's land base to determine which land locations have the ability or feasibility to build out solar projects that could tie into the power grid at points where there is capacity to do so. The ongoing demand for these projects could help alleviate the decline in oil & gas leases. Once the initial report is complete a list of locations, potential projects and development options will be brought to the Board for further discussion.

**15.0 Irrigation District Rates & Fees – 2017**

Information from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry on the 2017 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.

**16.0 Upcoming Events**

|       |                                 |  |
|-------|---------------------------------|--|
| 16.01 | Joint Shared Services Committee | - Tuesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 pm, Brooks Fire Hall [ <i>J. Culligan</i> ] |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting           | - Friday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9:00 a.m.  |
| 16.03 | AIPA MLA Summer Tour            | - Tuesday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> , Lethbridge  |
| 16.04 | Regular Board Meeting           | - Tuesday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                       |

The Board asked that the agendas for summer meetings be streamlined in an effort to shorten the meetings. Some reports may be included as information with no presentation from staff; Directors will still have the option to ask questions of reports/information.

**R. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:05 p.m.**

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 Chairman

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 General Manager



## **July 21, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [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**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**2017-07-214 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 June 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Directors Meeting**

The following items were noted for correction:

- Page 58, 9.01, add "approximate 4,200" prior to "...acres served off the North Bantry Canal..."
- Page 60, motion 2017-06-194, add "potentially" prior to "...irrigated acres at \$7,000/acre..."

**2017-07-215 Moved by R. Johnson that the Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

### **4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### **4.01 Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus Meeting**

In follow up to a meeting with MHC administration, J. Hale summarized the terms of reference for the MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee of which he is a member, along with other community and municipal representation. The focus of this committee is to develop long lasting programs which are beneficial to the area, and in particular the agriculture industry. A short discussion followed.

**4.02 AIPA Executive Meeting**

B. Chrumka advised that the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association is still in the process of finding a replacement Executive Director for Ron McMullin, who will be retiring in August.

**4.03 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting**

J. Hale noted that overall the Crawling Valley Campground is running very well, although one incident with an owner of a suspect boat did generate a review of procedure at the last CVRS meeting. It was supported that campground staff should be reporting any and all such suspect AIS cases to Alberta Environment & Parks at 1-855-336-BOAT (2628).

**5.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges responded to a number of questions regarding the following reports which had been circulated to Directors.

**5.01 June 30, 2017 Financial Statements**

Noted overall for the financial statements to June 30, 2017:

- YTD revenues total about \$44.3 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$19.7 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$24.6 million.

**2017-07-216 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2017, as circulated. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:32 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

**5.02 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report – June 30, 2017**

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2017 was \$7,657,511 or 8% higher than the book value at September 30, 2016. EID short term investments totaling \$20.467 million matured and short term investments totaling \$21.6 million were purchased. IRP short term investments totaling \$1.025 million matured. Bassano Dam Spillway short term investments totaling \$9.246 million matured and short term investments totaling \$9.125 million were purchased. EID long term investments totaling \$7.2 million were purchased. PHD investments totaling \$.215 million matured and investments totaling \$.275 million were purchased.

**2017-07-217 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2017 as circulated. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.03 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – June 30, 2017**

A variety of accounts were detailed.

**2017-07-218 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2017 as circulated. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.0 EIDNet Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. June's cancelled accounts consisted of 9 customers who moved and 2 that switched providers.

| <b>Current EIDNet Customer Accounts</b> |              |
|---|--------------|
| Legacy Residential Accounts             | 135          |
| Residential Accounts                    | 1,457        |
| Business Accounts                       | 27           |
| EID Automation                          | 34           |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>1,653</b> |

**7.0 Operations**

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

The river has supported diversions that have supplied all irrigation allowing the major reservoirs to be maintained at the upper end of the operating range. This will allow for flexibility going into the remainder of the irrigation season to provide the necessary water even when river flows are typically at their lowest. With the hot, dry weather water usage has seen as many as 1,047 parcels irrigating in one day, and diversions at the dam as high as 2,855 cfs (the 16 year average is approximately 2,000 cfs for the first half of July). Operations staff will be contacting those Water Users who are nearing their 24" limit on certain parcels.

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 South Bantry Drain – Reach A**

This project is located 9.6 km south of Tilley and will finish the rehabilitation of the South Bantry Drain. The drain supports 4,350 acres, most through the East and West Bantry pump stations. The proposed rehabilitation is to establish a more stable cross section and armour the slopes, keeping the current alignment except near the Bantry #1 Reservoir. The project is estimated to cost \$3,287,000; to be funded under the capital works program. A thorough discussion followed.

**2017-07-219 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the South Bantry Drain – Reach A project by stabilizing and armouring 8 km of the drain for an estimated \$3,287,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:08 a.m. – 10:14 a.m. Short break.]

**8.01.1 Drain Relocation – Scott Tateson – NW 19-16-12 W4M**

In conjunction with the South Bantry Drain project, Scott Tateson has requested that the drain alignment in NW 19-16-12 W4M be relocated in the SE corner further outside the pivot area. The project is estimated to cost \$31,200 of which the EID would pay 75%.

**2017-07-220 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Drain Relocation for Scott Tateson in NW 19-16-12 W4M, the difference of the realignment is \$31,200 and is to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis (\$23,400 – EID, \$7,800 – Landowner). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.02 Preliminary Review of Piping Scott Canal**

Scott Canal begins about 1.6 km north of Lake Newell Reservoir and is served from the Main Bantry Canal; 4,222 acres are supplied before spilling into the Summit Drain. This preliminary review looks at 2 options of installing a closed gravity pipeline which would also eliminate spill. The first option is estimated at \$13.5 M for a single pipeline following the canal's existing alignment; and the second option is estimated at \$11 M for a pipeline directly out of the east side of the reservoir and a small pipeline at the current outlet. A number of facets to this proposal were discussed. This project, which is currently being considered to be 3 years from possible construction.

### **8.03 Preliminary Review of Piping Tilley Canal**

Tilley Canal serves 12,150 acres directly south from Tilley B Reservoir, to Bantry 1 Reservoir. A preliminary study was undertaken to look at replacing Tilley Canal with a closed gravity pipeline. This project would be proposed for construction in segments, with 2 options currently being looked at which would completely eliminate spill and resolve significant algae and weed issues. Options 1 and 2 are estimated at \$50 M for a single pipeline and \$60 M for a double pipeline, respectively; discussion followed.

### **8.04 Preliminary Review of Piping C Springhill**

Three options for piping C Springhill were introduced last month, with the request to look at piping this system directly from Lake Newell Reservoir. The estimate to tie in from the source would involve crossing under Hwy #1, the CPR and dealing with several gas lines, and would add \$31 M, bringing the total project cost to \$57 M. Discussion continued on the advantages and any perceived risks to the previous options presented.

[11:01 a.m. – 11:08 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

## **9.0 Lands**

### **9.01 Grazing**

#### **9.01.1 Requests to Transfer Private Grazing Leases**

##### **9.01.1.1 #7098 – Gord Simpson to 2027823 AB Ltd. (Archie Tateson)**

A request to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7098 from Gord Simpson to 2027823 AB Ltd. (Archie Tateson) was submitted to the EID. This long term grazing lease is fully transferrable to any eligible Water User, and has just over 6 years remaining with the right to renew for a further 15 years. The Transferee will meet all eligibility requirements once the associated land transfer is complete.

**2017-07-221 Moved by B. Chrumka that Private Grazing Lease #7098 be transferred from Gord Simpson to 2027823 Alberta Ltd. (Archie Tateson), subject to the completion of the associated land sale transfer. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **9.01.1.2 #7099 – Southwind Farms (Robert Simpson) to Tateson Ranching Ltd. (Scott Tateson)**

A request to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7099 from Southwind Farms (Robert Simpson) to Tateson Ranching Ltd. (Scott & Julie Tateson) was also submitted to the EID. This long term lease is fully transferrable to any eligible Water User and has just over 6 years remaining with the right to renew for a further 15 years. The Transferee meets all eligibility requirements.

**2017-07-222 Moved by B. Chrumka that Private Grazing Lease #7099 be transferred from South Wind Farms Ltd. (Robert Simpson) to Tateson Ranching Ltd. (Scott Tateson). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2 Kitsim Pivots**

The Kitsim Pivots 5 year irrigated farm lease expires at the end of the 2017 crop season. This matter was discussed at the spring GAC meeting, with the following recommendation:

*GAC17-05 B. Niznik moved to recommend that the EID establish permanent irrigated pasture at the Kitsim Pivots after the 2017 crop year. Seconded by C. Harbinson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

A number of particulars, including irrigated pasture management and carrying capacity were discussed.

**2017-07-223 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board follows the GAC recommendation to establish irrigated pasture on the Kitsim pivots after the 2017 crop year, for a 5 year period. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.3 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands**

An initial draft grazing policy, largely addressing the removal of renters as eligible members after the 2017 grazing season, was presented to Directors for their review.

**2017-07-224 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:59 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Gagley re-entered.]

**10.0 Lake Newell Reservoir**

**10.01 Update on Request re Lake Newell Marina**

**10.02 Letter from Todd Beblow**

[12:29 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered.]

**9.0 Lands cont'd.**

**9.02 Assessment, Water & Lands**

**9.02.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

**9.02.2 Water Users Above Maximum Acres Allotment**

[1:02 p.m. R. Owen exited the meeting to attend the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission public hearing in Brooks; B. Chrumka assumed the chair.]

**9.02.3 Assessment Report to June 30, 2017****9.02.4 General Assessment****9.02.5.1 General Assessment Update****9.02.5.2 Encroachments Discussion**

**2017-07-225 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[2:07 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

**9.02 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd.****9.02.1 Farm Improvement Policy cont'd.**

In follow up to last month's clarification, the revised Farm Improvement Policy was accepted as presented.

**2017-07-226 Moved by J. Culligan that the revised Farm Improvement Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.3 Assessment Report to June 30, 2017 cont'd**

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 was presented as follows:

| <b>EID WATER ROLL</b>  |                         |                         |              |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>   | <b>Irrigation Acres</b> | <b>Terminable Acres</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| April 1, 2017  | 295,528                 | 4,603                   | 300,131      |
| June 30, 2017  | 295,940                 | 4,595                   | 300,535      |
| Net increase   | 412                     | < 8 >                   | 404          |
| <b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b><br>(acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)          |                         |                         | < 0 >        |
| <b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b><br>(acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) |                         |                         | 412          |
| <b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>  |                         |                         | 8            |
| <b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>   |                         |                         | 0            |

**9.02.6 Alternate Parcel Application – Carbon Dev. Corp to 1885723 AB Ltd. (Tom Declercq)**

For the 2017 season, 1885723 AB Ltd. (Tom Declercq) is requesting to transfer 108 acres from SE 20-17-16 W4M and 14 acres from NE 20-17-16 W4M, for a pivot in SE 26-17-17 W4M.

**2017-07-227 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the alternate parcel transfer of 122 acres from the Carbon Development Corporation to 1885723 Alberta Ltd. (Tom Declercq) for 2017:**

- 108 acres from SE 20-17-16 W4M, and 14 acres from NE 20-17-16 W4M, to
- SE 26-17-17 W4M.

**Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.7 Irrigable Unit Registration – GW Murray Ranches – S ½ 09-18-13 W4M & Sec. 04-18-13 W4M**  
Registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 09-18-13 W4M and Pt. Sec. 04-18-13 W4M was a condition of approval for irrigation development. 2 pivots have now been installed and both are served off J Reservoir, requiring an Irrigable Unit.

**2017-07-228 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 09 and Pt. Sec. 04-18-13 W4M, all lands being owned by GW Murray Ranches Ltd. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new Farm Improvement grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre.

**Conversions** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

**9.02.8.1 Flood to Wheels – Phyllis Andrus – SW 23-21-17 W4M**

The Farm Improvement on SW 23-21-17 W4M was rescinded as Farm Improvement grants are not applicable to terminable acres.

*2017-03-078 Moved by F. George that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Phyllis Andrus for the conversion of 25 terminable acres flood to wheels in SW 23-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,050 (25 acres x \$42/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED*

**2017-07-229 Moved by G. Murray that motion 2017-03-078 be rescinded. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.2 Wheels to Pivot with Corner Arm – Rob & Joyce Baerg – SE 05-21-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres wheels
- Converting: 114 acres wheels to pivot, 20 acres wheels to corner arm; 3 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 137 acres (114 pivot, 23 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-07-230 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rob & Joyce Baerg for the conversion of 114 acres wheels to pivot and 20 acres wheels to corner arm in SE -05-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,400 (114 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$14,000 (20 acres x \$700/acre) = \$25,400. The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.3 Wheels to Pivot with Corner Arm – Rob & Joyce Baerg – SW 32-20-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 141 acres wheels
- Converting: 121 acres wheels to pivot, 18 acres wheels to corner arm; keeping 2 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (121 pivot, 18 corner arm, 2 acres wheels)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-07-231 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rob & Joyce Baerg for the conversion of 121 acres wheels to pivot and 18 acres wheels to corner arm in SW 32-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,100 (121 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) = \$23,700. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.4 Wheels to Pivot – Fred Barg – W ½ 32-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 70 acres wheels and 62 acres pivot
- Converting: 70 acres wheels to wiper pivot; 3 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-07-232 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Fred Barg for the conversion of 70 acres wheels to wiper pivot in W ½ 32-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,000 (70 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Upgrades** (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

**9.02.8.5 Pump – Fred Barg – Sec. 32-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 201 acres pivot; 3 additional acres needed for general assessment
- Installing: pump upgrade
- New Assessment: 207 acres, all under pivot

**2017-07-233 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Fred Barg for the pump upgrade in Sec. 32-19-14 W4M; quote amount \$18,278. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$20,100 (201 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$18,278. The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.6 Pivot – Daniel & Debra Eckert – SE 22-21-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 128 acres pivot
- Installing: replacement pivot; 11 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 139 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-07-234 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Debra Eckert for the new pivot design in SE 22-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,800 (128 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.7 Pivot – Daniel & Debra Eckert – SW 22-21-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 102 acres pivot
- Installing: replacement pivot; 16 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 118 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding



**2017-07-235 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Debra Eckert for the new pivot design in SW 22-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,200 (102 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,800 (16 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.8 Panel – LMK Agra Ltd. (Lorne Bunney) – SW 32-19-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 84 acres wiper pivot, 4 acres flood, 8 terminable acres
- Installing: pivot panel
- New Assessment: 84 acres wiper pivot, 4 acres flood; 8 terminable acres cancelled
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding for upgrades

**2017-07-236 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for LMK Agra Ltd. (Lorne Bunney) for the pivot panel upgrade in SW 32-19-13 W4M quoted at \$11,944. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,400 (84 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 4 acres outside the pivot area = \$6,400. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.9 Panel – LMK Agra Ltd. (Lorne Bunney) – NW 32-19-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres pivot, 4 acres flood, 5 terminable acres
- Installing: pivot panel
- New Assessment: 134 acres pivot, 4 acres flood; 5 terminable acres cancelled
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding for upgrades

**2017-07-237 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for LMK Agra Ltd. (Lorne Bunney) for the pivot panel upgrade in NW 32-19-13 W4M quoted at \$11,944. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 4 acres outside the pivot area = \$11,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.8.10 Panel – Musgrove Enterprise (Eric Musgrove) – NW 09-20-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 128 acres pivot; 4 additional acres needed for general assessment
- Installing: pivot panel
- New Assessment: 132 acres, all under pivot

**2017-07-238 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Musgrove Enterprise (Eric Musgrove) for the pivot panel upgrade in NW 09-20-13 W4M quoted at \$9,277. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available is \$10,240 (128 acres x \$80/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$9,277. The capital assets charge is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Upgrade with Corner Irrigation (corner arm, corner pivot, subsurface)**

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy. The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

**9.02.8.11 Pivot & Corner Arm – Skretting Land & Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dwayne Skretting) – SW 11-18-14**

- Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm; 14 additional acres needed

- New Assessment: 150 acres (133 pivot, 17 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-07-239 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Skretting Land & Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dwayne Skretting) for the replacement pivot with corner arm in SW 11-18-14 W4M. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,112 (132 acres x \$16/acre) plus \$100 (1 acres x \$100/acre adjustment) plus \$1,848 (3 acres x \$616/acre) = \$4,060. The capital assets charge is \$4,000 (4 acres x \$1000/previously returned acre) plus \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre) = \$7,000. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[2:34 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Buildings & Grounds**

**11.01 Campgrounds Update**

The grounds of the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground are being well kept and camping has increased significantly for the summer. One pump has been replaced and the old one will be rebuilt and kept as a backup. Some damage occurred to the docks in some high wind events; they have been repaired and a few alterations made. The Crawling Valley Campground is also looking and running well, and has been experiencing high numbers of campers and fishermen. The parking pad project is complete and the shower house additions will begin in September.

**12.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|------------------------|---|
| 12.01 | AIPA MLA Summer Tour   | - Tuesday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> , Lethbridge [R. Owen, I. Friesen]       |
| 12.02 | CDC South Tour         | - Friday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon [T. Brummelhuis] |
| 12.03 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                            |
| 12.04 | Budget Meeting         | - TBA [likely 2 <sup>nd</sup> full week in September]                     |
| 12.05 | AIPA Directors Meeting | - Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> , Taber Heritage Inn, 10:00 a.m.     |
| 12.06 | Regular Board Meeting  | - Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                         |

**J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:38 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **August 22, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [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**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**2017-08-240 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED  
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, R. Johnson, G. Murray, T. Brummelhuis  
OPPOSED – J. Hale**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 July 21, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

**2017-08-241 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the July 21, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.0 Business Arising**

#### **3.01 AIPA Executive Meeting Update**

B. Chrumka stated that Margo Redelback has been hired and began work this week as the Executive Director for Alberta Irrigation Projects Association. Ron McMullin is retiring at the end of the month.

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

### **4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

E. Wilson advised that excavation has begun and is well under way for the emergency spillway structure, the dewatering wells have worked to design, and there are no foreseeable concerns for

this portion of the project. It is anticipated that some concrete will be poured as a work base prior to winter.

## **5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

### **5.01 Siksika Meeting – August 11<sup>th</sup>, Gleichen**

Mr. Wilson also advised that he attended a Siksika meeting with other stakeholders regarding proposed hydro development projects on the Bow River. Four possible projects were reviewed, all within the west end of Siksika Nation, designed to provide renewable hydroelectric power, increased irrigation and water storage, and bolstered development and recreation. One of the four projects – “Siksika Bow” could have significant benefit to the EID as well, as upstream on-river storage and flood control for Bassano and Medicine Hat. The proposals are currently in the stakeholder and government engagement phase; the District will be kept informed of any future advancement.

[9:42 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

### **5.02 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission – July 21<sup>st</sup>, Brooks**

R. Owen attended the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission in Brooks on July 21<sup>st</sup> to give comment to the proposed electoral boundary changes, lobbying to keep the EID/County whole within its designated constituency. The proposed boundary excludes the SW quadrant of the District and combines the EID with Cypress/Medicine Hat to the east. After public consultation, the Commission will present the final report at the Legislature in October.

[9:44 a.m. – 9:48 a.m. Short break.]

### **5.03 AIPA MLA Summer Tour – July 25<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge**

R. Owen and I. Friesen attended parts of the AIPA MLA Summer Tour event on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Five MLAs and several other guests took part in the guided flyover tour which viewed portions of WID, EID, BRID and SMRID, then were joined by district and municipal representation for a bus tour and windup BBQ. The ground tour included sites such as Pioneer, Gold Lamb Farm, McCain Foods, potato farm, Green Prairie, etc. and continues to be an excellent format for educating government officials not familiar with irrigated agriculture.

### **5.04 CDC South Tour – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

T. Brummelhuis took part in the Crop Diversification Centre South “Local Agricultural Opportunities” Tour July 28<sup>th</sup>. The group toured the Greenhouse Research & Production Complex, and soybean, alfalfa seed, potato and sub-surface irrigation sites, among others; to learn about production trials for local suitability.

## **6.0 Financial Report**

### **6.01 July 31, 2017 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges responded to a number of questions regarding the financial statements to July 31, 2017, which had been circulated to Directors. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$48.1 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$22.4 million.

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$25.7 million.

**2017-08-242 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2017, as circulated. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.02 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. A range of lending rates through some financial institutions and indications on the forecasted prime rate were provided.

