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January 22, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of January, 2019. 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 Serv.
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]		
[vacant]		[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2019-01-001 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:32 a.m. Ed Chapman entered the meeting.]

9:30 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2017/2018 Year End Statements

Mr. Owen welcomed Ed Chapman, CPA, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants to the meeting. The auditor's report and letters were presented and reviewed. Mr. Chapman reported that the District's financial records were found to be in order, with all inspected records to have been presented fairly, with no concerns regarding internal controls/practices. The audit process was outlined and a number of general questions were responded to. Mr. Chapman was thanked for the thorough work done on the audit. Mr. Chapman in turn thanked administration and staff for their cooperation and assistance with the audit, especially during a time of staff turnover within the accounting department.

[10:11 a.m. Ed Chapman exited the meeting.]

2019-01-002 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Independent Auditor's Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2018 be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-01-003 Moved by J. Hale that the audit findings letter dated January 22, 2019 be accepted, executed and returned to the auditor and that the auditor independence letter dated October 22, 2018 be received as information. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 December 18, 2018 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-01-004 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**3.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting**

J. Hale attended a Crawling Valley Recreation Society meeting January 10th. The minimum number of seasonal sites to be awarded to water users and local residents this year was increased from 4 to 7 and 12 to 18 respectively. The sports court is estimated to cost \$63,000; to be funded 100% by the Society. Directors further discussed the request for an AIS inspection employee for District reservoirs and it was clarified that a mature adult(s), not summer student, with training and authority be hired in this regard. It was also requested that options for physical barriers at boat launches be investigated.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to December 31, 2018

The financial statements to December 31, 2018 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$12.8 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$6.8 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$5.98 million.

2019-01-005 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2018 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2018

A variety of accounts were detailed and questions answered by admin.

2019-01-006 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2018 as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 2019 Remuneration Bylaw

The proposed 2019 Remuneration Bylaw was presented for review, with no increase to per diems, the mileage rate being decreased from \$.58 to \$.57, and the meal allowance remaining the same.

- 2019-01-007 Moved by R. Johnson that Bylaw #928 (2019) be introduced and read the first time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-008 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #928 (2019) be read the second time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-009 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #928 (2019) this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-010 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #928 (2019), 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 J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.04 2019 Rates Bylaw

The 2019 Rates Bylaw continues to be based on a \$0 water rate, excepting surcharges for pressurized systems. Annual and terminable agreement rates were given slight increases, and pressure surcharges were increased from \$6.00 per acre to \$8.00 per acre.

- 2019-01-011 Moved by R. Johnson that Bylaw #929 (2019) be introduced and read the first time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-012 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #929 (2019) be read the second time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-013 Moved by J. Hale that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #929 (2019) this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-014 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #929 (2019), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Annual Agreement Rates, Irrigation Rate, Terminable Agreement Rate, Minimum Amount Payable, Surcharge, Discount and Penalty on Unpaid Amounts, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2019 Rates Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

5.05 2019 Fees Bylaw

The 2019 Fees Bylaw was presented as based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, which this year is \$32.00/acre foot. Various categories are either based on a percentage of this cost or have a flat fee assigned, and may include charges for additional water over a typical set amount. Increases ranged between 1% - 2%, rounded to the nearest \$0.50. To encourage prompt payment, a \$100 discount is applied to accounts which are paid within 30 days of the invoice date.

- 2019-01-015 Moved by R. Johnson that Bylaw #930 (2019) be introduced and read the first time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2019-01-016 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #930 (2019) be read the second time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2019-01-017 Moved by J. Culligan that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #930 (2019) this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2019-01-018 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #930 (2019), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Johnson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2019 Fees Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

5.06 Bylaw to Require the Manager to Prepare a List of Electors

A letter from Irrigation Secretariat was received in follow up to a request put forward from AIDA (AIPA) to Irrigation Council for the Minister of Agriculture & Forestry to make a regulation that would include irrigation districts in the definition of an elected authority. This request was to authorize certain provisions such as advance voting, special ballots, voting subdivisions and preparing a list of electors.

The letter to all irrigation districts advised that a district may make a bylaw providing for a duty of a manager, in the manager's role as returning officer, to create a list of electors pursuant to section 177(2)(s) of the IDA. The following bylaw speaks specifically to this single provision.