**2017-08-243 Moved by J. Culligan that the interest rate applicable to Capital Assets Charge and Financing Agreements and to Capital Construction Charge and Financing Agreements be set at 6% per annum during the first 5 years of the term, and at 6% effective the first day of the sixth year of the term and for the balance of the term of the loan. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. June's cancelled accounts consisted of 6 customers who moved and 1 that was no longer using the service.

**8.0 Operations**

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

I. Friesen advised that over the past month total parcels irrigating has ranged from 375 to 924, with diversions between 700 cfs and 2,675 cfs (the 15 year average is approximately 1,600 cfs for the first part of August). The river has supported diversions (407,700 acre feet to August 15<sup>th</sup>) that have supplied all irrigation up to the beginning of August; since that time reservoirs have begun to be drawn from, with main reservoirs remaining in good shape considering the demand.

**8.02 Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw**

With the hot dry weather, water usage has been high with 50+ parcels in the District, particularly in the Rolling Hills area, getting close to the 24" maximum. In compliance with the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw, irrigators are shut down once they have reached their 24" maximum. There have been requests to transfer parcels with surplus allocations to parcels needing in excess of 24"; this is not presently facilitated in the EID. However, the District will have the water to supply above 24" to those parcels nearing the limit – only where the crop requires additional water (not intended for fall irrigation). Mr. Friesen queried the Board as to whether it would be appropriate or not to authorize an amending bylaw to allow a temporary increase to the maximum limit. A thorough discussion was held, resulting in a temporary amending bylaw to the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw being approved:

- increasing the maximum amount of water that may be delivered to irrigation parcels from 24" to 27";
- restricting the increase to irrigating and finishing this year's crop (not fall irrigation); and
- effective immediately and throughout the remainder of this irrigation season only.

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- 2017-08-244 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #918 (2017), be introduced and read the first time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2017-08-245 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board read and approve Bylaw #918 (2017) the second time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2017-08-246 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #918 (2017), this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2017-08-247 Moved by G. Murray that Bylaw #918 (2017), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to amend Bylaw 907 (2016), which bylaw governs 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 UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Friesen will write a letter for distribution to those Water Users who are at or near their maximum and are requesting additional water. Administration will research information for potential policy development on transferring water within the farm link (prior to entering the Drought Plan) and/or Annual Agreements.

### **8.03 Set Water Shut Down Date**

A water shut down date was recommended for Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, taking into account the possibility of 10 days needed to top up reservoirs to winter levels, and then lowering the pool for the commencement of construction of the emergency spillway.

- 2017-08-248 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Friday, October 6, 2017. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:09 a.m. – 11:14 a.m. Short break, R. Gagley, R. Summach, and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

## **9.0 Engineering**

### **9.01 Projects for Approval**

#### **9.01.1 5 Rolling Hills**

This rehabilitation project is located 6 km NW of Rolling Hills. Currently there are 1,118 acres that pump out of the Rolling Hills drain, with most of this water being fed from 09 Rolling Hills canal. R. Summach advised that the proposal is to install a pipeline stemming from the Rolling Hills main canal, with stilling pond and gabion wall, running east 6 km. The project is estimated to cost \$2,110,000, to be funded under the capital works program. A thorough discussion followed covering additional landowner interest in being added to the pipeline, utilizing spill water vs supplied water, potential future pipeline development and water quality.

- 2017-08-249 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 05 Rolling Hills rehab project to install 6 km of pipeline to serve the existing irrigation acres, at an estimated \$2,110,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED**

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**IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, R. Johnson, T. Brummelhuis, J. Hale**  
**OPPOSED – G. Murray**

**9.01.2 9 Rolling Hills**

This rehabilitation project is located 2 km NW of Rolling Hills and is slated for the 2017/18 construction year. The existing canal supplies 682 acres and there are seepage and capacity issues. J. Kabut advised that the proposal is to install 2.4 km of closed gravity pipeline for an estimated cost of \$735,000; to be funded under the capital works program.

**2017-08-250 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the 09 Rolling Hills rehab project to install 2.4 km of closed gravity pipeline for an estimated \$735,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.3 Rock Lake Drain**

This rehabilitation project is located 6 km SE of Duchess and is slated for the 2017/18 construction year. The existing drain snakes back and forth in places, with areas of erosion causing flow restrictions; access along the drain is also inhibited. J. Kabut advised that the proposal would consist of trimming, armouring and straightening 5.7 km of the existing drain, omitting 3 parcels where landowners wanted the drain untouched. The project would have a design flow of 75 cfs, for an estimated cost of \$2,009,000; to be funded under the capital works program. R. Gagley reviewed drone video footage of the drain; discussion followed. Directors opted to not approve this drain rehab project.

[12:15 p.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley, R. Summach, and J. Kabut exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered.]

**10.0 Buildings & Grounds**

**10.01 Campgrounds Update**

The Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground has been full every weekend since the beginning of July. Some power issues have been experienced similar to last year, likely requiring a future power upgrade for the upper and lower marina sites. Crawling Valley Campground is also full every weekend, with no infrastructure issues to report. Shower house upgrades will begin in September, making the shower house facility closed to the public next month.

**11.0 Lands**

**11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

**11.01.1 Commercial Lease Annual Rent Review – Brooks Gymnastics Club**

N. Fontaine advised that the annual rental rate for the Brooks Gymnastics Club is required to 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 for 2018.

**2017-08-251 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board offer the Brooks Gymnastics Club a 0% increase on their lease agreement for 2018. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:51 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

### **11.02 Assessment, Water & Lands**

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands items.

#### **11.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new Farm Improvement Grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre.

#### Conversions (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

##### **11.02.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Cornelia Davidson – SE 03-17-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 129 acres
- Converting: 99 acres flood to wiper pivot, keeping 11 acres outside pivot area, 19 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 129 acres (99 pivot, 11 flood corners, 19 flood field)

**2017-08-252 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cornelia Davidson for the conversion of 99 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 03-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,900 (99 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) = \$4,400. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **11.02.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Tracy & Connie Hall – NW 17-21-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 83 acres
- Converting: 83 acres flood to wiper pivot; 2 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 85 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-08-253 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Connie Hall for the conversion of 83 acres flood to wiper pivot in NW 17-21-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,300 (83 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **11.02.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Stanley Turner – SE 16-20-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 45 acres
- Converting: 45 acres flood to wiper pivot; 7 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 52 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-08-254 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Stanley Turner for the conversion of 45 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 16-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement**



**Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,500 (45 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Red Anchor Ranches Inc. (Bill Turner) – NE 09-20-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 14 acres
- Converting: 14 acres flood to pivot; 1 acre will be transferred to the NW
- New Assessment: 13 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-08-255 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Red Anchor Ranches Inc. (Bill Turner) for the conversion of 14 acres flood to pivot in NE 09-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,400 (14 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd. – E ½ 22-20-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 126 acres
- Converting: 126 acres flood to wiper pivot; 19 acres to be transferred from the SE to the NE; 15 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Irrigable Unit: registration required

**2017-08-256 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 19 irrigation acres from SE 22-20-13 W4M, lands being owned by Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd. to NE 22-20-13 W4M, lands being owned by Warren Henry. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-257 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd. (Warren Henry) for the conversion of 126 acres flood to wiper pivot in E ½ 22-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-258 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on E ½ 22-20-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd. and Warren Henry. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

[12:57 p.m. R. Johnson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**11.02.1.6 Panel Upgrade – 1717866 Alberta Inc. (Reid Johnson) – NW 15-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 122 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; 5 acres will be transferred under the general assessment
- New Assessment: 117 acres, all under pivot
- Irrigable Unit: discharge & registration required

- 2017-08-259** Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 Alberta Inc. (Reid Johnson) for the pivot panel upgrade in NW 15-19-14 W4M quoted at \$7,455. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$11,700 (117 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$7,455. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2017-08-260** Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW 10, lands being owned by 1717853 Alberta Inc. (Neil Johnson) and NW 10 & W ½ 15-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by 1717866 Alberta Inc. (Reid Johnson). Seconded by J. Culligan. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2017-08-261** Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 10 & W ½ 15-19-14 W4M, all lands being owned by 1717853 Alberta Inc. (Neil Johnson). Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:59 p.m. R. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

**11.02.1.7 Panel Upgrade – John Douglass – NW 17-24-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 112 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; 2 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 114 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2017-08-262** Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John Douglass for the pivot panel upgrade in NW 17-24-15 W4M quoted at \$12,302. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$11,200 (112 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$11,200. The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.8 Panel Upgrade – John Douglass – NE 18-24-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 118 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; 2 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 120 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2017-08-263** Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John Douglass for the pivot panel upgrade in NE 18-24-15 W4M quoted at \$12,302. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$11,800 (118 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$11,800. The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.9 Pump Upgrade – Lammert & Dicky Lyzenga – SW 31 & NW 30-20-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 202 acres
- Installing: pump upgrade; 6 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 208 acres, all under pivot

- 2017-08-264** Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Lammert & Dicky Elizabeth Lyzenga for the pivot pump upgrade in SW 31 & NW 30-20-15 W4M quoted at \$4,626. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$20,200 (202 acres x \$100/acre), with the

**payable amount to the Landowner being \$4,626. The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.02.1.10 Nozzle & LPP Upgrade – Lammert & Dicky Lyzenga – SW 31 & NW 30-20-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 132 acres
- Installing: nozzle & LPP upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot
- SW Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Irrigable Unit: discharge & registration required

**2017-08-265 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Lammert & Dicky Elizabeth Lyzenga for the nozzle and LPP upgrade in SW 31 & NW 30-20-15 W4M quoted at \$6,777. The remaining Farm Improvement Grant available is \$10,164, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$6,777. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-266 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on:**

- SW 31-20-15 W4M, NW 30-20-15 W4M, Pt NE 30-20-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Lammert & Dicky Lyzenga.

**Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-267 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on:**

- Parcel A of Pt NW 30-20-15 W4M & NE 30-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Travis & April Lyzenga;
- Pt SW 30-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Travis Lyzenga; and
- Pt SW 30-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Lammert & Dicky Lyzenga.

**Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-268 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:**

- SW 31-20-15 W4M, NW 30-20-15 W4M, Pt NE 30-20-15 W4M, all lands being owned by Lammert & Dicky Lyzenga;
- Parcel A of Pt NW 30-20-15 W4M & NE 30-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Travis & April Lyzenga;
- Pt SW 30-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Travis Lyzenga; and
- Pt SW 30-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Lammert & Dicky Lyzenga.

**Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Corner Irrigation (*corner arm, corner pivot, subsurface*)

The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

**11.02.1.11 Corner Pivot – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) – E ½ 04 & SE 09-20-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 22 acres flood corners
- Converting: 22 acres flood to corner wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 22 acres corner wiper pivot
- Irrigable Unit: discharge & registration required

**2017-08-269 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) for the conversion of 22 flood acres to wiper corner pivots in E ½ 04 &**

**SE 09-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$15,400 (22 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-270 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on S ½ 09-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-271 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 09 and E ½ 04-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **11.02.2 Irrigable Unit**

#### **11.02.2.1 Discharge & Registration – Ed Penner / Landon Hopp, Logan Hopp**

As Irrigable Units do not apply to parcels with no irrigation acres, the current Irrigable Unit on SW 16 and Parcel A of SE 16-21-16 W4M needs to be discharged and a new one registered that excludes the acreage in the NW corner of SW 16.

**2017-08-272 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt SW 16-21-16 W4M, Plan 0914367, Block 2, Lot 1 of SW 16-21-16 W4M and Parcel A of SE 16-21-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Ed Penner. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-273 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SW 16-21-16 W4M, and Parcel A of SE 16-21-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Landon Hopp and Logan Hopp, subject to land transfer. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.02.2 Application for Parcel to be Added to the District**

An application has been received from Keith & Mindy Evans for NW 36-20-19 W4M to be added to the District. The application is for a Household Purposes Rural Water Use Agreement, and potentially a Livestock Watering Agreement. Water access would be via a pump out of the Main Canal; a number of District conditions were stated.

**2017-08-274 Moved by J. Hale that District staff proceed with the process as outlined in legislation for the application to add a parcel to the District, for Keith & Mindy Evans – NW 36-20-19 W4M. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-08-275 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **11.02.3 General Assessment – Parcels Exceeding 20 Acres above Assessment**

[2:19 p.m. – 2:25 p.m. Short break; R. Volek entered the meeting.]

[2:35 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**11.03 Grazing****11.03.1 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands****11.03.2 Update on Recent Fires****11.03.3 Elk Management Plan****12.0 Town of Bassano Storm Water and Effluent Releases**

[3:32 p.m. R. Johnson exited the meeting.]

**13.0 04-C Pipeline Repair Receivable**

**2017-08-276 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.0 Lands cont'd.****11.02.3 General Assessment – Parcels Exceeding 20 Acres above Assessment cont'd.**

Letters will be sent to Water Users in the "Parcels Exceeding 20 Acres above Assessment" category advising them that they will need to apply for their additional acres needed through the standard irrigation application process this fall.

**11.03.1 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands cont'd.**

**2017-08-277 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis  
OPPOSED – G. Murray, J. Hale**

In 2012, among other lesser but numerous revisions and updates to the grazing policy, a 5 year moratorium was put on any new renters being allowed to participate in Community grazing. Thorough GAC and Board discussions have transpired since, and in anticipation of applications for the 2018 season, the grazing policy was brought forward to the Board for a final decision. This revised grazing policy, which now excludes all renters, will be posted on the website and distributed.

**11.03.2 Update on Recent Fires cont'd.**

Approximately 120 acres of EID pasture in the Tilley Community Grazing Lease was lost to fire on July 30<sup>th</sup>; minor fence damage occurred. Approximately 370 acres of EID pasture in the Newell Community Grazing Lease was burned in separate instances August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>; no damages to fences occurred. A discarded cigarette in the former and unauthorized vehicle traffic for the latter were the likely causes.

**11.03.3 Elk Management Plan cont'd.**

Statistics from an Alberta Environment & Parks stakeholder meeting report 5,951 elk on CFB Suffield recorded in February 2014, 4,574 in March 2016, and project approximately 3,000 for March 2018. The Elk Management Plan confirmed a total of 6,000 harvested elk on and off the base over the last 3 years. Approximately 1,100 hunting tags will be issued for 2017. Fish & Wildlife feel their plan to reduce the elk herd to about 3,000 – 3,500 by the end of 2017 has been successful, however they are in the process of developing a long term plan for the balanced sustainability of the elk herd at Suffield and the surrounding areas.

**11.03.4 Set Round-Up Date**

R. Volek advised that although below normal rainfall has been the norm throughout the District, there was good grass growth at the beginning of the season and there is an overall good supply of grass. There will be utilization of some of the reserve grass this year, and the Grazing Associations want to save some reserve grass for next season, if dry conditions continue. A round-up date of October 21<sup>st</sup> was recommended.

**2017-08-278 Moved by J. Culligan that cattle are to be out of community leases by end of day on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[3:59 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

- 14.01 Budget Meeting - Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 14.02 AIPA Directors Meeting - Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Taber Heritage Inn, 10:00 a.m.
- 14.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 14.04 DU Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction- Friday, Sep 29<sup>th</sup>, Brooks Heritage Inn, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
- 14.05 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**G. Murray moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:03 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **September 20, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mr. Ryan Gagley   | Engineering Manager               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [Division 6] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. George Murray V  | Director   | [Division 7] |                   |                                   |

The meeting was called to order at 8:56 a.m.

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**2017-09-279 Moved by G. Murray that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 2017/2018 Budget Discussion**

I. Friesen presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2017/2018, including comparisons to past years' revenues and expenses, welcoming comment and questions from Directors throughout the meeting.

[9:35 a.m. – 9:38 a.m. Short break; D. Syvret and S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

#### **2.01 Operations & Maintenance**

Don Syvret, South Division Superintendent and Shawn Dahl, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent entered the meeting. Several items were discussed on the Operations end, including bulkheads for structure inspections, pump rebuilds, screen cleaner repairs and chemical treatments. Staffing time and overall maintenance for the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground was reviewed, along with the general running of the Crawling Valley Campground.

[10:24 a.m. D. Syvret and S. Dahl exited the meeting; R. McLean, T. Canning and E. Palaschak entered.]

#### **2.02 Equipment & Shop**

Roger McLean, Equipment Superintendent, Tom Canning, Assistant Equipment Superintendent and Earl Palaschak, Shop Supervisor/Heavy Duty Mechanic were in attendance. Mr. Friesen advised that cost recoveries from this department are set up to result in neither a profit nor loss point of balance. Various equipment, brands, repairs and length of use were discussed.

[10:44 a.m. – 10:52 a.m. Short break; R. McLean, T. Canning and E. Palaschak exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

**2.03 Lands**

Rick Volek, Land Administrator – Grazing joined the meeting to discuss a proposed grazing waterline project directly east of Lake Newell Reservoir to utilize 9 sections of grazing lands in the Newell Grazing Association which in dry years has virtually no water supply. PVC and Poly materials, method of installation and cost were deliberated.

[11:04 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Phillips and J. Peters entered.]

**11:00 a.m. Richard Phillips, BRID and Joe Peters, Peters Energy Solutions Inc.**

Mr. Friesen welcomed Richard Phillips, General Manager of the Bow River Irrigation District and Joe Peters of Peters Energy Solutions Inc. to the boardroom. Mr. Phillips was invited to speak to the Board regarding the BRID's experience with certain solar project companies, enquiries for land, their tender process and any particulars unique to an irrigation district. Mr. Peters has been contracted by the EID to analyze suitability of the District's land for possible solar projects and to advise regarding the provincial and international solar industry, lease agreement negotiations and specific solar companies. An overview was presented to Directors by Mr. Peters, and a lengthy discussion was held with both guests concerning the approvals process, negotiations, scale, structure and length of projects, power generation, land stewardship, revenue, municipal tax and reclamation. The Board thanked the gentlemen for their time and input.

[12:18 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch break; R. Phillips and J. Peters exited the meeting, R. Volek re-entered.]

**2.0 2017/2018 Budget Discussion cont'd.****2.03 Lands cont'd.**

Cost comparisons for PVC vs Poly, plus total capital costs to date on grazing waterlines were requested for Tuesday's regular board meeting. Setting the grazing rate was also discussed, with the intention of setting as per the proposed budget, with any shortfalls or returns above the breakeven point being carried forward to the next budget. Community pasture cleanup was reviewed to date, as well as waterline repairs for the season.

[1:21 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; M. Porter entered.]

**2.04 IT & EIDNet**

Mr. Bridges presented an EIDNet improvement project proposal on behalf of Ronan Moen, Internet Services Supervisor. The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has established new guidelines for minimum bandwidth to the home. The expectation is to have 50Mb download and 10Mbps upload by 2021. In order to accomplish this target District towers are going to require more bandwidth to handle the traffic load. Two available options were reviewed, one which requires tower replacements, and larger or additional backhauls; and the other which entails fiber optic lines between towers, with some backhaul links remaining in place. Preliminary discussion touched on increased bandwidth demands, projected customer growth, competition, project costs, project pros and cons, available grants and initial engineering.



Mark Porter, Information Services Technologist reviewed the tech requirements for the office and staff, and gave brief comment to *IRMA* (Irrigation Recording and Management App) software development.

[2:07 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting.]

Mr. Friesen itemized other capital purchase items and special projects, answering a variety of questions from Directors.

[2:29 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Short break.]

### **2.05 Administration**

To wrap up the budget review, the Administration department lines were discussed.

Supplementary discussion was held on plebiscite considerations, as well as policy/practical development of water sharing within the farm link. A number of items were asked of Administration and Department Heads to arrange or further investigate and bring back to Tuesday's Regular Board Meeting.

### **3.0 Upcoming Events**

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|------|---------------------------------|---|
| 3.01 | AIPA Directors Meeting          | - Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> , Taber Heritage Inn, 10:00 a.m.<br><i>[B. Chrumka, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis, I. Friesen]</i> |
| 3.02 | Regular Board Meeting           | - Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 3.03 | DU Fundraising Dinner & Auction | - Friday, Sep 29 <sup>th</sup> , Brooks Heritage Inn, 5:30/7:00 p.m.  |
| 3.04 | Regular Board Meeting           | - Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |

**G. Murray moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:09 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **September 26, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017. Those in attendance were:

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|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [Division 6] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. George Murray V  | Director   | [Division 7] |                   |                                   |

The meeting was called to order at 8:56 a.m.

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.03 MHC – Brooks Campus Advisory Committee
- 8.03 01 Bow Slope Review
- 9.01 Proposed Kinbrook Pressurized Grazing Waterline System (Newell Grazing)
- 16.0 Erwin Braun – Alberta Counsel Request for Meeting
- 17.0 04-C Pipeline Repair Receivable

**2017-09-280 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board adopt the Revised Agenda as amended. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 August 22, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

**2017-09-281 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the August 22, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **2.02 September 20, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

**2017-09-282 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### **3.01 AIPA Executive Meeting – September 11<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge**

I. Friesen attended the AIPA Executive Meeting in Lethbridge on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussion items included a review of the summer MLA Tour, budget, annual conference and guest speakers, and

retirement reception for Ron McMullin, Executive Director. AIS mussel veliger sampling was also discussed, with a report of no suspect findings by either irrigation districts or Alberta Environment & Parks.

### **3.02 AIPA Directors Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup>, Taber**

B. Chrumka, T. Brummelhuis and I. Friesen attended the AIPA Directors Meeting in Taber on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Items from the Executive Meeting were brought forward, as well as data that 26,000 boats were inspected on Alberta's borders, with 14 mussel fouled watercraft being found (mostly from the east). Reports on different watersheds were given, the IRP funding allocation was discussed, and the AIPA budget was passed.

### **3.03 MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee**

J. Hale attended a Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee tour in Olds on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The day was set up to tour the Olds College and high school which work in tandem to provide programming and share facilities. In response to an earlier request, the MHC President and some of their Executive Committee are to be tentatively scheduled for the November Regular Board Meeting.

## **4.0 Business Arising**

There were no matters raised.

## **5.0 Financial Report**

### **5.01 August 31, 2017 Financial Statements**

K. Bridges responded to a number of questions regarding the financial statements to August 31, 2017, which had been circulated to Directors. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$51.2 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$25.1 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$26.1 million.

**2017-09-283 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2017, as circulated. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **6.0 EIDNet Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. August's cancelled accounts consisted of 6 customers who moved and 1 business that closed down.

[9:16 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

## **7.0 Operations**

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

I. Friesen advised that demand has been persistently high over the past month, with total parcels irrigating ranging from 257 to 430. It appears this trend could continue through to the end of the

irrigating season and given river diversions have not fully supported the use, reservoirs have been drawn down to supplement. The system is presently short 27,300 acre feet for optimum winter levels. It is planned to drop the pool 5-6' after water shut down to allow for scheduled excavation near the cofferdam for the emergency spillway project. If there is any movement in the cofferdam diversion will be completely turned off, otherwise the District will continue to divert for 2 weeks which should bring reservoirs up to desired winter levels. In worst case scenario, the diversion shortfall will be made up in spring with a more aggressive fill.

## 8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following projects on behalf of J. Kabut.

### 8.01 Projects for Approval – M Tilley

This rehabilitation project is located 1 km south of Tilley and is slated for the 2017/18 construction year. The 400 m system supplies 396 acres of which 100% are currently flood. On the east end of the ditch, the banks have settled which is creating issues with the canal's capacity. There has also been evidence of major seepage north of the ditch leading to conclude that the ditch is leaking as well. The proposed rehabilitation is to install 400 m of closed gravity pipeline, which after a landowner conversion would supply 24% pivot and 76% flood. The project is estimated to cost \$405,000; to be funded under the capital works program.

[9:38 a.m. B. Chrumka declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

A thorough discussion was held.

**2017-09-284 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the M Tilley rehab project to install 400 m of closed gravity pipeline to serve the existing irrigation acres, at an estimated \$405,000; to be funded under the capital works program. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Owen, J. Culligan, G. Murray, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis  
OPPOSED – R. Johnson**

#### 8.01.1 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc. (Bob Chrumka)

Bob Chrumka (Chrumka Farms 1987 Inc.) is proposing to install a corner arm wiper pivot in Pt. S ½ 19-17-12 W4M at the time of the M Tilley project; currently the parcel is flood irrigated.

**2017-09-285 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc. (Bob Chrumka) in Pt. S ½ 19-17-12 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot at the time of the M Tilley rehab project. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:08 a.m. – 10:12 a.m. Short break, B. Chrumka rejoined the meeting.]

### 8.02 Drain Relocation – Jeff Van Wert

Jeff Van Wert has requested a drain relocation in SW 11-17-13 W4M to accommodate his section pivot. Currently the drain severs NW 02-17-13 W4M into east/west halves and the landowner is requesting that it be relocated to the south boundary of SW 11. The project is estimated to cost \$33,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$50,000. In 2014, at the time of the J West

Bantry pipeline project, the previous landowner requested bridges and contributed a portion towards the full cost of \$48,000. This request, drain rels vs bridges and policy were discussed.

**2017-09-286 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Jeff Van Wert in SW 11-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis, contingent that the existing bridges are returned to the EID. The total project cost is \$33,000 (\$24,750 – EID, \$8,250 – Landowner). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.03 01 Bow Slope – Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants Review**

It was requested that Admin bring back information to the Board for discussion on the 01 Bow Slope project, related Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants and policy at that time.

[10:35 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

**9.0 2017/2018 Budget – Further Review, Questions, Approval**

**9.01 Proposed Kinbrook Pressurized Grazing Waterline System (Newell Grazing)**

Additional information on the proposed grazing waterline east of Lake Newell Reservoir within the Newell Grazing Association boundaries was presented to the Board. Cost comparisons were outlined for PVC and Poly, along with 3 installation quotes.

[10:42 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

A number of questions regarding materials, installation, maintenance, grazing history and present water supply were asked of Mr. Volek.

**2017-09-287 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Kinbrook Grazing Waterline project to install 15.6 km of poly pipe in Newell Grazing, at an estimated cost of \$300,000. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:59 a.m. – 11:06 a.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

[11:06 a.m. Barry Morishita, City of Brooks Mayor, and Wayne Pratt, Environeta Solutions Inc. Director entered the meeting.]

**2017-09-288 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11:00 a.m. Barry Morishita, City of Brooks Mayor and Environeta Solutions Inc.**

[12:41 p.m. – 1:07 p.m. Lunch break; B. Morishita and W. Pratt exited the meeting.]

[1:49 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

## **10.0 Lands**

### **10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

#### **10.01.1 Letters from Gordon & Wendy Frank – Request to Purchase Lands**

[2:07 p.m. – 2:11 p.m. Short break; Mark Burgert, Co-Chair & President and Jeff Thachuk, Co-Chair & CEO of SolarKrafte entered the meeting.]

## **2:00 p.m. Solar Krafte Presentation**

[3:00 p.m. – 3:04 p.m. Short break; M. Burgert and J. Thachuk exited the meeting.]

**2017-09-289 Moved by J. Culligan that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10.0 Lands cont'd.**

### **10.01.1 Letters from Gordon & Wendy Frank – Request to Purchase Lands cont'd.**

Gordon & Wendy Frank's request to purchase lands was denied; this request will not be considered until the Scott Canal rehab project is being designed.

[3:17 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

## **10.02 Grazing**

### **10.02.1 JBS Effluent Irrigation Project Update**

R. Volek presented an update for the Board as to the status of the JBS effluent irrigation project west of Hwy #36. JBS' application to Alberta Environment & Parks for the application of treated industrial wastewater has yet to be approved and official soils reports have yet to be copied to the District. Once project approvals are in place the total irrigated area and infrastructure will be finalized. Installation will be scheduled as soon as possible following this. The new pivot added east of Hwy #36 has also yet to receive approval from AB E&P; it is expected to be fully operational upon approval. Furthermore, discussions have begun regarding rejuvenating pasture under the 3 other existing pivots on the east side.

[3:26 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

## **9.0 2017/2018 Budget cont'd. – Further Review, Questions, Approval**

Various discussion items were brought forward from September 20<sup>th</sup> for clarification. The budget was given final consideration with additional questions answered by Administration.

**2017-09-290 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board of Directors approve the 2017/2018 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as amended. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Solar Krafte Presentation cont'd.**

Administration was directed to begin discussions with Solar Krafte in regards to possible project locations, related soils, land studies, etc.

[3:46 p.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands cont'd.****10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands**

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands items.

**10.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new Farm Improvement Grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre.

Conversions (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

[3:51 p.m. R. Owen declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**10.03.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Charles & Shirley Charlton – NW 20-20-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 126 acres
- Converting: 123 acres wheels to wiper pivot; keeping 3 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 126 acres (123 pivot, 3 corners)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-291 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles Charlton for the conversion of 123 acres wheels to wiper pivot in NW 20-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 3 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$10,800. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[3:52 p.m. R. Owen rejoined the meeting.]

**10.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Evan & Jolene Miller – SE 28-17-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 68 acres
- Converting: 59 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 9 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 68 acres (59 pivot, 9 corners)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-292 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Evan & Jolene Miller for the conversion of 59 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 28-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant is \$5,900 (59 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 9 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$1,400. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Pedro & Eva Wiebe – SW 25 & SE 26-17-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 57 acres
- Converting: 53 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 4 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 57 acres (53 pivot, 4 corners)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-293 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Pedro & Eva Wiebe for the conversion of 53 acres flood to wiper pivot in SW 25 & SE 26-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement is \$5,300 (53 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 4 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$3,300. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Dennis & Kathleen Will – E ½ 29-17-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 154 acres
- Converting: 112 acres flood to wiper pivot; 42 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 154 acres (112 pivot, 42 flood field)

**2017-09-294 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis & Kathleen Will for the conversion of 112 acres flood to wiper pivot in E ½ 29-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$11,200. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.5 Flood to Pivot with Corner Arm – Robert & Brenda Ross – SE 19-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 140 acres
- Converting: 136 acres flood to pivot and 4 acres flood to corner arm; 14 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under pivot (136 pivot, 18 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-295 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Robert & Brenda Ross for the conversion of 136 acres flood to pivot and 4 acres flood to corner arm in SE 19-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$2,800 (4 acres x \$700/acre) = \$16,400. The capital assets charge is \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.6 Transfer of Irrigation Acres, Flood to Pivot Conversion & Irrigable Unit Registration – Orlita Farms Ltd. (Leonard Orlita) – SE 33-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 121 acres
- Transferring: 3 acres from SE 33-19-14 & 17 acres from NE 28-19-14, to SW 22-19-14
- Converting: 118 acres flood to wiper pivot
- New Assessment: 118 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Irrigable Unit: registration required

**2017-09-296 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the transfer of 3 acres from SE 33-19-14 W4M and 17 irrigation acres from NE 28-19-14 W4M to SW 22-19-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Orlita Farm Ltd. (Leonard Orlita). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**2017-09-297 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Orlita Farms Ltd. (Leonard Orlita) for the conversion of 118 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 33-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$11,800. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-09-298 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 33 & Pt. SE 33-19-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Orlita Farms Ltd. (Leonard Orlita). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

and Corner Irrigation (*corner arm/pivot, subsurface*)

The EID will pay up to \$700/irrigated acre for pivot or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

**10.03.1.7 Pivot/Pump Upgrade & Corner Arm – Orlita Farms Ltd. (Leonard Orlita) – SW 22-19-14**

- Adjusted Assessment: 167 acres (20 acres transferred in – motion 2017-09-296)
- Installing: replacement pivot & pump upgrade; 2 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 169 acres, all under pivot with corner arm (149 pivot, 20 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-299 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Orlita Farms Ltd. (Leonard Orlita) for the conversion of 149 acres flood to pivot with corner arm in SW 22-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$14,900 (149 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) = \$27,500. The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.8 Panel & VFD Upgrade – Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NW 19-14-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 135 acres
- Installing: panel & VFD upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-300 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl & Wendy Chomistek for the pivot panel and VFD upgrade in NW 19-14-13 W4M quoted at \$18,348. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$13,500. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.9 Transfer of Irrigation Acres, Panel & VFD Upgrade & Corner Subsurface Conversion – Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NE 25-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 131 acres
- Transferring: 12 acres from SW 30-14-13 W4M to NE 25-14-14 W4M (2 acres) & NW 30-14-13 W4M (10 acres)
- Installing: panel & VFD upgrade
- Converting: 5 acres to subsurface; 5 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 138 acres (128 pivot, 10 subsurface)

- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-301 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the transfer of 12 irrigation acres from SW 30-14-13 W4M to NE 25-14-14 W4M (2 acres) and NW 30-14-13 W4M (10 acres), all lands being owned by Carl & Wendy Chomistek. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-09-302 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl & Wendy Chomistek for the pivot panel & VFD upgrade quoted at \$18,348 and the conversion of 5 acres of subsurface irrigation, in NE 25-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available for the upgrade is \$12,800 (128 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount being \$12,800 plus \$3,500 (5 acres x \$700/acre) = \$16,300. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.10 Panel & VFD Upgrade – Carl & Wendy Chomistek – NW 30-14-13 W4M**

- Adjusted Assessment: 133 acres (10 acres transferred in – motion 2017-09-301)
- Installing: panel & VFD upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 133 acres (128 pivot, 5 corner pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-303 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl & Wendy Chomistek for the pivot panel & VFD upgrade quoted at \$18,348 in NW 30-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$12,800 (128 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount being \$12,800. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.11 Pivot Upgrade – Carl & Wendy Chomistek – SW 30-14-13 W4M**

- Adjusted Assessment: 142 acres (12 acres transferred out – motion 2017-09-301)
- Installing: replacement pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (135 pivot, 7 corner pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversion)

**2017-09-304 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl & Wendy Chomistek for the replacement pivot in SW 30-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (128 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.12 Corner Pivot – Carl & Wendy Chomistek – W ½ 30-14-13 W4M**

- Parcel Assessment: 12 acres (5 NW, 7 SW)
- Converting: 12 acres to corner wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 12 acres (5 NW, 7 SW), all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-305 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl & Wendy Chomistek for the conversion of 12 acres to wiper corner pivot in W ½ 30-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,400 (12 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.13 Pivot Upgrade– Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) – SE 03-20-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 136 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; 1 acre will be transferred out under the general assessment
- New Assessment: 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-306 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) for the replacement pivot in SE 03-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.14 Panel & Nozzle Upgrade – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) – SW & SE 09-20-14**

- Parcel Assessment: 158 acres
- Installing: panel & nozzle upgrade; keeping 23 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same (135 under pivot, 23 outside pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-307 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd. (Sandy Bartman) for the pivot panel & nozzle upgrade in SW 09-20-14 W4M quoted at \$18,208. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$11,500 (23 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 23 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$2,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.15 Pivot Upgrade & Corner Arm – John & Charlotte Dyck – Pt. E ½ 14-19-14 W4M**

- Parcel Assessment: 139 acres (133 in SE 14 and using 6 in NE 14)
- Installing: replacement pivot (113 acres) with corner arm (26 acres); keeping 7 acres outside pivot in NE
- Assessment remains the same (133 under pivot SE, 6 under pivot NE, 7 outside pivot NE)
- SE Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-308 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Charlotte Dyck for the replacement pivot with corner arm in E ½ 14-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,300 (113 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$18,200 (26 acres x \$700/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 7 acres outside the pivot area = \$26,000. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.16 Panel Upgrade – John & Charlotte Dyck – SW 14-19-14 W4M**

- Parcel Assessment: 147 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 11 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same (136 under pivot, 11 outside pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-309 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Charlotte Dyck for the pivot panel upgrade in SW 14-19-14 W4M quoted at \$14,232. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x**

**\$500/acre) deduction for keeping 11 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$8,100. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.17 Panel Upgrade, Irr Unit Discharge & Registration – Matthew Douglass – SW 35-23-16**

- Assessment: 123 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 123 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Irrigable Unit: discharge & registration required

**2017-09-310 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Matthew Douglass for the pivot panel upgrade in SW 35-23-16 W4M quoted at \$12,302. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$12,300. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-09-311 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. Sec 26-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Christianson Agro Ltd. (Ron Christianson). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-09-312 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. Sec 26-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Christianson Agro Ltd. (Ron Christianson), and SW 35-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Matthew Douglass. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.18 Pump Upgrade – Martin Gubbins – SE 05-17-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 64 acres
- Installing: pump upgrade; 5 acres to be transferred out under the general assessment
- New Assessment: 59 acres, all under pivot

**2017-09-313 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Martin & Linda Gubbins for the pump upgrade in SE 05-17-16 W4M quoted at \$3,459. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,459. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.19 Pivot Upgrade with Corner Arm – Harvey & Carmen Krause – W ½ 10-14-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 226 acres (143 in NW and 83 in SW)
- Installing: replacement pivot (137 acres) with corner arm (21 acres)
- Assessment remains the same at 226 acres (145 in NW and 81 in SW)
- Replacement pivot with corner arm area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-314 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Harvey & Carmen Krause for the replacement pivot with corner arm in W ½ 10-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,700 (137 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$14,700 (21 acres x \$700/acre) = \$28,400. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.20 Pump & Nozzle Upgrade - Leonard Lundquist – SE 21-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 143 acres
- Installing: pump & nozzle upgrade; keeping 4 acres outside pivot

- Transfer: 7 acres to NW 16-15-13 W4M under the general assessment
- New Assessment: 136 acres (132 under pivot, 4 outside pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-315 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Leonard Lundquist for the pivot pump & nozzle upgrade in SE 21-15-13 W4M quoted at \$18,363. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping 4 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$11,200. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-09-316 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 7 irrigation acres from SE 21-15-13 W4M to NW 16-15-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Leonard Lundquist. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.21 Pump & Nozzle Upgrade – Leonard Lundquist – NW 16-15-13 W4M**

- Adjusted Assessment: 135 acres (7 acres transferred in – motion 2017-09-316)
- Installing: pump & nozzle upgrade; 1 acre being transferred in under the general assessment
- New Assessment: 136 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-317 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Leonard Lundquist for the pivot pump & nozzle upgrade in NW 16-15-13 W4M quoted at \$18,363. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$13,600. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.22 Corner Pivot – Lincoln Sanford & Elanne O’Leary – SE 24-19-14 W4M**

- Parcel Assessment: 31 acres
- Installing: corner wiper pivot; 16 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 47 acres, all under corner wiper pivot
- Corner pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-09-318 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Lincoln Sanford & Elanne O’Leary for the conversion of 31 acres flood to wiper corner pivot in SE 24-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$21,700 (31 acres x \$700/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,800 (16 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.03.1.23 Panel & Nozzle Upgrade – Richard & Diana Schuett – NE 05-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 142 acres
- Installing: panel & nozzle upgrade; keeping 7 acres outside pivot
- Previous Grant: \$7,500
- Assessment remains the same (142 under pivot, 7 acres outside pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding (not including potential corner conversions)

**2017-09-319 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Diana Schuett for the pivot panel & nozzle upgrade in NE 05-15-13 W4M quoted at \$14,800. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available is \$5,800 (133 acres x \$100/acre - \$7,500) less**

**\$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre) deduction for keeping 7 acres outside the pivot area, with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$3,700. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **10.03.2 Irrigable Units**

#### **10.03.2.1 1019302 AB Inc. (Ian Dutton) and 1717875 AB Inc. (Rod & Kim Johnson) – NW 27-19-14**

An irrigable unit was registered on NW 27-19-14 W4M; since that time, the E ½ of the quarter has been subdivided out. Operations has confirmed that there are separate deliveries serving these parcels, therefore the irrigable unit may now be discharged.

**2017-09-320 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NW 27-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by 1019302 AB Inc. (Ian Dutton) and 1717875 AB Inc. (Rod & Kim Johnson). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **10.03.2.2 1717868 AB Ltd. (Greg Johnson) – SE 06-20-13 W4M & Doug Gray – SW 06-20-13 W4M**

An irrigable unit was registered on SE 06 & Pt. SW 06-20-13 W4M. Operations has confirmed that deliveries have been added since, therefore the irrigable unit may now be discharged.

**2017-09-321 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SE 06 & Pt SW 06-20-13 W4M, lands being owned by 1717868 AB Ltd. (Gregory Johnson) and Doug Gray. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **10.03.2.3 Lincoln Sanford & Elanne O’Leary – Pt. 24-19-14 W4M**

An existing irrigable unit was registered on S ½ 24-19-14 W4M. There has since been a section wiper pivot installed which swings into the NW quarter, with only one delivery point. It is required that the existing irrigable unit be discharged and a new encompassing one registered.