2019-01-019 Moved by J. Hale that Bylaw #931 (2019) be introduced and read the first time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2019-01-020 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #931 (2019) be read the second time this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2019-01-021 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #931 (2019) this 22nd day of January, 2019. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2019-01-022 Moved by J. Culligan that Bylaw #931 (2019), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Require the Manager to Prepare a List of Electors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Hale. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.0 Operations

6.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Friesen identified the current status of the various snowpack pillows. In general, measurements are around average at this point in time.

[10:52 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

Due to good weather, pipeline crews have been able to make good progress. 3.2 km of pipeline on 11-H West Bantry and 2.2 km on 09-A Springhill have been installed. It is expected that 09-A will be completed by the end of the month, after which both crews will be working on 11-H.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
17 Bow Slope	- job complete, final cleanup remaining
H West Bantry Canal	- construction 60% complete
PIPELINE	
11-H West Bantry	- construction 10% complete
STRUCTURES	
18/19 Structure Program	- construction 30% complete
IRP PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
09-A Rolling Hills	- job complete, final cleanup remaining
09-A Springhill	- construction 40% complete

[10:54 a.m. R. Owen declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting. B. Chrumka assumed the chair.]

7.02 Drain Relocation – Ross Owen and Don Owen – S ½ 07-20-12 W4M

The landowners are requesting a drain relocation to accommodate a pivot in SW 07-20-12 W4M. The existing drain severs the bottom portion of the quarter and it is being proposed to relocate the drain to the south boundary and into the SE of 07. The project is estimated to cost \$62,500, of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000.

2019-01-023 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Ross Owen and Don Owen in S ½ 07-20-12 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$62,500; of which the EID would pay \$46,875 and the Landowners would pay \$15,625. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:56 a.m. R. Owen rejoined the meeting and assumed the chair. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

8.0 Equipment

8.01 Quotes on Purchase of Long Stick Boom, Bucket & Counterweight

Mr. Friesen presented quotes and information for the purchase of a long stick boom, bucket and counterweight, answering questions from Directors.

Long Stick Boom, Bucket & Counterweight for 350LC-5	
Company	Quote
Wajax Equipment	\$135,500
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	\$140,250

2019-01-024 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the purchase of a long stick boom, bucket and counterweight from Wajax Equipment, Calgary for \$135,500. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:58 a.m. – 11:01 a.m. S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

S. Connauton presented the Assessment, Water & Lands Report as follows.

9.01.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2018

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 was presented, summarized as follows. Due to a backlog in processing general assessment adjustments, October's numbers have been revised.

EID Water Roll			
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Total
October 1, 2018	299,285	4,367	303,652
December 31, 2018	300,105	4,336	304,440
Net increase	820	< 31 >	788
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)			< 1 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)			789
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres			31
Terminable Acres Canceled			0

9.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

9.01.2.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to January 22, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October, November & December (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 110,168 >
January (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 42,500 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,152,847

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,409,023 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

All 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.

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 a.m. R. Johnson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.01.2.2 Pump Upgrade – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) – NE 15-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 107 acres (89 wiper pivot, 11 south pivot, 7 outside pivot areas);
1 acre in SE 15 from wiper pivot reach
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 107 acres (89 wiper pivot, 11 south pivot, 7 outside pivot areas) and 1 acre under pivot in SE 15
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-01-025 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) for the pump upgrade in NE 15-19-14 W4M purchased for \$10,769. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$9,000 (90 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,500. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.3 Pump Upgrade – 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson) and 1717866 AB Inc (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) – Pt. Sec. 15-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 173 acres (170 corner arm pivot, 3 outside of pivot area)
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 173 acres (170 corner arm pivot, 3 outside of pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-01-026 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson) and 1717866 AB Inc (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) for the pump upgrade in Pt. Sec. 15-19-14 W4M purchased for \$20,987. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner

is \$17,000 (170 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$15,500. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.4 Pump Upgrade – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) – Pt. NW 10 & SW 15-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 123 acres (95 wiper pivot, 18 north pivot, 7 outside, and 3 east pivot which are already deducted)
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 123 acres (95 wiper pivot, 18 north pivot, 7 outside, 3 east pivot)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-01-027 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) for the pump upgrade in SW 15-19-14 W4M purchased for \$15,000. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$9,500 (95 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:05 a.m. R. Johnson rejoined the meeting.]

9.01.2.5 Pivot Replacement – D & J Giles, M Giles, J Giles – NE 12-19-16 & Pt. NW 07-19-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 121 acres (6 acres transferred out 2008-06-150)
- Current Assessment: 115 acres; 2 required for general assessment
- Installing: pivot replacement
- New Assessment: 117 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-01-028 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Delbert & Jean Giles, Murray Giles and Jason Giles for the pivot replacement in NE 12-19-16 W4M & Pt. NW 07-19-15 W4M purchased for \$104,451. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,500 (115 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge for acres required for the General Assessment is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.6 Request to Transfer Irr Acres – Kathryn Holt, and Tyson Hemsing & Alicia Kuipers – SE & NE 13-14-14 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 8 irrigation acres from SE 13-14-14 W4M (Kathryn Holt) to NE 13-14-14 W4M (Tyson Hemsing & Alicia Kuipers) to accommodate an existing pivot with a proposal for a corner arm.

2019-01-029 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the transfer of 8 irrigation acres from SE 13-14-14 W4M, lands being owned by Kathryn Holt, to NE 13-14-14 W4M, lands being owned by Tyson Hemsing & Alicia Kuipers. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.7 Return of Deduction – Kathy Holt – SE 13-14-14 W4M

In January 2017 a Farm Improvement granted for a wiper pivot in SE 13-14-14 W4M applied a deduction to the 17 outside remaining acres (motion 2017-01-036). 8 of these acres that were now approved for transfer are eligible for a return of deduction once they are utilized under pivot in NE 13-14-14 W4M.

2019-01-030 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the deduction of \$500/acre applied January 2017 for SE 13-14-14 W4M be returned to Kathy Holt for 8 acres of new efficiencies; 8 acres x \$500/acre = \$4,000. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3 Increase in Irrigation Acres - Jerri & Garry Fletcher – NW 16-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 50 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 50 irrigation acres
- Proposal: 75 acre wiper pivot
- Conversion Acres Gained: 50 acres flood to pivot = 25 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 75 acres all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils required; Farm Improvement Grant not applicable; 38 acres needed to complete the full reach of the wiper pivot once acres become available

2019-01-031 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jerri & Garry Fletcher for 25 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot, on NW 16-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,500 (25 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:23 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine presented the Lands, Oil & Gas Report as follows.

9.02.1 Request to Trade Land – Gutfriend – SE 01-14-14 W4M & SW 06-14-13 W4M

The request from Brent & Susan Gutfriend to trade approx. 7.6 acres of land in Pt. W ½ 06-14-13 W4M for approx. 8.8 acres of EID land in SE 01-14-14 W4M was brought back from the December meeting. In consideration of the EID parcel being larger, a small portion being irrigated by Gutfriend's pivot and it being riverfront, a proposal was presented to trade parcels, with Gutfriends being responsible for all associated costs.

2019-01-032 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the land trade as described:

- +/- 8.8 acres of EID land in SE 01-14-14 W4M to Brent & Susan Gutfriend for +/- 7.6 acres of land in SW 06-14-13 W4M;
- all costs associated with the transfers to be borne by Brent & Susan Gutfriend.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.2 Request to Purchase Land – Grady & Ashley Rustebakke – NW 32-17-14 W4M

A request was received from Grady & Ashley Rustebakke to purchase the acres needed to accommodate an encroachment of their barn on EID lands in NW 32-17-14 W4M. N. Fontaine advised that both the Rustebakkes and the EID have recently purchased these properties, resolving this issue would bring the acreage into municipal compliance, and that an encroachment agreement is not satisfactory for the County. Through discussion it was requested that existing fences be evaluated; and that fencing, subdivision, consolidation fees, etc. be summarized and brought back to the Board for the 2 options being considered.

9.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.03.1 Reservoir Right-of-Way Pasture Lands

As developed over the last few months, a revised draft agreement for grazing reservoir right-of-way pasture lands was presented to the Board. Under review since 2016, historical backgrounds, additional information and various proposals have been discussed at the Board level. Subject lands ranging in total acres and locations have been identified as north of Rock Lake Reservoir; north, west and south of Cowoki Reservoir; east of Tilley B Reservoir; and southeast of Lake Newell Reservoir. All of these lands and those accessing them have been without a signed agreement with the District. The purpose of an official agreement is to provide the security of a contract for the lessee, to regulate the grazing of all EID lands, to establish fencing responsibilities and to protect the District for the use of its land.