**2017-09-322 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. S ½ 24-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Lincoln Sanford & Elanne O’Leary. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-09-323 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. S ½ 24-19-14 W4M and Pt. NW 24-19-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Lincoln Sanford & Elanne O’Leary. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **10.03.3 General Assessment Update**

S. Connauton advised that letters to landowners requiring 0-5 additional irrigation acres as evaluated through the general assessment have been sent out. Those requiring 6-20 acres are currently being reviewed as per soils testing; and landowners requiring in excess of 20 additional acres have been advised to submit a formal application to the District. Adjustments to date have resulted in approximately 300 new irrigation acres being added to the assessment roll, 74 acres being transferred, and 1,300 acres being applied for through the annual irrigation application process.

[4:23 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Buildings & Grounds**

**11.01 Campgrounds Update**

The Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground had a very successful summer and is currently being winterized. After 5 summers, Frank & Joyce Nesbitt have now retired as campground managers. The Crawling Valley Campground remains open until September 30<sup>th</sup>; winterization of that campground will commence the first week of October. J. Hale conveyed a request from the Crawling Valley Recreation Society to hire out weed spraying vs arranging through the District. Directors were in consensus to this request.

**12.0 Equipment**

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

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

| Gravel Truck & Pup                  |                    |                         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Company                             | Year & Make        | Purchase Price (+ Fees) |
| Lethbridge Peterbilt                | 2018 Peterbilt 567 | \$245,769.65            |
| Greatwest Kenworth, Calgary         | 2018 Kenworth T880 | \$236,862.00            |
| Transwestern Truck Centres, Calgary | 2018 Mack Granite  | \$232,850.00            |
| New West Truck Centres, Lethbridge  | Freightliner SD122 | \$228,814.00            |

**2017-09-324 Moved by G. Murray that the District purchase a 2018 Kenworth T880 Gravel Truck & Pup from Greatwest Kenworth, Calgary, for \$236,862. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.02 Quotes for the Purchase of a Grader**

| Grader              |                   |           |   |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Company             | Year & Make       | Quote     | Comments  |
| Finning             | 2017 CAT 160M AWD | \$415,563 | (if owned for 5 years)  |
|                     |                   | \$391,938 | (if owned for 7 years)  |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd. | 2018 Deere 872GP  | \$378,300 | If Michelin XLA radial tires are put on the grader, \$9,726 can be deducted from the price. |

**2017-09-325 Moved by G. Murray that the District purchase a 2018 Deere 872GP Grader from Brandt Tractor Ltd, Lethbridge, for \$378,300. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.03 Sale of Used Pickups**

So as not to carry the used pickups over the winter and incur related costs, Mr. Friesen proposed disbursing the trucks this fall. Bids received are as follows; 2 other companies declined submitting a bid.

| <b>7 ½ and ¾ ton (2005 – 2013) Trucks</b> |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Company</b>                            | <b>Bid</b>                         |
| Annett Auction Services                   | \$45,216.00 + GST or 5% commission |
| Michener Allen Auctioneering              | 5% commission                      |
| Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers                 | \$37,041.79 + GST                  |

**2017-09-326 Moved by G. Murray that the District sell 7 used ½ and ¾ ton pickups through Annett Auction Services at 5% commission. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **13.0 Requests for Funding**

#### **13.01 Alfalfa Seed Commission of Alberta**

A request was received from the Alfalfa Seed Commission of Alberta to contribute to the purchasing of a new cooler and an upgrade to their x-ray machine. This request was denied.

#### **13.02 International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) – International Conference**

A request for a financial contribution was received from the fundraising committee of the ICID International Conference. CANSID (Canadian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage) and CWRA (Canadian Water Resources Association) will be hosting the conference in Saskatoon, August 12 – 17, 2018. This request was deferred to a later date.

### **14.0 IRP Funding Formula**

Mr. Friesen advised that Irrigation Council is seeking input for a 5 year scheduled review of the inter-district funding allocation formula, adding that while there are some inequities that are arguable, fundamentally the present formula has worked extremely well and is reasonably fair across all districts. A draft response letter was presented to Directors whereby a concession to use 5% to address inequities or special projects could be considered. The Board was in support of the draft letter to Irrigation Council.

### **15.0 Staffing Update**

I. Friesen provided a staffing update; direction was given by the Board.

### **16.0 Erwin Braun – Alberta Counsel Request for Meeting**

A request from Erwin Braun of Alberta Counsel to meet with the Board was denied.

### **17.0 04-C Pipeline Repair Receivable**

K. Bridges updated the Board as to the status of the 04-C Pipeline repair receivable; direction was given by the Board.



**18.0 Upcoming Events**

- 18.01 DU Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction- Friday, Sep 29<sup>th</sup>, Brooks Heritage Inn, 5:30/7:00 p.m.  
*[B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan]*
- 18.02 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 18.03 Scholarship Committee Meeting - *[mid-November tentative]*
- 18.04 AIPA AGM & Annual Conference - November 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lethbridge
- 18.05 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

**R. Johnson moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:49 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **October 24, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [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:

- 8.06 Bridge Crossings
- 8.07 Drone
- 10.02.2 Community Pasture Gates
- 10.03.1 Round-Up Dates
- 10.03.2 DU Waterbodies
- 13.0 Discussion on Solar Krafte Presentation

**2017-10-327 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board adopt the revised Agenda as amended. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 September 26, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The following item was noted for correction:

- Page 97, indicate when R. Owen exited the meeting due to a pecuniary interest.

**2017-10-328 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:07 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

### **3.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

Excavation has continued with lacustrine deposits being removed in 10 m sections at a time near the sheet steel piling and backfilled with pitrun. It is evident in the embankment slopes that dewatering has been quite effective. Concrete pours have completed the lower cutoff walls and it is anticipated to start the upper cutoff walls next week. Mobilization has begun for the screw piling, to be followed by a concrete skim coat over the gravels. Overall, the project is on track and going well.

[9:18 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

**4.01 EID DU Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction – September 29<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Inn**

B. Chrumka, R. Owen and J. Culligan attended the EID Ducks Unlimited Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction in Brooks on September 29<sup>th</sup>. A lighter attendance and lower fundraising total reflected the economic climate of the area.

**5.0 Business Arising**

Matters raised were scheduled within the applicable department reports.

**6.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges responded to a number of questions regarding the following reports which had been circulated to Directors.

**6.01 September 30, 2017 Preliminary Financial Statements**

It was noted that these statements at this point should be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as month end and year end accounting work is continuing. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$51.6 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$26.4 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$25.2 million.

**2017-10-329 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2017, as circulated. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.02 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – Sep 30, 2017**

A variety of accounts were detailed and questions responded to by administration.

**2017-10-330 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2017 as circulated. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

The snowstorm on October 2<sup>nd</sup> caused multiple power outages around the District. Generators were supplied to locations where internet service could be provided. All power was restored by later on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and there was no lasting equipment damage.

| <b>Current EIDNet Customer Accounts</b> |              |
|---|--------------|
| Legacy Residential Accounts             | 123          |
| Residential Accounts                    | 1,497        |
| Business Accounts                       | 28           |
| EID Automation                          | 34           |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>1,682</b> |

[9:36 a.m. R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering**

**8.01 Project Status & County/EID Drainage Program Update**

R. Gagley presented the following project status, advising that construction is proceeding well. The M Tilley canal has had the armour removed and canal pushed in. The Millicent and Rainier areas of the County/EID Drainage Program has seen 20 km completed and the remaining prepped. As well, construction will be underway shortly on the Gem grazing waterlines while the Newell waterline project is being prepped.

| <b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b> |   |
|--|---|
| <b>EARTHWORKS</b>                        |   |
| South Bantry Drain                       | - surveyed, detailed design at 50%, ROWs complete   |
| <b>PIPELINE</b>                          |   |
| 05-C East Branch                         | - surveyed, detailed design at 50%, ROWs at 75%     |
| 09 Rolling Hills                         | - surveyed, detailed design at 50%, ROWs complete   |
| 08-H West Bantry                         | - surveyed  |
| 04 Scott Canal                           | - surveyed, detailed design at 90%                  |
| M Tilley                                 | - surveyed, detailed design at 75%, ROWs complete   |
| 05 Rolling Hills                         | - surveyed, detailed design at 50%                  |
| <b>STRUCTURES</b>                        |   |
| 17/18 Structure Program                  | - surveyed  |
| <b>EID / COUNTY JOINT PROJECTS</b>       |   |
| Rainier                                  | - surveyed, detailed design complete, ROWs complete |
| Millicent                                | - surveyed, detailed design complete, ROWs complete |
| <b>IRP PROJECTS</b>                      |   |
| Sec A Rolling Hills                      | - surveyed, detailed design at 75%, ROWs complete   |

**8.02 2017/2018 Structures Program**

R. Summach presented the 2017/2018 Structures Program consisting of replacing checks, gates, nose pieces and a drop structure, and adding gabion walls and a canal inlet with automated gate, for an estimated \$1,461,000. All applicable items, where possible, will be automated. A number of questions were responded to by engineering staff.

**2017-10-331 Moved by J. Culligan that the 2017/2018 Structures Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$1,461,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.03 Pipeline Extension FI Cost-Share – 1565567 AB Ltd. (Louis Claassen) – NW 07-15-13 W4M**

J. Kabut advised that the Landowner is currently pumping out of a ditch being fed by a pipeline at the NE corner of NW 07-15-13 W4M. The Landowner is proposing to extend the pipeline to his pump site, which would eliminate spill past his pump site. The project is estimated to cost \$31,680 of which the EID by policy would pay 50% up to \$12,000.

**2017-10-332 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1565567 AB Ltd (Louis Claassen) for extending the pipeline to his pump site to minimize spill past the pump in NW 07-15-13 W4M; to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$31,680; of which the Landowner's share would be \$19,680. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.04 Drain Relocation – Warren Henry – NE 22-20-13 W4M**

Mr. Gagley advised that Warren Henry is requesting a drain relocation in NE 22-20-13 W4M to accommodate a new wiper pivot being installed. The current drain severs the NE corner of the quarter and it is being proposed to relocate that portion to the east and north boundaries of the quarter. The project is estimated to cost \$13,200 of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000.

**2017-10-333 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Warren Henry in NE 22-20-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$13,200; of which the Landowner's share would be \$3,300. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.05 01 Bow Slope Pivots**

A lengthy discussion was held on recent revisions to the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy, recipients of the grant since August 2014 and correlating pipeline projects. For further discussion, engineering staff were requested to bring back a list of landowners on all pipeline projects since August 2014 that could have, but did not choose to put up pivots.

[10:26 a.m. – 10:31 a.m. Short break; R. Summach and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

**8.06 Bridge Crossings**

In response to Directors' questions, Mr. Gagley reviewed policy on bridges and culverts as part of drain relocation projects. It was noted that although bridges may cost more initially than culverts, they are maintenance free for the District as ownership goes to the landowner, whereas culverts do not. As part of a cost-share project, the landowner is given the choice of which structure to install, at the cost of the lesser (culvert). Quality bridges at a good price have been sourced, and choosing bridges rather than culverts affords less drain maintenance costs for the District.

**8.07 Drone**

In response to other questions on the recently purchased drone for flying gravel piles, drains, canals, rehab projects, etc., Mr. Gagley explained that a less expensive model was purchased which is programmable for delineated flight plans, photos to 5k resolution, and video. The District was contracting out drone valuations twice annually on gravel stockpiles; this drone will pay for itself in one year doing the same. Although this model is primarily designed to calculate areas, not pinpoint locations, it is capable of tying into survey through manually identified known points. On the contrary, geodetic survey drones with base stations are much more expensive.

**8.08 Water Delivery Restrictive Covenants**

To further the discussion on the possibility of supplying new irrigated acres off pipelines which are presently at system capacity, Mr. Friesen presented a sample "Water Delivery Restrictive Covenant Agreement" for deliberation. A thorough discussion followed, touching on supply and demand, minimizing risk for existing landowners, adjacent parcels as irrigable units, managing & abiding by flow rates, remote delivery complications, enforcement of covenants, etc. Applications affected by system capacity will be highlighted in next month's irrigation development review, and the consideration of restrictive covenants will be put on hold until after the plebiscite.

[11:15 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Equipment****9.01 Sale of ½ & ¾ Ton Trucks – Results of Auction**

The seven ½ and ¾ ton trucks sold at the Annett Auction last weekend for a total of \$61,650 less 5% commission = \$58,567.50. The guaranteed price, had it been chosen, was \$45,216 from Annett Auction or \$37,041.79 from Ritchie Bros. It is intended to schedule a fall sale of used pickups from this point in order to not incur carrying costs through to spring.

[11:17 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands****10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands items.

**10.01.1 App. for Parcel to be Added to the District – Keith & Mindy Evans – NW 36-20-19 W4M**

The application from Keith & Mindy Evans to change the area of the Eastern Irrigation District by including NW 36-20-19 W4M has followed through to the advertising step, with no written complaints being received.

**2017-10-334 Moved by J. Hale that the Board accept the addition of NW 36-20-19 W4M (Keith & Mindy Evans) to the Eastern Irrigation District; parcel to be served through a Rural Water Use Purposes agreement (Country Residential and/or Livestock Watering) off the Main Canal. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Paperwork will be forwarded to Irrigation Secretariat for certification followed by Land Titles for notation to the parcel's certificate of title.

**10.01.2 Assessment Report to September 30, 2017**

The Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 was presented according to the following table. Considering the completion of projects approved under the last year's irrigation applications, general assessment adjustments, and this year's irrigation applications, there would be an estimated cushion of approximately 3,200 acres to the District's cap of 311,000.

| <b>EID WATER ROLL</b>  |                         |                         |              |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>   | <b>Irrigation Acres</b> | <b>Terminable Acres</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| July 1, 2017   | 295,940                 | 4,595                   | 300,535      |
| September 30, 2017   | 296,739                 | 4,595                   | 301,334      |
| Net increase   | 799                     | < 0 >                   | 799          |
| <b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b><br>(acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)          |                         |                         | < 0 >        |
| <b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b><br>(acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies) |                         |                         | 799          |
| <b>Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres</b>  |                         |                         | 0            |
| <b>Terminable Acres Canceled</b>   |                         |                         | 0            |

### 10.01.3 Farm Improvement Policy

The Farm Improvement Policy was brought back to the Board for further clarification. The draft policy states the ongoing practice of ineligibility in that:

- terminable acres (including acres converted at the time of the on-farm improvement), and
- parcels that have previously received an Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant (applies to FI conversion grant portion only) are not eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant.

It was also proposed that the policy be revised by increasing:

- wheel moves to low pressure pivot conversions from \$50/acre to \$100/acre (only surface to wheel moves remains at \$50/acre).

**2017-10-335 Moved by B. Chrumka that the revised Farm Improvement Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 10.01.4 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

Cost-Shares (turnouts, crossings, drain relays, tree removal, machine levelling, gated pipe, etc.)

#### 10.01.4.1 Tree Removal – Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd. and Warren Henry – E ½ 22-20-13

Warren Henry is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant for the removal of trees to accommodate a pivot in E ½ 22-20-13 W4M. The work is estimated to cost \$25,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

**2017-10-336 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd. and Warren Henry for the removal of trees to accommodate a new pivot design in E ½ 22-20-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$25,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$13,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Conversions (wheels, pivot, sub-surface) & Cost-Shares

#### 10.01.4.2 Wheels to Pivot – Tod Andrus – SW 17-21-13 W4M

- Assessment: 58 acres
- Converting: 58 acres wheels to wiper pivot; 18 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 76 acres, all under pivot

- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-337 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tod Andrus for the conversion of 58 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SW 17-21-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$5,800 (58 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$5,400 (18 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.3 Tree Removal – Tod Andrus – SW 17-21-13 W4M**

Tod Andrus is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant for the removal of trees to accommodate a pivot in SW 17-21-13 W4M. The work is estimated to cost \$24,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

**2017-10-338 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tod Andrus for the removal of trees to accommodate a new pivot design in SW 17-21-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$24,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$12,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.4 Wheels to Pivot – Nathaniel & Lenora Dyck – SE 18-23-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 146 acres
- Converting: 127 acres wheels to wiper pivot; keeping 19 acres outside the pivot
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (2007-04-128)
- Assessment remains the same at 146 acres (127 pivot, 19 outside pivot)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-339 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nathaniel & Lenora Dyck for the conversion of 127 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SE 18-23-16 W4M. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (prior grant) less \$9,500 (19 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$700. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.5 Flood to Pivot – Gordon & Allison Gallup – N ½ 18-21-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 132 acres
- Converting: 110 acres flood to pivot & 18 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 4 acres outside pivot; 18 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres (110 pivot, 4 corners, 18 flood field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-340 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon & Allison Gallup for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot and 18 acres flood to corner arm in N ½ 18-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$11,100 (110 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$21,700. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.6 Leveling Head Ditch – Gordon & Allison Gallup – NW 18-21-15 W4M**

Gord Gallup is applying for a 50/50 cost-share grant to push in an old head ditch to accommodate a pivot in NW 18-21-15 W4M. The work is estimated to cost \$4,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.



**2017-10-341 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon & Allison Gallup for levelling an old head ditch to accommodate a new pivot in NW 18-21-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The total project cost is \$4,000; of which the Landowner's share would be \$2,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.7 Transfer – T-Squared Farms Ltd. (Tyler Charlton) and Tyrone & Glenda Charlton – various land locations to SW 17-19-13 W4M**

The landowners are requesting to transfer 3 acres from NW 19-20-13 W4M, 4 acres from NW 20-19-13 W4M and 8 acres from SE 29-19-13 W4M to SW 17-19-13 W4M to accommodate a corner arm.