This Private Grazing Permit is based on a standard long term PGL agreement and rent format, but has built in variables due to the uniqueness of these lands. The PGP:

- is offered to the titled owner of the adjacent lands, or
- if the titled owner of the adjacent lands is renting these lands, the District at its discretion will enter into an appropriate agreement with the renter;
- terminates upon sale of adjacent lands;
- does not require corporate disclosure;
- does not include a PGL deduction if running cattle in a community pasture; and
- does not include the 640 acre PGL limitation.

A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek and admin, with a request that further legal review of the agreement and clarity regarding the "good standing" clause be obtained, prior to staff contact with adjacent landowners to discuss the offered agreement.

2019-01-033 Moved by J. Culligan that:

- **"Community Grazing Associations" be included in clause 5(a)(vii) addressing "Good standing", and**

that the Private Grazing Permit agreement for District right-of-way pasture lands be approved.

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED

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

OPPOSED – R. Johnson, J. Hale

[12:13 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.03.2 Tender Results - PGL #7214 – SW 27, NE 27, SE 34 & SW 35-14-13 W4M

Private Grazing Lease #7214 was tendered out as a 3 year lease, with no minimum bid, and standard restrictions and requirements excepting the PGL deduction if running cattle in a community pasture. The lease was awarded to the high bidder, Alan Jones, who meets all eligibility requirements.

PGL # 7214 3 Years 640 acres 115 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Alan Jones	\$6,120.00	\$53.22	\$306.00	\$6,426.00
Dick Vossepel	\$6,068.55	\$52.77	\$303.43	\$6,371.98
Bob McKnight	\$5,000.00	\$43.48	\$250.00	\$5,250.00

9.03.3 Tender Results - PGL #7024 – W ½ 31-19-12 W4M

Private Grazing Lease #7024 was tendered out as a long term lease, 5 years remaining with the right to renew for 15 more years (expiring at the end of 2038), with a \$21,000 minimum bid, and standard restrictions and requirements. The lease was awarded to the high bidder, Lee Beasley, who meets all eligibility requirements.

PGL # 7024 Long Term 319 acres 45 AUM			
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Lee Beasley	\$22,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$23,625.00
Franz Friesen	\$22,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$23,100.00

9.03.4 Direction for Tender - PGL #7102 – SE 13-14-13, Pt. NW 17, Pt. 18, S ½ 19 & Pt 20-14-12 W4M; and #7287 – SE 25-14-13 W4M

In the spring of 2018 the Lessee of Annual Private Grazing Lease #7102 and Annual Private Grazing Permit #7287 indicated his choice to not renew. The Board chose to leave the leases idle for the 2018 season. These parcels were once part of one large lease and have been leased annually since 2009 after portions were identified and subsequently developed for irrigation. As further irrigation development is possible it was recommended to again limit the length of terms. A short discussion followed.

2019-01-034 Moved by R. Johnson that Private Grazing Leases #7102 and #7287 be tendered out separately as:

- **3 year permits, expiring on October 1, 2021;**
- **with no minimum bid; and**
- **with standard restrictions and requirements, except:**
 - **no Private Grazing Lease deductions, and**
 - **no 640 acre PGL limitations.**

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was the consensus of the Board that, as with 1 Year Permits, to not include a PGL deduction, or 640 acre limitation clause in the agreement for these 3 year grazing permits. Annual private grazing leases (which are re-signed with the lessee each year unless something changes) and Long Term private grazing leases, will continue to have the 640 acre limitation, and the PGL deduction applied if the lessee is running cattle in a community grazing lease.

9.03.5 Direction for Tender – PGL #7167 – NW 16 & SW 21-14-13 W4M

Private Grazing Lease #7167 has expired. This 314 acre, 70 AUM lease was set up as a 3 year term due to the potential of irrigation development.

2019-01-035 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Private Grazing Lease #7167 be tendered out as a:

- **3 year permit, expiring on October 1, 2021;**
- **with no minimum bid; and**
- **with standard restrictions and requirements, except:**
 - **no Private Grazing Lease deduction, and**
 - **no 640 acre PGL limitation.**

Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.6 Approval of Grazing Association Bylaws

Falling under the *Societies Act*, Community Grazing Associations are required to develop and register their bylaws and keep them current. A process was initiated in 2018 to have Associations review and revise their outdated bylaws to be compatible with District policy and CGA agreements. All bylaws were sourced, a standard template was offered and the process discussed at GA general meetings. Updated bylaws will aid in general management and also provide an opportunity for rules which may be specific to each Association. In accordance with section 2.6 of the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands, bylaws and constitutions, and any amendments, are to be approved by the District prior to being approved by the members of a Community Grazing Association. Once approved by both the EID Board and the membership of the Grazing Association the bylaws can then be submitted to Alberta Registries. Examples of GA management challenges were noted and a number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

9.03.6.1 Tilley Grazing Association

2019-01-036 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the draft Bylaw of the Tilley Grazing Association as presented, to be brought to its membership for review and final approval. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.6.2 Bantry Grazing Association

2019-01-037 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the draft Bylaw of the Bantry Grazing Association as presented, to be brought to its membership for review and final approval. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:07 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet Report

10.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. There is still a moratorium on new installs and upgrades in the Rosemary area.

Current EIDNet Customer Accounts	
Legacy Residential Accounts	88
Residential Accounts	1,633
Business Accounts	22
EID Automation	4
Total	1,747

2019-01-038 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Third Party Review Update

10.03 Dark Fiber Update

[1:21 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

11.0 Annual Report Book and AGM Reporting

12.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up

2019-01-039 Moved by R. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Municipal / Irrigation Dist. Roundtable | - [early March – date TBD], Lethbridge [R. Owen attending] |
| 13.02 | 2019 AIDA (AIPA) Water Conference | - February 4 th – 6 th , Calgary [R. Owen, B. Chrumka, J. Hale, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach attending] |
| 13.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 18 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.05 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 19 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 13.06 | Nominations Close – Div 2, 4 & 7 | - Wednesday, March 20 th , 5:00 p.m. |

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 26, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of February, 2019. 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 Serv.
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]		
[vacant]		[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:

- 9.02 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping
- 10.0 Water Storage and Expansion Modelling

2019-02-040 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 January 22, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting**

It was requested to add clarity to the minutes through the following:

- 5.06 Bylaw to Require the Manager to Prepare a List of Electors; insert a paragraph break after the second sentence; and
- 9.03.2 Tender Results – PGL #7214; insert a Bid Amount per AUM column in the chart.

2019-02-041 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**3.01 2019 AIDA (AIPA) Water Conference – February 4th – 6th, Calgary**

A number of Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Calgary on February 4th – 6th. Conference topics included water security, quality and management; and overland flooding, drainage and stormwater. Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry and Drew Barnes, MLA for Cypress – Medicine Hat also presented. It was clearly indicated that districts should not expect IRP funding to increase and that there would be greater operational demands on districts if funding decreased.

3.02 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting – February 12th

Bob Chrumka attended the Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting on February 12th. The EID has representation at this meeting approximately three times per year to present and hear topics of mutual concern. A presentation on economic development as heard at the committee meeting was requested for the EID meeting.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2019

The financial statements to January 31, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$15.5 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9.2 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$6.3 million.

2019-02-042 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 Investment Report to January 31, 2019

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at January 31, 2019 was \$8,619,985 or 7.88% less than the book value at September 30, 2018.

Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$23,050,000	\$23,550,000
IRP – Short Term	\$ 8,130,000	\$ 5,280,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	\$ 8,770,000	\$ 2,850,000
EID – Long Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

2019-02-043 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Investment Report to January 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:30 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Lisa Tiffin and Jaime McIntosh entered the meeting.]

9:30 a.m. Economic Development & Tourism Presentation

Jessica Surgenor – Economic Development Officer, Brooks Region – City of Brooks; Lisa Tiffin – Manager of Shared Services, City of Brooks; and Jaime McIntosh – Executive Director/Marketing Specialist, Newell Regional Tourism Association (NRTA) were welcomed to the meeting. Ms. Surgenor gave an overview of the regional partners, support and initiatives currently in play for economic development, such as a new rebranding and communication strategy. Additional information regarding investment attraction studies and opportunities was presented, as well as advising that basic information regarding the EID and its integral services is used in their marketing

campaigns. Ms. Tiffin advised of a grant program offered to start up or expanding local businesses; and Ms. McIntosh touched on educational tourism and the interest shown in learning about the agricultural facet of the region. The presenters were thanked for the information and their time.

[10:08 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Lisa Tiffin and Jaime McIntosh exited the meeting.]