**2017-10-342 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of:**

- 3 acres from NW 19-20-13 W4M, lands owned by Tyrone & Glenda Charlton,
- 4 acres from NW 20-19-13 W4M, lands owned by Tyler Charlton, and
- 8 irrigation acres from SE 29-19-13 W4M, lands owned by Tyrone & Glenda Charlton to SW 17-19-13 W4M, lands owned by T-Squared Farms Ltd. (Tyler Charlton). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.01.4.8 Flood to Pivot w/ Corner Arm – T-Squared Farms Ltd. (Tyler Charlton) – SW 17-19-13 W4M**

- Adjusted Assessment: 140 acres (15 acres transferred in – motion 2017-10-342)
- Converting: 129 acres flood to pivot & 9 acres flood to corner arm; 5 additional acres are needed
- New Assessment: 143 acres, all under pivot (129 pivot, 14 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-343 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for T-Squared Farms Ltd. (Tyler Charlton) for the conversion of 129 acres flood to pivot and 9 acres flood to corner arm in SW 17-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$12,900 (129 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre) = \$19,200. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (5 acre x \$300). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.9 Flood to Pivot – Takeda Holdings Ltd. (Nancy Takeda) – E ½ 12-21-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 217 acres
- Converting: 206 acres flood to 2 pivots; keeping 11 acres outside the pivots
- Assessment remains the same at 217 acres (206 pivots, 11 corners)
- Pivot area has reached maximum grant funding

**2017-10-344 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Takeda Holdings Ltd. (Nancy Takeda) for the conversion of 206 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 12-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement payable to the Landowner is \$20,600 (206 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$15,100. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps) & Corner Irrigation (corner arm, pivot, sub)

**10.01.4.10 Panel Upgrade – 570895 Alberta Ltd. (Wayne & Larae Murphy) – E ½ 02-21-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 204 acres

- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 14 acres in corners and SE of pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 204 acres (138 pivot, 66 outside pivot)
- If Landowner sells acres SE of pivot the deduction will not apply and the assessment would be reduced

**2017-10-345 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 570895 AB Ltd. (Wayne & Larae Murphy) for the panel upgrade in E ½ 02-21-14 W4M quoted at \$13,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 less \$7,000 (14 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,500. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.11 Panel Upgrade – Scott & Lesley Burton – SE 20-16-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 144 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 22 acres outside pivot
- Previous Grant: \$7,320 (2012-08-160)
- Previous Deduction: 22 acres x \$300/acre
- Assessment remains the same at 144 acres (122 pivot, 22 corners)

**2017-10-346 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Lesley Burton for the panel upgrade in SE 20-16-13 W4M quoted at \$3,715. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,715 less \$4,400 (22 acres x \$200/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.12 Panel Upgrade – Scott & Lesley Burton – NE 20-16-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 137 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 10 acres outside pivot
- Previous Grant: \$7,560 (2012-08-159)
- Previous Deduction: 10 acres x \$300/acre
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (127 pivot, 10 corners)

**2017-10-347 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Lesley Burton for the panel upgrade in NE 20-16-13 W4M quoted at \$3,714. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,714 less \$2,000 (10 acres x \$200/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,714. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.13 Pivot Upgrade w/ Corner Arm – Tyrone & Glenda Charlton – SW 29-19-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 150 acres
- Installing: replacement corner arm pivot (134 acres pivot, 11 acres corner arm); keeping 5 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 150 acres (145 pivot, 5 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-348 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tyrone & Glenda Charlton for the replacement pivot with corner arm in SW 29-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$7,700**

**(11 acres x \$700/acre) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$18,600. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.14 Nozzle Upgrade – Guy & Cora Johnson – NE 18-21-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 76 acres
- Installing: nozzle upgrade
- Previous Grant: \$2,970 (2012-12-238)
- Previous Assessment: 56 acres
- Assessment remains the same at 76 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-349 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Guy & Cora Johnson for the panel upgrade in NE 18-21-15 W4M quoted at \$5,761. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available is \$2,630 (56 acres x \$100/acre less \$2,970), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$2,630. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.15 Pump Upgrade – Chris & Marg Schmidt – N ½ 27-16-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 268 acres
- Installing: pump upgrade; keeping 14 acres outside pivot, 85 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 268 acres (169 pivot, 99 outside of pivot)

**2017-10-350 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chris & Marg Schmidt for the pump upgrade in N ½ 27-16-16 W4M quoted at \$11,616. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,616 less \$7,000 (14 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,616. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.16 Pump, Panel, Nozzle Upgrade – Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) – N ½ 15-18-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 216 acres
- Installing: pump, panel & nozzle upgrade; 2 additional acres needed
- Previous Assessment: 174 acres
- New Assessment: 218 acres, all under pivot
- NE 15 has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-351 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) for the pump, panel & nozzle upgrade in N ½ 15-18-16 W4M quoted at \$10,153. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,153 less \$703 (ineligible amount) = \$9,450. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.17 Pump Upgrade – Lloyd & Wanda Rommens and Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) – S ½ 16-18-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 124 acres
- Installing: pump upgrade; 12 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 136 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-352 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Lloyd & Wanda Rommens and Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) for the pump upgrade in S ½ 16-18-16 W4M quoted at \$12,594. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$12,400 (124 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$12,400. The capital assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.18 Pivot Upgrade & Irrigable Unit – Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) – NE 30-18-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 133 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; 4 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 134 acres in NE, 3 acres in NW, all under pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-353 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) for the pivot replacement in NE 30-18-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (1 acre x \$300/acre plus 3 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-10-354 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 30-18-16 W4M and Pt. NW 30-18-16 W4M, lands being owned by Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.19 Pivot, Pump, Nozzle Upgrade – Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) – S ½ 34-18-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 184 acres
- Installing: pivot replacement and pump & nozzle upgrade (2 pivots)
- Assessment remains the same at 184 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot areas have reached maximum grant funding

**2017-10-355 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) for the pivot replacement and pump & nozzle upgrade in S ½ 34-18-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$18,400 (184 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.20 Panel Upgrades & Corner Pivot – Troy Stimson – S ½ 10-20-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 123 acres
- Installing: panel upgrades & corner pivot (90 acre pivot, 18 acre pivot, 7 acre corner pivot); keeping 8 acres outside pivots
- Assessment remains the same at 123 acres (123 pivot, 8 outside pivots)
- Pivot areas have reached maximum grant funding

**2017-10-356 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Troy Stimson for the panel upgrade, quoted at \$12,917, and corner pivot in S ½ 10-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,800 (108 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$4,900**

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**(7 acres x \$700/acre) less \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$11,700. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.21 Pivot Upgrade – Harley Tateson – SE 05-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 80 acres
- Installing: replacement wiper pivot; 24 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 104 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-357 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Harley Tateson for the pivot replacement in SE 05-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,000 (80 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$7,200 (24 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.22 Pivot Upgrade – Nancy Takeda – NE 20-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 142 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; keeping 9 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (133 pivot, 9 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-358 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nancy Takeda for the pivot replacement in NE 20-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable amount to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$8,800. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.23 Pivot Upgrade – Nancy Takeda – SE 20-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 139 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; keeping 6 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 139 acres (133 pivot, 6 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-359 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nancy Takeda for the pivot replacement in SE 20-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$10,300. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.24 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade – Nancy Takeda – NE 03-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 145 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrade; keeping 12 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 145 acres (133 pivot, 12 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-360 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nancy Takeda for the panel, VRI & base station upgrade in NE 03-15-15 W4M quoted at \$16,415. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$14,500 (145 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,000 (12 acres x \$500/acre)**

**deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,300. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.25 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade & Irrigable Unit – WTT Livestock Inc. (Ward Takeda) – SW 05 & Pt. SE 06-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 130 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrade; 12 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 139 acres in SW 05, 3 acres in SE 06, all under pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-361 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for WTT Livestock Inc. (Ward Takeda) for the panel, VRI & base station upgrade in Pt. SE 06 & SW 05-15-15 W4M quoted at \$22,290. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$13,000. The capital assets charge is \$4,800 (9 acres x \$300/acre plus 3 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-10-362 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 05-15-15 W4M, lands being owned by WTT Livestock Inc. (Ward Takeda) and SE 06-15-15 W4M, lands being owned by Ward Takeda. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.26 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade – Bruce Takeda Cattle Co. Ltd. – SE 10-15-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 148 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrade; keeping 13 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (135 pivot, 13 acres corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-363 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bruce Takeda Cattle Co. Ltd. for the panel, VRI & base station upgrade in SE 10-15-15 W4M quoted at \$22,290. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$14,800 (148 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$13,500 less \$6,500 (13 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,000. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.27 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade – Nancy, Myra, Susan, & Debbie Takeda – NW 18-15-15**

- Assessment: 70 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrades (2 pivots)
- Assessment remains the same at 70 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot areas have reached maximum grant funding

**2017-10-364 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nancy, Myra, Susan, & Debbie Takeda for the panel, VRI & base station upgrades in W ½ NW 18-15-15 W4M quoted at \$7,090. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$7,000 (70 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$7,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.28 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade – Takeda Feeding Co. (Nancy Takeda) – NE 26-14-16**

- Assessment: 86 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 86 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-365 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Takeda Feeding Co. (Nancy Takeda) for the panel, VRI & base station upgrade in NE 26-14-16 W4M quoted at \$16,415. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$8,600 (86 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$8,600. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.29 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade – Takeda Feeding Co. (Nancy Takeda) – W ½ 31-14-15 & E ½ 36-14-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 169 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrade; 12 additional acres needed; 7 acre separate flood field
- New Assessment: 181 acres (175 pivot, 7 acre flood field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-366 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Takeda Feeding Co. (Nancy Takeda) for the panel, VRI & base station upgrade in W ½ 31-14-15 W4M and E ½ 36-14-16 W4M quoted at \$22,290. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$16,900 (169 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$16,900. The capital assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.30 Panel, VRI, Base Station Upgrade – Myra Takeda – N ½ 33-14-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 157 acres
- Installing: panel, VRI, base station upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 157 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-367 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Myra Takeda for the panel, VRI & base station upgrade in N ½ 33-14-15 W4M quoted at \$16,415. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$15,700 (157 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$15,700. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.4.31 Pivot Upgrade w/ Corner Arm – Ernest & Annie Walde – SE 09-23-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm; keeping 2 acres outside pivot
- Previous Grant: \$7,980 (2009-09-172)
- Previous Deduction: 16 acres x \$300/acre
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres (150 pivot, 2 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-10-368** Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ernest & Annie Walde for the replacement pivot with corner arm in SE 09-23-16 W4M. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available is \$7,220 (152 acres x \$100/acre less \$7,980), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$5,320 (133 acres x \$40/acre) plus \$200 (2 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$10,500 (15 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$15,020. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2017-10-369** Moved by R. Johnson that the deduction of \$300/acre applied in September 2009 for SE 09-23-16 W4M be returned to Ernest & Annie Walde for 16 acres of new efficiencies; 16 acres x \$300/acre = \$4,800. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.01.5 Irrigable Unit Registration – Graham Feeders Inc. (Joan Graham) and Graham Ventures Ltd. (John Graham) – E ½ 26-16-16 W4M**

A wiper pivot in SE 26-16-16 W4M swings both ends into NE 26, thereby requiring the registration of an irrigable unit for the E ½.

**2017-10-370** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 26-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Feeders Inc. (Joan Graham) and SE 26-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Ventures Ltd. (John Graham). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:48 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Request for Funding - International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)**

A request for a financial contribution was received from the fundraising committee of the ICID International Conference. CANSID (Canadian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage) and CWRA (Canadian Water Resources Association) will be hosting the conference in Saskatoon, August 12 – 17, 2018. The District has membership with CWRA & CANSID, and it is anticipated to have representation at this conference.

**2017-10-371** Moved by B. Chrumka that the District contribute \$1,000 to CWRA in support of the 2018 ICID International Conference in Saskatoon. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**12.0 Request for Water License Transfer**

The District received a request that a small portion of the District's water license be transferred upstream to another area of the Bow River watershed in trade for a similar priority portion from the Bow River and cash compensation. This request was denied.

[1:14 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands cont'd.**

**10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas**



**10.02.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (Oct 1, 2016 – Sep 30, 2017)**

N. Fontaine presented the Oil & Gas year-end summary, noting that most abandonments are located in the SE corner of the District.

| <b>Oil &amp; Gas Activity Report<br/>October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017</b> |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>New Activity</b>  |                                |
| New Locations  | 50                             |
| Twinned Wells  | 66                             |
| Total  | 116                            |
| Pipelines  | 237.61 acres or 1,425.66 miles |
| Seismic  | 2 permits or 150.85 miles      |
| <b>Abandoned Wells</b>   |                                |
| Abandonment Notifications  | 184                            |
| Abandoned Twinned Wells  | 15                             |
| <b>Reclaimed Wells</b>   |                                |
| Reclamation Certificates   | 32                             |
| Canceled Locations   | 7                              |
| <b>Orphan Wells</b>  |                                |
| Identified Orphan Wells  | 12                             |
| Successful SRB Compensations   | 7                              |

**10.02.2 Community Pasture Gates**

In response to a question regarding gates being left open and cattle getting mixed up in the Tilley Swing Fields, N. Fontaine and R. Volek advised that contractors associated with well abandonments were found to be at fault. CNRL has been contacted and they are compensating for additional trucking and time spent sorting cattle.

**10.03 Grazing**

**10.03.1 Round-Up Dates**

A Director suggested that staggered Round-Up dates be re-addressed at the next GAC Meeting, to help with trucking availability. Currently, a final Round-Up date is set by the Board for all Associations with each Association having the option to set alternate dates prior to this deadline.

**10.03.2 DU Waterbodies**

A few questions regarding the management of Ducks Unlimited water bodies within community pastures were responded to by staff and Admin. Given the hot dry year, water sources diminished quickly and refilling took longer. Additional fencing is being considered where necessary to limit cattle issues, and discussions will be held with DU this winter to realize their priorities.

**10.03.3 Request to Connect to Grazing Waterline – Benson Cattle Co.**

R. Volek presented a request from Benson Cattle Co. (Keith Benson and Mark Benson) to connect to the Newell Grazing Kinbrook waterline, which was approved in September. With the paving and subsequent fencing of the remainder of Sec Hwy #873 and #535, Benson cattle will not have access to adequate fresh water in sections 03 & 04-17-14 W4M. It is being proposed to plow in 700 m of

2" Poly pipe, install a water tank and dig a dugout at the full estimated cost to the Landowner of \$16,950. If approved, the Landowner would then pay a one-time fee of \$1,000 to install a flow meter and enter into a Rural Water Use Purposes Agreement – Livestock Watering Pressurized System, with an annual charge of \$800 for 2 acre feet of water.

**2017-10-372 Moved by B. Chrumka that Benson Cattle Co. be allowed to connect to the proposed Newell Grazing Kinbrook pressurized water system at their full cost to supply water to a tank and new dugout in NE 04-17-14 W4M, for a projected cost of \$16,950; with the requirement of entering into a Livestock Watering Agreement with associated fees. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[1:41 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**2017-10-373 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[2:00 p.m. Brent & Susan Gutfriend and Wyatt Gutfriend entered the meeting.]

**2:00 p.m. Brent & Susan Gutfriend**

[2:23 p.m. B. & S. Gutfriend and W. Gutfriend exited the meeting.]

**13.0 Discussion on Solar Krafte Presentation**

[3:24 p.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

**14.0 Farming Encroachment Annual Agreement Discussion**

[3:42 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

**2017-10-374 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Brent & Susan Gutfriend cont'd.**

Additional information from staff and Admin to be forwarded to Directors.

**13.0 Discussion on Solar Krafte Presentation cont'd.**

Admin given direction regarding Solar Krafte.

**14.0 Farming Encroachment Annual Agreement Discussion cont'd.**

An agreement and rate schedule for farming encroachments are to be drafted and brought back to the Board for further discussion.

### 15.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| 15.01 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Thursday, November 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>[tentative]</i>   |
| 15.02 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies    | - Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , JBS Canada Centre, 10:30 a.m.<br><i>[J. Culligan laying wreath]</i>                                    |
| 15.03 | AIPA AGM & Annual Conference  | - November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Lethbridge<br><i>[B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis, I. Friesen attending]</i> |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 15.05 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 15.06 | Regular Board Meeting         | - Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 15.07 | Corporate Planning            | - February <i>[tentative]</i>  |

**J. Hale moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:43 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **November 16, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Those in attendance were:

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|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1]                    | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2]                    | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3]                    | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] <i>[apologies]</i> |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5]                    |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [Division 6]                    |                   |                                   |
| Mr. George Murray V  | Director   | [Division 7]                    |                   |                                   |

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

[9:15 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 2.0 Capital Assets Charges

**2017-11-375 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Capital Assets Charges**

The District capital assets charges were discussed considering increased land values, other irrigation district rates, Farm Improvement Grants, water efficiencies, upcoming plebiscite, irrigation expansion, and substantial future rehab projects. In response to the proposal to increase the rates for infill acres and new parcel acres, suggestions were brought forward for scaled or lump sum increases, flat or percentage rates, and various years timing. It was directed that the Capital Assets Bylaw be brought back to the Board drafted for increases to this year's rates.

[10:28 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. Short break.]

### **3.0 Irrigation Applications for 2018**

S. Connauton presented the 80 irrigation applications received, in order of rating. 29 applications were received for off-river acres and 25 for under reservoir support. Through the general assessment, landowners with parcels needing in excess of 20 irrigation acres were required to apply via the irrigation application process. 14 applications were received for off-river acres and 12 applications were received for under reservoir support. Mr. Friesen reviewed the rating portion of the Increase in Irrigation Acres, Criteria & Guidelines policy and capped amounts which the District has applied to new off-river and under reservoir irrigation acres.

[11:24 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Short break.]

Discussion ensued on applications and answers to various questions regarding soils, pipeline capacity, irrigation method, etc. were responded to by administration and staff. A recommended approval cutoff line, as projected by the policy rating scale, was indicated. Applications with unique circumstances were given further discussion and it was asked that additional information and a rerated list be brought back to the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

[12:28 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

#### 4.0 Election Planning

EID elections are governed by the *Irrigation Districts Act* (IDA) and the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA). Some LAEA provisions are available for use only by "elected authorities". K. Bridges advised that the EID was recently informed by the Irrigation Secretariat that irrigation districts are not included in the definition of elected authorities and therefore cannot use any of the provisions that are limited to elected authorities such as advance voting, special ballots, voting subdivisions and list of electors. In order to comply with the LAEA, upcoming EID elections and other votes will not include advance voting or special ballots and there will be only one voting station in each electoral division. A short discussion followed; related election bylaws will be brought to the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 5.0 Draft Newsletter

Drafted articles for the proposed newsletter were provided. Directors were requested to review and bring any suggested revisions back to the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, for edit and mailing shortly thereafter.

#### 6.0 Upcoming Events

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|------|------------------------------|--|
| 6.01 | AIPA AGM & Annual Conference | - November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Lethbridge<br><i>[B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, G. Murray, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis, I. Friesen attending]</i> |
| 6.02 | Regular Board Meeting        | - Tuesday, November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 6.03 | Regular Board Meeting        | - Tuesday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 6.04 | Regular Board Meeting        | - Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 6.05 | Corporate Planning           | - February <i>[tentative]</i>  |

**B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

## **November 28 & 29, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> days of November, 2017. Those in attendance on November 28<sup>th</sup> were:

|                      |            |                                 |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1]                    | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2]                    | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3]                    | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] <i>[apologies]</i> |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5]                    |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [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**

There were no additions or deletions to the revised agenda. It was argued that the Capital Assets Bylaw discussion not be held in-camera as originally designated, and agreed to hold the discussion without going in-camera.

**2017-11-376 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 October 24, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

**2017-11-377 Moved by J. Hale that the Minutes of the October 24, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **2.02 November 16, 2017 Special Directors Meeting**

The following was noted for addition to the November 16<sup>th</sup> minutes:

- Page 126, 3.0 Irrigation Applications for 2018, add "support" after "under reservoir", in two instances.

**2017-11-378 Moved by J. Culligan that the Minutes of the November 16, 2017 Special Directors Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:19 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

### **3.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway**

Recent pictures of the emergency spillway construction site were displayed. All the excavation has been done and almost all of the filter gravels are in place. The anchor screw piles and caps are installed, with the skin coat of concrete complete on the head block and the chute down to the

cutoff wall. The lower basin cap has been started and should be finished next week. If the good weather holds, construction should run through to mid-December shutdown. Dewatering alarms are in place, but the site will also be monitored during shutdown.

[9:31 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

#### 4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

##### 4.01 2017 AIPA AGM & Conference – November 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lethbridge

Directors and staff attended the AIPA Conference in Lethbridge on November 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Conference topics included water supply challenges & opportunities, dam projects & safety regulations, infrastructure rehab, watershed stewardship, water quality, aquatic invasive species, etc.

#### 5.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

#### 6.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following financial reports.

##### 6.01 October 31, 2017 Financial Statements

The financial statements to October 31, 2017 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$3.9 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$1.3 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$2.6 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2017-11-379 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Financial Statements to October 31, 2017, as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 6.02 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report – Sep 30, 2017

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2017 was \$13,313,447 or 14% higher than the book value at September 30, 2016.

| Investment                      | Matured      | Purchased    |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| EID – Short Term                | \$13,653,000 | \$14,450,000 |
| IRP – Short Term                | -            | \$2,600,000  |
| Emergency Spillway – Short Term | \$24,585,000 | \$22,675,000 |
| EID – Long Term                 | \$114,000    | \$1,500,000  |
| Partners in Habitat Development | \$150,000    | \$160,000    |

**2017-11-380 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2017 as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

Most of the District automation sites have been shut down for the winter. There were no major instances in customer service to report.

[9:50 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. Short break; K. Bridges exited the meeting, R. Gagley entered.]

**8.0 Engineering**

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering reports.

**8.01 Project Status**

R. Gagley presented the following project status, advising that crews started construction November 15<sup>th</sup> with the 09 Rolling Hills pipeline. This project should be complete this week, with the small M Tilley project following. The Sec. A Rolling Hills canal project should be finished by the end of the month, with crews subsequently heading to the South Bantry Drain. Snow removal has been necessary a couple times but construction projects are moving along smoothly.

| <b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b> |   |
|--|---|
| <b>EARTHWORKS</b>                        |   |
| South Bantry Drain                       | - surveyed, detailed design at 90%, ROWs complete |
| <b>PIPELINE</b>                          |   |
| 05-C East Branch                         | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete       |
| 09 Rolling Hills                         | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete       |
| 08-H West Bantry                         | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete       |
| 04 Scott Canal                           | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete       |
| M Tilley                                 | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete       |
| 05 Rolling Hills                         | - surveyed, detailed design at 90%, ROWs at 95%   |
| <b>STRUCTURES</b>                        |   |
| 17/18 Structure Program                  | - surveyed, detailed design at 25%, ROWs n/a      |
| <b>IRP PROJECTS</b>                      |   |
| Sec A Rolling Hills                      | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete       |

**8.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2018/19 to 2020/21**

The District’s Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government’s Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2018/19 to 2020/21, was presented. A number of questions were responded to by admin and staff. Completed projects and continuing projects were listed in the report, with new projects being reviewed, and outlined as follows:

| <b>IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan</b> |                              |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                           | <b>Project</b>               | <b>Estimated Expenditure</b> |
| Proposed Year 1 - 2018/19             | 09 Secondary A Rolling Hills | \$2,000,000                  |
|                                       | 09 Secondary A Springhill    | \$2,000,000                  |
| Proposed Year 2 - 2019/20             | 06 Bow Slope                 | \$4,500,000                  |
| Proposed Year 3 - 2020/21             | Scott Pipeline               | \$8,800,000                  |



**2017-11-381 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2018/19 to 2020/21. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis OPPOSED – G. Murray**

**8.03 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants Review**

In follow up to last month's discussion, information was presented summarizing parcels since 2015 which would have had an Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant available if the landowner had chosen to convert to pivot at the time of a rehab project. Approximately 30 parcels and landowners were tallied. A discussion was held, with this matter being deferred to the December meeting for courtesy of review for the entire Board.

**8.04 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Alex Zagorsky – SE 24-17-14 W4M**

Alex Zagorsky is proposing to convert from flood to pivot in SE 24-17-14 W4M at the time of the 04 Scott pipeline project. The 132 acre pivot will be fed off the new pipeline.

**2017-11-382 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Alex Zagorsky in SE 24-17-14 W4M, for converting from flood to pivot at the time of the 04 Scott pipeline project. The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:36 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting, K. Bridges rejoined and S. Connauton entered.]

**9.0 Lands**

**9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands items.

**9.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new Farm Improvement Grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre.

**9.01.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Byron & Melissa Dovichak – NW 30-16-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 143 acres
- Converting: 132 acres flood to pivot; keeping 11 acres outside of pivot
- *Previous Grant: \$3,720 (motion 2012-09-172) \*application approved but not followed through\**
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (132 pivot, 11 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-383 Moved by B. Chrumka that motion 2012-09-172 be rescinded. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-11-384 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Byron & Melissa Dovichak for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in NW 30-16-12 W4M. The Farm**

**Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,700. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.2 Wheels to Pivot – Gordon & Wendy Frank – N ½ 26-17-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 139 acres
- Current Assessment: 150 acres
- Converted: 24 acres wheels to linear pivot; 9 acre separate flood field
- Previous Grant: \$2,292 (motion 2017-03-079)
- Assessment remains the same at 150 acres (35 linear pivot, 106 pivot, 9 wheels)
- Pivot area in Pt. NW has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-385 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon & Wendy Frank for the conversion of 24 acres wheels to linear pivot in N ½ 26-17-14 W4M. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,900 (139 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,292 (prior grant), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$1,392 (24 acres x \$58/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Kathy Holt (Tracy Hemsing) – SE 13-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 137 acres
- Converting: 120 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 17 acres outside of pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (120 pivot, 17 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-386 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kathy Holt for the conversion of 120 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 13-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,000 (120 acres x \$100/acre) less \$8,500 (17 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,500. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Bruce & Julie Musgrove – SE 29-20-12 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 105 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres
- Converted: 105 acres flood to pivot
- Previous Grant: \$8,820 (motion 2015-12-304)
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-387 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bruce & Julie Musgrove for the conversion of 105 acres flood to pivot in SE 29-20-12 W4M. The top up Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,680 (105 acres x \$16/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Bruce & Julie Musgrove – SW 29-20-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 62 acres
- Converting: 50 acres flood to wiper pivot; 12 acre separate wheels field
- Assessment remains the same at 62 acres (50 pivot, 12 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-388 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bruce & Julie Musgrove for the conversion of 50 acres flood to wiper pivot in SW 29-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,000 (50 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:02 a.m. T. Brummelhuis declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

**9.01.1.6 Nozzle Upgrade – 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – Sec. 18-16-15**

- Previous Assessment: 295 acres
- Current Assessment: 513 acres
- Installing: nozzle upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 513 acres, all under pivot

**2017-11-389 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) for the nozzle upgrade in Sec. 18-16-15 W4M quoted at \$2,219. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$29,500 (295 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$2,219. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.7 Nozzle Upgrade – 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – SE 09-17-16**

- Assessment: 141 acres
- Installing: nozzle upgrade; keeping 7 acres outside of pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (134 pivot, 7 flood)

**2017-11-390 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) for the nozzle upgrade in SE 09-17-16 W4M quoted at \$4,117. The Farm Improvement Grant available is \$14,100 (141 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount to the Landowner being \$4,117 less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) = \$617. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.8 Pivot Replacement – 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – SE 16-17-16**

- Assessment: 142 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; keeping 9 acres outside of pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (133 pivot, 9 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-391 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 764002 Alberta Ltd. (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) for the pivot replacement in SE 16-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) = \$8,800. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.9 Pivot Rep. – 1184989 AB Ltd. (Barry Fleming) & Tyler Flemming – N ½ 06-17-15 W4M & S ½ 07-17-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 160 acres pivot area
- Current Assessment: 168 acres pivot area
- Installing: replacement pivot
- Assessment remains the same for this pivot at 168 acres
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-392 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1184989 Alberta Ltd. (Barry Fleming) and Tyler Flemming for the pivot replacement in N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$16,000 (160 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.10 Panel & Booster Upgrade – Fred Barg – Sec. 32-19-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 201 acres
- Current Assessment: 203 acres
- Installing: panel & booster upgrade
- Previous Grant: \$18,278 (motion 2017-07-233)
- Assessment remains the same at 203 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-393 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Fred Barg for the panel and booster upgrade in SW 32-19-14 W4M quoted at \$17,992. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$20,100 (201 acres x \$100/acre) less \$18,278 (prior grant) = \$1,822. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.11 Pivot with Corner Arm Upgrade - Gerald Conners – W ½ 02 & SE 03-22-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 167 acres
- Installing: pivot upgrade with corner arm; 11 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 178 acres (143 pivot, 24 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-394 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gerald Conners for the pivot upgrade with corner arm in W ½ 02 & SE 03-22-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$14,300 (143 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre) = \$31,100. The capital assets charge is \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.12 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Gerald Conners – Pt. SE 02-22-13 W4M, W ½ 02-22-13, SE 03-22-13 W4M**

An existing irrigable unit was registered on Pt. SE & W ½ 02-22-13 W4M. There has since been a corner arm pivot installed that swings into SE 03. As one delivery point serves all affected parcels, it is required that the existing irrigable unit be discharged and a new encompassing one registered.

**2017-11-395 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt. SE & W ½ 02-22-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Gerald Conners. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-11-396 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SE & W ½ 02-22-13 W4M and SE 03-22-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Gerald Conners. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.13 Pivot Upgrade – Werner & Janet Dyck – SE 20-21-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 138 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; keeping 7 acres outside of pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (131 pivot, 7 flood)

- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

~~2017-11-397 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Werner & Janet Dyck for the pivot replacement in SE 20-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) = \$9,600. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2018-05-253]~~

[11:09 a.m. T. Brummelhuis rejoined the meeting.]

**9.01.1.14 Transfer – Terry Edge – NW 04 & SW 09-20-17 W4M to NE 04-20-17 W4M**

The landowner is requesting to transfer 2 acres from NW 04-20-17 W4M and 5 acres from SW 09-20-17 W4M to NE 04-20-17 W4M to accommodate a corner arm.

**2017-11-398 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the transfer of 2 acres from NW 04-20-17 W4M and 5 irrigation acres from SW 09-20-17 W4M to NE 04-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Terry Edge. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.15 Panel & Corner Arm Upgrade – Terry Edge – NE 04 & Pt. SE 09-20-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres (7 acres transferred in, motion 2017-11-398)
- Current Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres (138 pivot, 14 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-399 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Terry Edge for the pivot upgrade with corner arm in NE 04 & Pt. SE 09-20-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$9,800 (14 acres x \$700/acre) = \$23,600. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.16 Irrigable Unit Registration – Terry Edge – NE 04, Pt. NW 04, Pt. SE 09, Pt. SW 09-20-17 W4M**

A new pivot with corner arm has been installed on NE 04-20-17 W4M which crosses into Pt. SE 09-20-17 W4M, requiring an irrigable unit to be registered on the affected parcels.

**2017-11-400 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE 04, Pt. NW 04, Pt. SE 09, Pt. SW 09-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Terry Edge. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.17 Pivot Upgrade – Fleming Bros. Livestock Ltd. (Barry Fleming) – SE 32-16-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 134 acres (122 pivot in SE, 12 wiper pivot from SW)
- Installing: replacement pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 134 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot in SE has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-401 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Fleming Bros. Livestock Ltd. (Barry Fleming) for the pivot replacement in SE 32-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,200 (122 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.18 Transfer – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) – SE 28-14-13 W4M to SW 28-14-13 W4M**

The landowner is requesting to transfer 8 acres from SE 28-14-13 W4M to SW 28-14-13 W4M to accommodate a corner arm.

**2017-11-402 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the transfer of 8 acres from SE 28-14-13 W4M to SW 28-14-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.19 Pivot with Corner Arm – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) – SE 28-14-13**

- Previous Assessment: 148 acres (8 acres transferred out, motion 2017-11-402)
- Current Assessment: 140 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (121 pivot, 19 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-403 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) for the replacement pivot with corner arm in SE 28-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,100 (121 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$13,300 (19 acres x \$700/acre) = \$25,400. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.20 Pivot with Corner Arm – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) – SW 28-14-13**

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres
- Current Assessment: 141 acres (8 acres transferred in, motion 2017-11-402; 2 acres added through general assessment)
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm
- New Assessment: 153 acres (135 pivot, 18 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-404 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) for the replacement pivot with corner arm in SW 28-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$2,800 (4 acres x \$700/acre) = \$16,300. The capital assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.21 Pump & Panel Upgrade – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) – NE 29-14-13**

- Previous Assessment: 106 acres
- Current Assessment: 149 acres
- Installing: pump & panel upgrade
- Previous Grant: \$6,115 (motion 2002-02-041)
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-405 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Martyn Meeuwsen) for the pump and panel upgrade in NE 29-14-13 W4M quoted at \$23,250. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$10,600 (106**

**acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,115 (prior grant) = \$4,485. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.22 Transfer – 570895 AB Ltd (Wayne Murphy) and Wayne & Larae Murphy – SE 02-21-14 W4M to NE 35-20-14 W4M**

The landowners are requesting to transfer 7 acres from SE 02-21-14 W4M to NE 35-20-14 W4M to accommodate a corner arm.

**2017-11-406 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 7 acres from SE 02-21-14 W4M, lands owned by 570895 Alberta Ltd. (Wayne Murphy) to NE 35-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Wayne & Larae Murphy. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.1.23 Panel & Corner Arm Upgrade – Wayne & Larae Murphy – NE 35-20-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres
- Current Assessment: 144 acres (7 acres transferred in, motion 2017-11-406)
- Installing: corner arm & panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 144 acres (126 pivot, 18 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-11-407 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wayne & Larae Murphy for the corner arm, and panel upgrade quoted at \$13,200, in NE 35-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) = \$25,200. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.1 Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Kropfmuller, Klemen, Klemen – NE 24-15-14**

An application was received from Michelle Kropfmuller, Wesley Klemen and Joseph Klemen to convert 136 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 24-15-14 W4M, currently being served off a drain. Operations and Engineering have confirmed the ability to deliver water to this parcel via a rehab pipeline project to be completed this winter. The capital assets charge to convert from terminable acres is \$100/acre. The remaining 10 terminable acres will be cancelled.

**2017-11-408 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the conversion of 136 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 24-15-14 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge = \$13,600; all lands being owned by Michelle Kropfmuller, Wesley Klemen and Joseph Klemen. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.2 Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – Kropfmuller, Klemen, Klemen – NW 24-15-14**

An application was received from Michelle Kropfmuller, Wesley Klemen and Joseph Klemen to convert 136 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NW 24-15-14 W4M, currently being served off a drain. Operations and Engineering have confirmed the ability to deliver water to this parcel via a rehab pipeline project to be completed this winter. The capital assets charge to convert from terminable acres is \$100/acre. The remaining 16 terminable acres will be cancelled.

**2017-11-409 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the conversion of 136 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NW 24-15-14 W4M at \$100/acre capital assets charge = \$13,600; all lands being owned by Michelle Kropfmuller, Wesley Klemen and Joseph Klemen. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.3.1 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Derek & Carol Reid – N ½ 16 & SE 21-23-16 W4M**

An existing irrigable unit was registered on N ½ 16 & SE 21-23-16 W4M. The Landowners have requested to remove the irrigable unit as each parcel now has its own delivery.

**2017-11-410 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on N ½ 16 & SE 21-23-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Derek & Carol Reid. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.3.2 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. (G.W. Murray Family Trust)**

An existing irrigable unit was registered on E ½ 33 and Sec. 34-18-13 W4M. As the wiper pivot in Sec. 33 extends into the W ½ it is required that the existing irrigable unit be discharged and a new encompassing one registered.

**2017-11-411 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on E ½ 33 and Sec. 34-18-13 W4M, all lands being owned by G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. (G.W. Murray Family Trust). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-11-412 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 33 and Sec. 34-18-13 W4M, all lands being owned by G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. (G.W. Murray Family Trust). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:27 a.m. – 11:31 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

**9.02 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing items.

**9.02.1 Summary of 2017 Grazing Season**

The 2017 grazing season saw good spring moisture, although low spring runoff, followed by hot and dry summer conditions. A portion of the reserve grass was consumed but most areas are strong going into the 2018 season. As well, some pastures were not utilized as normal due to low water levels in dugouts. 250 members placed 17,536 head of cattle, and the extended season resulted in 91,151 AUM. Approximately 25 members were quarantined due to the Bovine Tuberculosis outbreak last fall. All but a couple had the quarantine lifted by May 20<sup>th</sup>, and by mid-June all cattle were cleared. New water supply projects were completed, an additional pivot for irrigated pasture was installed east of Rock Lake Reservoir, and work to put the Kitsim pivots back to pasture has begun. The lease cleanup program has seen Eyremore, Newell, Bassano and Duchess leases completed, and part of Tilley Swing Field. Patricia, Gem, Tilley and Finnegan Swing Field are slated for 2018, to be followed by Rolling Hills, Rosemary, Bantry and the remainder of Tilley Swing Field in 2019. The fire risk was extreme this summer and as a result 4 major fires occurred totaling approximately 500 acres. This fall, the grazing policy was updated to reflect the scheduled change to renters being ineligible for grazing association membership. Lastly, the early snowstorm caused significant cattle loss throughout the District, with the worst hit in Gem where 40 head perished. A variety of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. It was requested that cleaning of dugouts be added to the upcoming GAC Meeting.



**9.02.2 Set Total Number of Cattle**

With an estimation of overall normal pasture conditions and carryover grass, it was recommended that an AUM of 87,500 be set for the 2018 grazing season, which translates to 17,500 head over 5 months. Grazing Association Reps will also discuss pasture conditions as a group at the December GAC Meeting.

**2017-11-413 Moved by J. Hale that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 87,500 AUM for the 2018 grazing season. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.02.3 Set AUM Grazing Rate**

With the final costs being tabulated for Community Grazing, and with carrying either a surplus or deficit forward from the previous year to balance the Community Grazing at cost, it was recommended that a grazing rate of \$13.00/AUM be set.

**2017-11-414 Moved by J. Culligan that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2018 season be set at \$13.00/AUM. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:54 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

**9.03 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

**9.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – Outvesther Holdings (Bill & Rhea Lynn Anderson) – NW 36-18-14**

A letter was received from Outvesther Holdings (Bill & Rhea Lynn Anderson) requesting to purchase a small piece of land adjacent to their property in NW 36-18-14 W4M for use as livestock grazing. Allowing for adequate canal ROW and access by Water Operators, the area of interest is mapped to be .59 of an acre. The party requesting the purchase own 20 terminable acres of irrigation.

**2017-11-415 Moved by J. Culligan that the portion north of the canal in NW 36-18-14 W4M, consisting of .59 of an acre be offered as a grazing permit to Outvesther Holdings (Bill & Rhea Lynn Anderson):**

- with the permit holder constructing the necessary fences; and
- the rent to be set at the minimum base rate per year for small grazing pastures.

**Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.0 Request for Funding****10.01 SK PCAP's 6<sup>th</sup> Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop**

A request was received from the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) for sponsorship of their Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop in Saskatoon, February 2018. This workshop has been attended by staff previously, and the 2018 agenda looks to be applicable to the District.

**2017-11-416 Moved by J. Culligan that the District give sponsorship of \$1,000 to Prairie Conservation Action Plan for their 6<sup>th</sup> Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop to be held February 7 & 8, 2018 in Saskatoon, SK. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02 Ducks Unlimited**

A letter was received from the Brooks Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada, requesting the consideration of further sponsorship of the local fundraising banquet. A number of questions were responded to by administration.

**2017-11-417 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District give sponsorship of \$12,000 per year for 3 years to Ducks Unlimited for the Brooks Fundraising Banquet. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:39 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Equipment**

**11.01 Quotes on Purchase of 1/2 and 3/4 Ton Pickups**

Mr. Friesen presented quotes for the purchase of six 1/2 ton, regular cab, long box trucks or six 1/2 ton, extended cab, short box trucks; as well as one 3/4 ton regular cab long box truck.

| Dealership           | 1/2 Ton Regular Cab Long Box | 1/2 Ton Extended Cab Short Box | 3/4 Ton Regular Cab Long Box |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Davis GMC Buick      | \$30,969.00                  | \$31,341.00                    | \$33,449.00                  |
| Harwood Ford Sales   | \$35,008.31*                 | \$35,855.66*                   | \$34,865.51*                 |
| Sun City Ford        | \$32,479.00                  | \$33,034.00                    | \$36,050.00                  |
| Martin Chrysler Ltd. | \$31,790.00                  | \$30,225.00                    | \$32,059.00                  |
| Davis Auto Group     | \$31,944.00*                 | \$31,412.00*                   | \$34,675.00*                 |

*\*denotes not fully to spec*

**2017-11-418 Moved by G. Murray that the District purchase:**

- six 1/2 ton extended cab short box trucks at \$30,225 per unit and
- one 3/4 ton regular cab long box truck for \$32,059

**from Martin Chrysler Ltd. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.0 AGM & Election**

In follow up to the discussion at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Special Directors Meeting, Mr. Bridges reviewed the Board's preference on election related dates and advised of the correlating bylaws.

**12.01 Set Annual General and Board Meeting Dates**

The schedule for meetings and election proceedings was approved as follows:

**2017-11-419 Moved by B. Chrumka that:**

- the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 19, 2018;
- the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018;
- the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.; and
- that, if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 17, 2018; and
- an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

**Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.02 Bylaw to Repeal List of Electors Bylaw (919)**

As only "elected authorities" are authorized through the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* to develop and use an official "list of electors", and that irrigation districts are not deemed elected authorities, a bylaw is required to repeal the District's 2007 List of Electors Bylaw.

**2017-11-420 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #919 (2017), be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-11-421 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board read and approve Bylaw #919 (2017) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This bylaw will be brought back to the December Board Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. It is planned for a comparable voters list to be used in future EID elections to enable the continuance of accurate and efficient election procedures.

**12.03 Electoral Divisions Bylaw (920)**

A new Electoral Divisions Bylaw was presented to the Board for approval which includes the 2 new parcels that were added to the District, and is compliant for not including any voting subdivisions within electoral divisions. The latter is also a provision exclusive to elected authorities.

**2017-11-422 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #920 (2017), be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-11-423 Moved by J. Hale that the Board read and approve Bylaw #920 (2017) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This bylaw will also be brought back to the December Board Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**12.04 2018 Election Date Bylaw (921)**

Lastly, the Election Date Bylaw was presented, based on the approved dates. It will also be brought back to the December Board Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

**2017-11-424 Moved by J. Hale that Bylaw #921 (2017), be introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-11-425 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board read and approve Bylaw #921 (2017) the second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13.0 Capital Assets Bylaw (922)**

Upon further reflection at this point in the meeting, the Chairman requested that due to the disclosure of some personal information for the purposes of the bylaw discussion, an in-camera be held for a portion.

**2017-11-426 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED  
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis  
OPPOSED – G. Murray, J. Hale**

[12:58 pm. I. Friesen, K. Bridges, W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[1:51 p.m. I. Friesen, K. Bridges, W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

[1:53 R. Volek re-entered the meeting.]

#### **15.0 Brent & Susan Gutfriend**

#### **16.0 JBS Effluent Irrigation Project Update**

[2:17 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

#### **17.0 Draft Newsletter**

#### **18.0 Corporate Planning**

#### **19.0 EID/County Joint Meeting**

[2:44 p.m. – 2:49 p.m. Short break.]