[10:12 a.m. R. Volek and N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

7.0 Lands

7.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

7.01.3 Tender Results - #7102, #7287, #7167

Private Grazing Leases #7102, #7287 and #7167 were tendered out as 3 year permits, with no minimum bid, and with standard restrictions and requirements except that there be no deductions if running cattle in a community lease and no 640 acre PGL limitations. For all 3 PGLs, the permit was awarded to the highest bidder; all highest bidders met eligibility requirements.

PGL #7102 3 Years 1,240 acres 232 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Vossepoel Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dick & Veronica Vossepoel)	\$14,152.00	\$61.00	\$707.60	\$14,859.60
George Murray V	\$13,547.00	\$58.39	\$677.35	\$14,224.35
Nelson Weaver	\$13,150.00	\$56.68	\$657.50	\$13,807.50
Duane Hale	\$ 9,000.00	\$38.79	\$450.00	\$ 9,450.00
Collin Christman	\$ 8,160.00	\$35.17	\$408.00	\$ 8,568.00
Rick Irwin	\$ 8,125.00	\$35.02	\$406.25	\$ 8,531.12
Greg & Linnea Andrew	\$ 7,500.00	\$32.33	\$375.00	\$ 7,875.00
Joel Kropf	\$ 7,000.00	\$30.17	\$350.00	\$ 7,350.00
Carl Chomistek	\$ 4,700.00	\$20.26	\$235.00	\$ 4,935.00

PGL #7287 3 Years 160 acres 30 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Vossepoel Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dick & Veronica Vossepoel)	\$1,830.00	\$61.00	\$91.50	\$1,921.50
George Murray V	\$1,751.00	\$58.37	\$87.55	\$1,838.55
Nelson Weaver	\$1,576.00	\$52.53	\$78.80	\$1,654.80
Joel Kropf	\$1,500.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$1,575.00
Rick Irwin	\$1,315.00	\$43.83	\$65.75	\$1,380.75
George Giesbrecht	\$1,200.00	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$1,260.00
Carl Chomistek	\$ 700.00	\$23.33	\$35.00	\$ 735.00

PGL #7167 3 Years 314 acres 70 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
George Giesbrecht	\$4,150.00	\$59.29	\$207.50	\$4,357.50
Nelson Weaver	\$3,945.00	\$56.36	\$197.25	\$4,142.25
Vossepoel Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dick & Veronica Vossepoel)	\$3,850.00	\$55.00	\$192.50	\$4,042.50
Rick Irwin	\$3,126.00	\$44.66	\$156.30	\$3,282.30
Loren Weaver	\$2,520.00	\$36.00	\$126.00	\$2,646.00
Carl Chomistek	\$1,910.00	\$27.29	\$ 95.50	\$2,005.50
Joel Kropf	\$1,500.00	\$21.43	\$ 75.00	\$1,575.00

7.01.4 Direction for Tender - PGL #7078 – W ½ 36-14-13 W4M

PGL #7078 in W ½ 36-14-13 W4M was leased for a 5 year term, due to expire in 2021. The leaseholder, de Jager Limousin Cattle Co. (Carla & Yap de Jager), have sold their land and are no longer eligible to hold the lease. The County of Newell owns 18 acres in the NE corner of the NW quarter, making this a 292 acre lease; it is rated at 48 AUM. As irrigation development is possible it was recommended to again limit the length of term.

2019-02-044 Moved by R. Johnson that Private Grazing Lease #7078 be tendered out as a:

- **3 year permit, expiring on October 1, 2021;**
- **with no minimum bid; and**
- **with standard restrictions and requirements, except:**
 - **no Private Grazing Lease deduction, and**
 - **no 640 acre PGL limitation.**

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.5 Approval of Grazing Association Bylaws

Further to the 2 Grazing Associations submitting bylaws for approval at the January Board of Directors Meeting, 3 additional bylaws were presented. This process has GAs reviewing and revising their outdated bylaws to be compatible with District policy and agreements, and also provides an avenue for rules which may be specific to each Association and aid in their general management. A thorough discussion was held on a number of points.

7.01.5.1 Gem Grazing Association

2019-02-045 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the draft Bylaw of the Gem Grazing Association as presented, to be brought to its membership for review and final approval. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.5.2 Newell Grazing Association

2019-02-046 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the draft Bylaw of the Newell Grazing Association