[2:49 p.m. G. Murray declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

[3:33 p.m. I. Friesen, K. Bridges, W. Enns exited the meeting.]

**2017-11-427 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**J. Hale moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:23 p.m.**

Those in attendance on November 29<sup>th</sup> were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [Division 6] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. George Murray V  | Director   | [Division 7] |                   |                                   |

- **Board In-Camera**

[9:40 a.m. G. Murray declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

[11:35 a.m. I. Friesen and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

### 13.0 Capital Assets Bylaw cont'd.

After a thorough discussion by Directors, the following motion was approved.

#### 2017-11-428 Moved by B. Chrumka that the capital assets charges for the 2018 Irrigation Applications and General Assessment applications remain as per the current Capital Assets Bylaw being:

- **for infill and intensification:**
  - **\$300/acre up to a maximum of 50 new irrigation acres per parcel;**
  - **\$700/acre for acres added in excess of 50 new irrigation acres per parcel; and**
- **for dry parcels:**
  - **\$700/acre for all new irrigation acres added.**

**Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 14.0 Irrigation Applications for 2018

Irrigation applications for new acres and for acres required under the General Assessment were first reviewed at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Special Directors Meeting. A total of 80 applications were received, translating to 5,238 acres. The applications approved for 2018 accounted for under 2,000 new irrigation acres.

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, 2018;
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled land or right-of-way land;
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise; and
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization.

The following new acre **Irrigation Applications for Off-River** were given consideration for 2018:

#### 14.01 Dan & Candyce Plumer – N ½ 19 & Pt. SE 19-20-14 W4M

- Assessment: 64 acres flood
- Proposal: 138 acre pivot; 20 acres to transfer, 54 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit update required

#### 14.02 Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff – NE 17-20-15 W4M

- Assessment: 144 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 12 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils not required; Irrigable Unit registered

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- 14.03 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman & Diane Meurs) – SW 11-16-16 W4M**
- Assessment: 137 acres pivot
  - Proposal: corner arm; 12 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils required
- 14.04 G.W.K. Farms Ltd. (Gail Kelly) – Pt. NW 27, Pt. NW 35 & Sec. 34-21-18 W4M**
- Assessment: 388 acres (3 pivots)
  - Proposal: 443 acre wiper pivot; 55 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit update required
- 14.05 Herb & Dorothy Torkelson – NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M**
- Assessment: 147 acres pivot
  - Proposal: corner arm and small wiper pivot; 25 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered
- 14.06 CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) – SW 35-15-16 W4M**
- Assessment: 93 acres flood
  - Proposal: 150 acre pivot with corner arm; 57 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils required
- 14.07 Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) – SW 34-18-16 W4M**
- Assessment: 48 acres pivot
  - Proposal: wiper pivot infill; 8 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils not required
- 14.08 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman & Diane Meurs) – SE 11-16-16 W4M**
- Assessment: 124 acres pivot
  - Proposal: corner arm; 24 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils not required
- 14.09 Mark Hironaka – N 15-21-15 W4M**
- Assessment: 115 acres pivot
  - Proposal: 148 acre pivot with corner arm; 33 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils not required; Irrigable Unit update required
- 14.10 1719660 Alberta Ltd. (Ben van Dyk) – S 33-18-15 W4M**
- Assessment: 61 acres wheels
  - Proposal: 134 acre pivot with corner arm; 73 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit required
- 14.11 Mark & Valerie Watson – NW 26-21-16 W4M**
- Assessment: 84 terminable acres flood
  - Proposal: 134 acre pivot; 50 additional acres needed
  - Notes: soils required; conversion of 84 terminable acres required

**14.12 1885723 Alberta Ltd. (Tom Declercq) – SE 26-17-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 10 terminable acres flood
- Proposal: 152 acre pivot with corner arm; 142 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; conversion of 10 terminable acres required

The following new acre Irrigation Applications for Under Reservoir Support were given consideration for 2018:

**14.13 Robert & Shirley Milne – S 05-24-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 132 acres flood
- Proposal: 163 acre wiper pivot & 13 acre corner pivot; 44 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.14 Douglass Agro Ltd. (Russell & Pam Douglass) – W 31-23-15 & Sec. 36-23-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 450 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 64 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.15 Charmark Charolais Inc. (Leigh Marquess) – N 18-23-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 122 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 31 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.16 956807 Alberta Ltd. (Wayne Slenders) – NE 30-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 23 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.17 956816 Alberta Ltd. (Brian Slenders) – SE 30-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 132 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 22 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.18 Paul & Irene Hansen – E 25-17-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 257 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 25 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.19 956807 Alberta Ltd. (Wayne Slenders) – NW 30-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 23 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.20 Wendy Butkiewicz – NE 07-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 126 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: wedge infill; 8 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.21 Dwayne & Coralee Skretting – NE 11-18-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 138 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 12 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.22 956816 Alberta Ltd. (Brian Slenders) – SW 30-15-13 WS4M**

- Assessment: 132 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 23 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils not required; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.23 Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SW 29-14-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 130 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 8 acres to transfer, 17 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.24 John & Betty Giesbrecht – SE 14-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 118 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm; 18 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.25 1742044 Alberta Ltd. (Grada Drost) – NW 22-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 98 acres pivot
- Proposal: travelling boom; 20 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.26 Jacob Giesbrecht – E 19-17-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 54 acres wheels
- Proposal: 120 acre wiper pivot; 12 acres to transfer, 46 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit update required

**14.27 Skretting Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dwayne Skretting) – SE 11-18-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 45 acres pivot
- Proposal: 124 acre pivot; 79 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.28 C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 36-15-14 W4M or SW 36-15-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres (both parcels)
- Proposal: 136 acre pivot (both parcels); 136 acres needed (both parcels)
- Notes: soils completed & Irrigable Unit required (both parcels)
- Limitation: only eligible for 46 acres maximum, ex. may install small wiper pivot

**14.29 Anderson Farms Ltd. (Tim & Cathy Anderson) – NW 31-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: 151 acre corner arm pivot; 151 acres needed
- Notes: soils completed; Irrigable Unit required



**14.30 Darrell Owen – NW 33-20-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 52 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 84 acre wiper pivot; 32 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.31 Anderson Farms Ltd. (Tim & Cathy Anderson) – NE 36-15-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: 125 acre corner arm pivot; 125 acres needed
- Notes: soils completed

**2017-11-429 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the following Irrigation Applications for 2018:**

**New Acre Irrigation Applications for Off-River:**

- Dan & Candyce Plumer – N ½ 19 & Pt. SE 19-20-14 W4M
- Arnold & Lorna Retzlaff – NE 17-20-15 W4M
- 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman & Diane Meurs) – SW 11-16-16 W4M
- G.W.K. Farms Ltd. (Gail Kelly) – Sec. 34-21-18 W4M
- Herb & Dorothy Torkelson – NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M
- CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) – SW 35-15-16 W4M
- Rommens Farms Ltd. (Wendell Rommens and Lloyd Rommens) – SW 34-18-16 W4M
- 1144288 Alberta Ltd. (Herman & Diane Meurs) – SE 11-16-16 W4M
- Mark Hironaka – N 15-21-15 W4M
- 1719660 Alberta Ltd. (Ben van Dyk) – S 33-18-15 W4M
- Mark & Valerie Watson – NW 26-21-16 W4M
- 1885723 Alberta Ltd. (Tom Declercq) – SE 26-17-17 W4M

**New Acre Irrigation Applications for Under Reservoir Support:**

- Robert & Shirley Milne – S 05-24-15 W4M
- Douglass Agro Ltd. (Russell & Pam Douglass) – W 31-23-15 & Sec. 36-23-16 W4M
- Charmark Charolais Inc. (Leigh Marquess) – N 18-23-16 W4M
- 956807 Alberta Ltd. (Wayne Slenders) – NE 30-15-13 W4M
- 956816 Alberta Ltd. (Brian Slenders) – SE 30-15-13 W4M
- Paul & Irene Hansen – E 25-17-14 W4M
- 956807 Alberta Ltd. (Wayne Slenders) – NW 30-15-13 W4M
- Wendy Butkiewicz – NE 07-15-13 W4M
- Dwayne & Coralee Skretting – NE 11-18-14 W4M
- 956816 Alberta Ltd. (Brian Slenders) – SW 30-15-13 WS4M
- Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SW 29-14-13 W4M
- John & Betty Giesbrecht – SE 14-14-14 W4M
- 1742044 Alberta Ltd. (Grada Drost) – NW 22-14-14 W4M
- Jacob Giesbrecht – E 19-17-12 W4M
- Skretting Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dwayne Skretting) – SE 11-18-14 W4M
- C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 36-15-14 W4M or SW 36-15-14 W4M; only eligible for 46 acres maximum
- Anderson Farms Ltd. (Tim & Cathy Anderson) – NW 31-15-13 W4M
- Darrell Owen – NW 33-20-12 W4M
- Anderson Farms Ltd. (Tim & Cathy Anderson) – NE 36-15-14 W4M

**Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the maximum new acres per water user limit had already been met
- the 500 acre District maximum expansion limit for off-river acres had already been met for 2018 (policy)
- the 2,500 acre District maximum expansion limit had already been met for 2018 (Bylaw #840)
- the application did not meet "land classification" requirements
- the application did not meet "ability to deliver" water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- meeting all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note sections 95 and 96

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

**New Acre Irrigation Applications for Off-River:**

- Bill & Diane Mikula – SW 16-21-15 W4M
- Keith Evans – NE 06-21-18 W4M
- Daniel & Debra Eckert and Jamie & Shawna Lauber – SW 23-21-14 W4M
- D.V. Butch Martin Farming Inc. (Butch Martin) – NW 05-19-14 W4M
- Gary (Kelly) Kalo – SW 12-19-15 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Company Ltd. (Ralph & Elizabeth Retzlaff) – Sec. 04-21-16 W4M
- Isaak Wall – NE 15-16-16 W4M
- Bruce & Janice Christensen – SE 28-16-16 W4M
- Peter & Beth Dyck – NW 20-20-15 W4M
- Peter & Beth Dyck – SW 20-20-15 W4M
- Tom Grove – NE 23 & SE 26-20-14 W4M
- Two Bell Ranches (Barry Bell) – SW 23-21-18 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 29-17-17 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 27-17-17 W4M
- The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec. 34-17-17 W4M
- Jamie Buteau – NW 20-18-16 W4M
- Jamie Buteau and Joanne Buteau – Sec. 27-18-16 W4M

**New Acre Irrigation Applications for Under Reservoir Support:**

- Kimberley Resch – SW 28 & S 29-15-13 W4M *[unless proof of eligibility is provided]*
- Kirk Prescott – N 29 & SW 32-15-13 W4M *[unless proof of eligibility is provided]*
- George Murray V – E 31-18-13 W4M *[unless proof of eligibility is provided]*
- 733081 Alberta Ltd. (Anthony & Tara Brummelhuis) – Sec. 15-16-15 W4M
- Tara Brummelhuis – Sec. 10-16-15 W4M

[11:47 a.m. G. Murray joined the meeting.]

The following **General Assessment irrigation applications for Off-River** were given consideration for 2018:

[R. Johnson declared a pecuniary interest but the Board allowed him to stay.]

**14.32 Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. (Josephine Steinbach) – SE 32-19-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 112 acres pivot (part of section pivot)
- Adjustment: 134 acre pivot (part of section pivot); 22 additional acres needed

- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered
- Limitation: Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. at maximum new acre limit

**14.33 Daniel & Debra Eckert – NW 14-21-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 109 acres pivot
- Adjustment: 133 acre pivot; 24 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils not required

**14.34 Endersby Cattle Company Ltd. (Dan Endersby) – SE 15-20-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 92 acres pivot (part of section pivot)
- Adjustment: additional 35 acre wiper pivot; 35 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.35 Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. (Josephine Steinbach) – SW 32-19-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 97 acres pivot (part of section pivot)
- Adjustment: 134 acre pivot (part of section pivot); 37 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered
- Limitation: Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. at maximum new acre limit

**14.36 Leslie & Lina Klassen – SE 17-21-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 89 acres pivot
- Adjustment: 127 acre pivot; 38 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.37 Endersby Cattle Company Ltd. (Dan Endersby) – SW 14-20-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 59 acres wiper pivot (part of ½ section pivot)
- Adjustment: 103 acre wiper pivot (part of ½ section pivot); 44 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit registered

**14.38 Janke/Chornoby (Alfred Janke) – NE 17-18-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 36 acres wiper pivot
- Adjustment: 71 acre wiper pivot; 35 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required; Irrigable Unit required

The following **General Assessment irrigation applications for Under Reservoir Support** were given consideration for 2018:

**14.39 Joe & Jenny Toth – SW 22-17-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 113 acres pivot
- Adjustment: 136 acre pivot; 23 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils not required; Irrigable Unit required

**14.40 Art Paetkau – NW 20-22-16 W4M**

- Assessment: 87 acres wiper pivot
- Adjustment: 125 acre wiper pivot; 38 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.41 Rick Stimson – NW 01-22-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 78 acres wiper pivot
- Adjustment: 122 acre wiper pivot; 44 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.42 826167 Alberta Inc. (Firmin Declercq) – SW 05-20-12 W4M**

- Assessment: 90 acres wiper pivot
- Adjustment: 123 acre pivot; 33 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.43 John & Wendy Hiebert – SE 01-22-17 W4M**

- Assessment: 80 acres pivot
- Adjustment: 134 acre pivot; 54 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils required

**14.44 Erik Versteegen – NE 11-15-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 95 acres wiper pivot
- Adjustment: 127 acre wiper pivot; 32 additional acres needed
- Notes: soils not required

**14.45 826167 Alberta Inc. (Firmin Declercq)– SW 16-19-12 W4M, SW 15-19-12 W4M, SE 16-19-12**

- Assessment: 0 acres (all 3 parcels)
- Adjustment: 141, 140, 140 acre pivots; corresponding additional acres needed
- Notes: soils completed for SW 16, required for SW 15 & SE 16
- Limitation: acres for above proposed projects are subject to remaining acres available from Landowner's 600 new acre maximum, inclusive of all properties

**2017-11-430 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the following General Assessment irrigation applications for 2018:**

**General Assessment Irrigation Applications for Off-River:**

- **Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. (Josephine Steinbach) – SE 32-19-17 W4M; acres are subject to land transfer**
- **Daniel & Debra Eckert – NW 14-21-14 W4M**
- **Endersby Cattle Company Ltd. (Dan Endersby) – SE 15-20-16 W4M**
- **Snake Lake Ranches Ltd. (Josephine Steinbach) – SW 32-19-17 W4M; acres are subject to land transfer**
- **Leslie & Lina Klassen – SE 17-21-16 W4M**
- **Endersby Cattle Company Ltd. (Dan Endersby) – SW 14-20-16 W4M**
- **Janke/Chornoby (Alfred Janke) – NE 17-18-16 W4M**

**General Assessment Irrigation Applications for Under Reservoir Support:**

- **Joe & Jenny Toth – SW 22-17-13 W4M**
- **Art Paetkau – NW 20-22-16 W4M**
- **Rick Stimson – NW 01-22-17 W4M**
- **826167 Alberta Inc. (Firmin Declercq) – SW 05-20-12 W4M**
- **John & Wendy Hiebert – SE 01-22-17 W4M**
- **Erik Versteegen – NE 11-15-13 W4M**

- **826167 Alberta Inc. (Firmin Declercq)– SW 16-19-12 W4M, SW 15-19-12 W4M, SE 16-19-12 W4M; acres for proposed projects are subject to remaining acres available from the Landowner’s 600 new acre maximum, inclusive of all properties**  
**Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the maximum new acres per water user limit had already been met
- the 500 acre District maximum expansion limit for off-river acres had already been met for 2018 (policy)
- the 2,500 acre District maximum expansion limit had already been met for 2018 (Bylaw #840)
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- meeting all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note sections 95 and 96

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

**General Assessment Irrigation Applications for Off-River:**

- 66 Ranch Ltd. (Kelsey Campbell) – NW 01-22-15 W4M
- 66 Ranch Ltd. (Kelsey Campbell) – NE 01-22-15 W4M
- 66 Ranch Ltd. (Kelsey Campbell) – SW 12-22-15 W4M
- Jake Harder – SW 13-15-16 W4M
- Donald & Lorna Okell – NW 04-21-15 W4M
- Robert Bildersheim – NW 09-19-15 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – SE 13-20-17 W4M

**General Assessment Irrigation Applications for Under Reservoir Support:**

- The Board of Directors of Medicine Hat College – SE 34-18-14 W4M
- Daniel Christman – SE 26-17-13 W4M
- Max & Corrine Tateson – NW 25-17-13 W4M

## 20.0 Upcoming Events

|       |                                      |  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 20.01 | EID/County Joint Meeting             | - Thursday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m., EID Office    |
| 20.02 | Regular Board Meeting                | - Monday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                  |
| 20.03 | Scholarship Awards & Reception       | - Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m.                |
| 20.04 | Corporate Planning                   | - January 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018, EID Office |
| 20.05 | Bow Bloc Meeting                     | - Wednesday, January 17 <sup>th</sup> [EID Office tentatively]   |
| 20.06 | Regular Board Meeting                | - Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                 |
| 20.07 | Meeting with MHC Executive Committee | - Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m. [tentative]    |

[12:11 p.m. R. Johnson exited the meeting.]

- 2017-11-431 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board excuse Rod Johnson, Director for Division 4, from EID Board Meetings as necessary to deal with an ongoing family situation. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:13 p.m. R. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

**J. Hale moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:13 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager

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## **December 18, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017. Those in attendance were:

|                      |            |              |                   |                                   |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Jason Hale       | Director   | [Division 1] | Mr. Ivan Friesen  | General Manager                   |
| Mr. Jim Culligan     | Director   | [Division 2] | Mr. Kevin Bridges | Assistant GM – Corporate Services |
| Mr. Ross Owen        | Chair      | [Division 3] | Mrs. Wendy Enns   | Executive Assistant               |
| Mr. Rod Johnson      | Director   | [Division 4] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Tony Brummelhuis | Director   | [Division 5] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. Bob Chrumka      | Vice-Chair | [Division 6] |                   |                                   |
| Mr. George Murray V  | Director   | [Division 7] |                   |                                   |

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.]

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda;

- 5.0 Option for District to Appoint Members
- 8.03 Springview Colony Irrigation Delivery
- 8.04 Potential Reservoir Support

**2017-12-432 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

#### **2.01 November 28 & 29, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting**

The November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> draft minutes were discussed.

[9:17 a.m. G. Murray exited the meeting.]

Discussion continued.

[9:27 a.m. G. Murray rejoined the meeting.]

A number of revisions were requested, with the approval of the revised draft minutes being deferred until later in the meeting.

### **3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

#### **3.01 AIPA Executive Meeting – December 14<sup>th</sup>, Lethbridge**

B. Chrumka attended an AIPA Executive Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>. In follow up to disparities being brought to light between the *Local Authorities Election Act* and the *Irrigation Districts Act*, it is understood that Irrigation Council will attempt to get the issues addressed by the Minister prior to spring elections. Secondly, as Irrigation Council consists of several new members, and has an

additional position opening up, a tour of districts has been requested. A tour with the EID will likely be scheduled for July.

#### 4.0 Business Arising

##### 4.01 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings of Election Bylaws

Given that amendments to one or both of the *LAEA* or *IDA* may transpire prior to the EID election in April, it was directed that third readings of the following two bylaws be deferred to next year.

**2017-12-433 Moved by B. Chrumka that bylaws #919 and #920 be tabled until further discretion from Irrigation Secretariat. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 4.01.1 Bylaw to Repeal List of Electors Bylaw (919)

"Elected authorities" are specifically authorized through the *LAEA* to develop and use an official "list of electors"; irrigation districts are not presently deemed elected authorities. A bylaw may still be required to repeal the District's 2007 List of Electors Bylaw.

##### 4.01.2 Electoral Divisions Bylaw (920)

The Electoral Divisions Bylaw includes 2 new parcels that were added to the District, and is compliant for not including any voting subdivisions within electoral divisions. The latter is also a provision exclusive to elected authorities. This bylaw will be brought back to the Board.

##### 4.01.3 2018 Election Date Bylaw (921)

The 2018 Election Date Bylaw for the possible election in Divisions 3 (Patricia/Millicent) and 6 (Tilley) on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> was amended to reference the current Electoral Divisions and Voting Subdivisions Bylaw, and given third and final reading.

**2017-12-434 Moved by J. Hale that, prior to third reading, Bylaw 921 (2017), the 2018 Election Date Bylaw, be amended as follows:**

- **in the third Whereas clause, the following phrase be deleted "Bylaw 920 (2017), being the Electoral Divisions Bylaw, which bylaw provides for the division of the District into seven electoral divisions" and be replaced by the phrase "Bylaw 911 (2016), being the Electoral Divisions and Voting Subdivisions Bylaw".**

**Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-12-435 Moved by J. Hale that Bylaw #921 (2017), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2018, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 5.0 Option for District to Appoint Members

T. Brummelhuis proposed that the Board consider the option for the District to appoint 2 additional members to represent matters associated with the District owned grassland. The option is outlined in Part 2, section 30 of the *IDA*. Responsive discussion underscored that all Directors are on the Board to represent the Water Users, Grazers and land base, and that the Grazing Advisory Committee was instated to obtain additional feedback from all Community Grazing Associations. This topic will be added to the Corporate Planning agenda.



**6.0 Financial Report**

K. Bridges presented the following financial report.

**6.01 November 30, 2017 Financial Statements**

The financial statements to November 30, 2017 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$7.5 million.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$4.2 million.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$3.3 million.

**2017-12-436 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Financial Statements to November 30, 2017, as presented. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.0 EIDNet Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report.

[10:08 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

**8.0 Engineering**

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering reports.

**8.01 Project Status**

Pictures of construction work were shown, with Mr. Gagley answering a number of questions regarding projects.

| EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>EARTHWORKS</b>                 |  |
| South Bantry Drain                | - 500 m trimmed and ready for armour         |
| <b>PIPELINE</b>                   |  |
| 05-C East Branch                  | - work begun                                 |
| 09 Rolling Hills                  | - complete, ready for spring cleanup         |
| 08-H West Bantry                  | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete  |
| 04 Scott Canal                    | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete  |
| M Tilley                          | - complete, ready for spring cleanup         |
| 05 Rolling Hills                  | - surveyed, detailed design & ROWs complete  |
| <b>STRUCTURES</b>                 |  |
| 17/18 Structure Program           | - surveyed, detailed design at 50%, ROWs n/a |
| <b>IRP PROJECTS</b>               |  |
| Sec A Rolling Hills               | - complete, ready for spring cleanup         |

**8.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants Review**

With all Directors being present, a review of the November Meeting’s discussion on Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants was provided. Through discussion it was the consensus that there would be no retroactive grant considerations.

**8.03 Springview Colony Irrigation Delivery**

In response to Mr. Hale's inquiry regarding significant weed screen issues for Springview Hutterite Colony, Mr. Gagley advised that they contact him to discuss the situation so that proposed solutions may be provided.

**8.04 Potential Reservoir Support**

Additional reservoir support and the concept of storage of electricity in reservoirs (raising a reservoir's level during low power demand and lowering for water conveyance and production of electricity during peak hours) was proposed by T. Brummelhuis. Previous studies on conceivable reservoir storage and hydroelectric projects within the District may be drawn from prior to the consideration of any engineering investigation.

[10:46 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

**9.0 Lands****9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

S. Connauton presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands items.

**9.01.1 Capital Assets Cost-Share – G.W.K. Farms Ltd. (Gail Kelley) – Pt. NW 27, Pt. NW 35 & Sec. 34-21-18 W4M**

As part of an irrigation development project, G.W.K. Farms Ltd. (Gail Kelley) is proposing to relocate the pump in Sec. 34-21-18 W4M from a pond/slough area to the canal, which would result in significant water savings. As per the capital assets bylaw, the EID will contribute 75% of the cost of any irrigation works specifically required for any new parcel, up to 25% of the Capital Asset Charge. The relocation is estimated to cost \$16,000; the capital assets charge for the irrigation development project is \$18,500.

**2017-12-437 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Capital Assets Cost-Share for G.W.K. Farms Ltd. (Gail Kelley) in Pt. NW 27, Pt. NW 35 & Sec. 34-21-18 W4M for relocating the pump to serve an approved irrigation development project. The relocation is estimated to cost \$16,000 of which by bylaw the District will contribute 75%, up to 25% of the Capital Assets charge = \$4,625. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**

All new Farm Improvement Grants are subject to a reduction of \$500/acre for any corner acres or acres kept outside the pivot area; and a reduction for any previous grants received on that parcel. For any irrigation acres which are returned to the District, the EID will pay \$1,000/acre. For infill irrigation acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 2 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

Conversions (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)

The EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for conversions, as per policy.

**9.01.2.1 Transfer – Daniel & Candyce Plumer – (various)**

The Landowners are requesting to transfer irrigation acres from various locations to accommodate an approved irrigation development project for a 138 acre pivot in Pt. SE, Pt. NW & NE 19-20-14 W4M.

**2017-12-438 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of:**

- **62 irrigation acres from NW 19-20-14 W4M,**
- **6 irrigation acres from SW 19-20-14 W4M,**
- **5 irrigation acres from SW 18-20-14 W4M, and**
- **5 irrigation acres from SE 19-20-14 W4M,**

**to NE 19-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Daniel & Candyce Plumer. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.2 Flood to Pivot – Daniel & Candyce Plumer – Pt. SE, Pt. NW & NE 19-20-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 84 acres (78 acres transferred in, motion 2017-12-438)
- Converting: 84 acres flood to pivot; 54 additional acres needed (approved through irrigation development application); 35 acre separate flood field
- New Assessment: 138 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-12-439 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Candyce Plumer for the conversion of 84 acres flood to pivot in Pt. SE, Pt. NW & NE 19-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,400 (84 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$17,800 (50 acres x \$300/acre + 4 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Daniel & Candyce Plumer – Sec. 19-20-14 W4M**

The new pivot in NE 19-20-14 W4M swings into the SE and NW, thereby requiring the existing irrigable unit to be discharged and a new one registered for the entire section.

**2017-12-440 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SE, SW & NW 19-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Daniel & Candyce Plumer. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-12-441 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec. 19-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Daniel & Candyce Plumer. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps)

Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

**9.01.2.4 Panel & VRI Upgrade – Brookside Farms Ltd. (John Dyck) – NE 10-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 147 acres
- Installing: panel & VRI; keeping 12 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres (135 pivot, 12 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-12-442 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brookside Farms Ltd. (John Dyck) for the panel and VRI upgrade in NE 10-19-14 W4M quoted at \$22,869. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,000 (12 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,500. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.5 Pivot Upgrade – Erwin & Frieda Dyck – NE 19-20-15 W4M**

- Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: replacement pivot; keeping 16 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres (136 pivot, 16 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

**2017-12-443 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erwin & Frieda Dyck for the replacement pivot in NE 19-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) less \$8,000 (16 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,600. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.6 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SE 01-15-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 138 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 13 acres outside the pivot area
- Previous Grant: \$7,500 (motion 2000-04-044)
- Previous Deduction: \$2,600 (motion 2000-04-044)
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (125 wiper pivot, 13 flood)

**2017-12-444 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in SE 01-15-14 W4M quoted at \$3,200. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$6,300; with the payable amount being \$3,200 less \$3,900 (13 acres x \$300/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.7 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – NW 24-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 142 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 16 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (126 pivot, 16 flood)

~~**2017-12-445 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in NW 24-14-14 W4M quoted at \$2,400. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,200 (142 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,400 less \$8,000 (16 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**~~

~~*[rescinded by motion 2018-02-091]*~~

**9.01.2.8 Panel & Corner Arm – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SW 24-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 154 acres
- Installing: panel & corner arm
- Previous Grant: \$1,176 (motion 2015-11-274)
- Assessment remains the same at 154 acres (136 pivot, 18 corner arm)

**2017-12-446** Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel and corner arm upgrade in SW 24-14-14 W4M quoted at \$168,271. The top up Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$15,400 (154 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,176 (previous grant) = \$14,224; with the payable amount being \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$2,800 (4 acres x \$700/acre) plus \$8,624 (14 acres x \$616/acre) = \$25,024. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.01.2.9 Transfer – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – NW 25 to SW 29-14-13 W4M**

The Landowner is requesting to transfer 7 irrigation acres from NW 25-14-14 W4M to SW 29-14-13 W4M, to accommodate infill acres on a pivot.

~~2017-12-447 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the transfer of 7 irrigation acres from NW 25-14-14 W4M to SW 29-14-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2018-02-095]~~

**9.01.2.10 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – Pt. NW 25-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 79 acres (7 acres transferred out, motion 2017-12-447)
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 9 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 79 acres (70 wiper pivot, 9 flood)

**2017-12-448** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in Pt. NW 25-14-14 W4M quoted at \$3,200. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$7,900 (79 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$3,200 less \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.01.2.11 Panel & Pump Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SW 29-14-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 68 acres (irrigation development in 2000 increased parcel to 130 acres)
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (7 acres transferred in, motion 2017-12-447)
- Installing: panel & pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

~~2017-12-449 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel and pump upgrade in SW 29-14-13 W4M quoted at \$22,078. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$7,500 (75 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$7,500. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2018-02-095]~~

**9.01.2.12 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – NW 31-14-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 138 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 12 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (126 pivot, 12 corners)

~~2017-12-450 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in NW 31-14-13 W4M quoted at \$2,400. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,400 less \$6,000 (12 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres~~

~~outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2018-02-097]~~

**9.01.2.13 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SE 31-14-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 14 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres (138 pivot, 14 corners)

~~2017-12-451 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in SE 31-14-13 W4M quoted at \$2,400. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$15,200 (152 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,400 less \$7,000 (14 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2018-02-099]~~

**9.01.2.14 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SW 31-14-13 W4M**

- Assessment: 136 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 2 acres in corner
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (130 pivot, 2 corner, 4 NW pivot)

**2017-12-452 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in SW 31-14-13 W4M quoted at \$2,400. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,400 less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,400. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.15 IU Registration – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – NW, SW & SE 31-14-13 W4M**

The pivots in NW, SW & SE 31-14-13 W4M are all using the same delivery off Sec. A Rolling Hills Pipeline, therefore an irrigable unit is required.

**2017-12-453 Moved by G. Murray that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW, SW & SE 31-14-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.16 Panel Upgrade – Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) – SW 36-14-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 141 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 5 acres in corner
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (136 pivot, 5 corner)

**2017-12-454 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eastwood Farms Ltd. (Tjark Stikker) for the panel upgrade in SW 36-14-14 W4M quoted at \$2,400. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,100 (141 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$2,400 less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.01.2.17 Panel & Corner Arm – Brian & Gayle Schmidt – SE 23-19-14 W4M**

- Assessment: 98 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade with corner arm; 2 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 100 acres (87 pivot, 13 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

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**2017-12-455** Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brian & Gayle Schmidt for the panel upgrade with corner arm in SE 23-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,700 (87 acres x \$100/acre) plus \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$16,400. The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **9.01.3 Irrigable Units**

#### **9.01.3.1 Discharge – Bruce Takeda Cattle Co. (Bruce Takeda) – SE 10-15-15 W4M**

Previously, this quarter was registered with other land as an irrigable unit. Since the time of registration there has been a pipeline project and each quarter now has its own delivery, therefore the irrigable unit is no longer required.

**2017-12-456** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SE 10-15-15 W4M, lands being owned by Bruce Takeda Cattle Co. (Bruce Takeda). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.01.3.2 Discharge – Franklin & Judy Merkl – NW 18-19-13 W4M**

Previously, this quarter was registered with other land as an irrigable unit. Since the time of registration there has been a pipeline project and each quarter now has its own delivery, therefore the irrigable unit is no longer required.

**2017-12-457** Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on NW 18-19-13 W4M, lands being owned by Franklin & Judy Merkl. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.01.3.3 Discharge & Registrations – James & Rhoda Miller and Alex & Ellen Zagorsky – Pt. NW & NE 24-17-14 W4M and SE 24-17-14 W4M**

An existing irrigable unit covers Pt. NW & NE 24-17-14 W4M and Pt. SE 24-17-14 W4M. The Pt. SE 24 has been purchased by Alex & Ellen Zagorsky, with plans to install a quarter section pivot. Therefore, the existing irrigable unit needs to be discharged and a new one registered for each landowner.

**2017-12-458** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW & NE 24-17-14 W4M, lands being owned by James & Rhoda Miller, and Pt. NE 24-17-14 W4M, lands being owned by Alex & Ellen Zagorsky. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-12-459** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW & NE 24-17-14 W4M, all lands being owned by James & Rhoda Miller. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2017-12-460** Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE 24-17-14 W4M, lands being owned by Alex & Ellen Zagorsky. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:28 a.m. – 11:32 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

**9.02 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing items.

**9.02.1 Report on GAC Meeting**

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held December 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2017 grazing season, 2018 cattle listings, JBS project, solar project, irrigated pasture, TB update, trucking, dugouts, grazing policy and grazing association bylaws, along with various other matters. Draft minutes of the meeting were provided to Directors. From the GAC meeting, three recommendations were made to the EID Board, as found in the following items.

Based on the revenue from the 5 year irrigated lease being applied to the District's general funds, the following GAC motion was made.

*GAC17-09 Moved by D. Doerksen to recommend that the EID consider to cover the costs to re-seed the Kitsim pivots out of the general revenue. Seconded by T. Ovinge. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

A thorough Board discussion was held.

**2017-12-461 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that all of the reseeding costs for the Kitsim pivots be paid from the District's general revenue. Seconded by J. Culligan. DEFEATED  
In Favour – J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis  
Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale**

[12:23 p.m. – 12:54 p.m. Lunch break.]

**2017-12-462 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the costs for the Kitsim pivots reseeding project be allocated as follows:**

- a) Costs to be paid from the District's general revenues and not recovered from the grazing associations:**
  - o **\$65/acre for seed, and**
  - o **\$25/acre for seeding**
- b) Costs to be recovered from the grazing associations through an annual amortization charge included in the community pasture expenses:**
  - o **all other reseeding costs.**

**Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED  
In Favour – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, R. Johnson, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis  
Opposed – J. Culligan, G. Murray**

**9.02.2 2018 Cattle Listings**

Overall membership in community grazing associations has risen slightly to 256 for 2018. Total numbers at this point are also slightly above last year.



| 2018 Cattle Numbers Summary<br>as of December 12, 2017 |                     |               |             |              |              |
|--|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Association  | 2017                | 2018          | Difference  | 2017 Members | 2018 Members |
| Bantry   | 561                 | 533           | -28         | 8            | 7            |
| Bassano  | 1,212               | 1,157         | -55         | 16           | 16           |
| Duchess  | 1,365               | 1,329         | -36         | 20           | 19           |
| Eyremore   | 1,875               | 1,843         | -32         | 24           | 24           |
| Gem  | 2,676               | 2,911         | +235        | 38           | 38           |
| Newell   | 2,184               | 2,306         | +122        | 30           | 31           |
| Patricia   | 2,944               | 2,797         | -147        | 42           | 38           |
| Rolling Hills  | 1,199               | 1,308         | +109        | 20           | 21           |
| Rosemary   | 1,907               | 1,982         | +75         | 28           | 31           |
| Tilley   | 1,613               | 1,789         | +176        | 24           | 31           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>17,536</b>       | <b>17,955</b> | <b>+419</b> | <b>250</b>   | <b>256</b>   |
| <b>Members</b>   | 22 new, 16 drop out |               |             |              |              |

### 9.02.3 Set Grazing Number Per Member

As overall pasture conditions are good but spring moisture is needed for a normal grazing season; and that there is an increase in listings for 2018, the following GAC motion was made.

GAC17-11 *Moved by D. Peltzer to recommend that the Board of Directors reduce the maximum number per member from 84 to 82. Seconded by L. Retzlaff. CARRIED*  
14 voted for and 5 voted against. The 5 against wanted to keep the number the same.

2017-12-463 **Moved by B. Chrumka that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2018 grazing season be set at 82 for full members, 55 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year members, and 27 for 1<sup>st</sup> year members. Seconded by G. Murray. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9.02.1 Report on GAC Meeting cont'd.

At the GAC Meeting it was discussed that Grazing Associations are losing some of their land base, and questioned whether a portion of the revenue received from projects such as the JBS irrigated farm lease and future solar development could be used to offset costs for additional pasture development. This proposal was likened to the initial payment for new well leases (1/3 banked for future pasture development, 1/3 paid to Associations for capital improvements, 1/3 paid to Associations for use as they see fit).

GAC17-10 *Moved by B. Hall to recommend to the Board of Directors that any rental revenue received from developed grazing land, that a portion is allocated for upgrading and maintaining future projects to replace loss of grazing AUMs. Seconded by D. Vossepoel. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

This matter will be added to discussions at the Corporate Planning meetings in January.

### 9.02.4 Letter from Bassano Grazing Association

A letter was received from the Bassano Grazing Association requesting that the District extend the western boundary of the EID to align with the County of Newell boundary for inclusion of Water Users who reside in that area. Discussion ensued on past deliberations. Explanation was given on

the District area and parcels originally designated as included in the EID. The difference in land parcel areas within the County borders vs the District were also identified. Lastly, the merit of revising policy requirements vs petitioning parcels to be added was also discussed.

- 2017-12-464 Moved by J. Hale that Water Users that fulfill the requirements of the grazing policy and live within the County of Newell be deemed eligible for membership to a Community Grazing Association. Seconded by G. Murray. DEFEATED**  
**In Favour – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale**  
**Opposed – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis**

For further advisement, this matter is to be added to the next GAC Meeting.

[1:24 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

### **9.03 Lands, Oil & Gas**

N. Fontaine presented the following Lands, Oil & Gas items.

#### **9.03.1 Oil & Gas Activity Update**

An overview was given on oil & gas corporate buyouts, local acquisitions and the projected activity for the area. Torxen has assumed Cenovus' interests in the Palliser Block and are planning an ambitious drilling program projecting up to 1,600 wells within the next 5 years. Other local activity includes Cardinal Energy, Blackspur Oil Corp and North 40 Resources. Imaginea Energy's conventional oil & gas holdings have transferred to Cor4 Oil Corp.

#### **9.03.2 Set Rates – Dirt & Land Spraying**

Regional rates and last year's District rates were compared, along with the change in oil & gas drilling practices.

- 2017-12-465 Moved by G. Murray that the Oil & Gas rates for 2018 be:**

- **land spraying – \$3,500/well;**
- **commercial fill – \$7.00/m<sup>3</sup> (fill material used on District land must be obtained from an approved source on District land);**
- **Water User fill – \$3,00/m<sup>3</sup>; and**
- **topsoil – \$16.00/m<sup>3</sup>.**

**Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2017-12-466 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.03.3 CNRL Update**

[1:59 p.m. – 2:04 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

## **10.0 Bylaw Review**

### **10.01 Fees Presentation**

**11.0 Letter from Rolling Hills Golf & Country Club****12.0 Bassano Storm Water / Treated Effluent Update / Conveyance Agreements****13.0 Solar Krafte Project Feedback****14.0 Corporate Planning**

**2017-12-467 Moved by J. Culligan that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes cont'd.****2.01 November 28 & 29, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting cont'd.**

The following items were noted for inclusion:

- T. Brummelhuis, G. Murray and R. Johnson's declaration of pecuniary interests and exit/re-entry times.
- Motion 2017-11-431

The following items were noted for correction:

- 1.0, pg 128, add "It was argued that the Capital Assets Bylaw discussion not be held in-camera as originally designated, and agreed to hold the discussion without going in-camera."
- 13.0, pg 141, add "Upon further reflection at this point in the meeting, the Chairman requested that due to the disclosure of some personal information for the purposes of the bylaw discussion, an in-camera be held for a portion."
- Instead of listing at the end, list the denied new acre irrigation applications after the approved, and the denied general assessment irrigation applications after the approved.

**2017-12-468 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the November 28 & 29, 2017 Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.0 Upcoming Events**

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|-------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 15.01 | Scholarship Awards & Reception       | - Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 p.m.                |
| 15.02 | Corporate Planning                   | - January 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2018, EID Office |
| 15.03 | Bow Bloc Meeting                     | - Wednesday, January 17 <sup>th</sup> [EID Office tentatively]   |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting                | - Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                 |
| 15.05 | Meeting with MHC Executive Committee | - Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 a.m. [tentative]    |
| 15.06 | Regular Board Meeting                | - Tuesday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                 |

**B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:45 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager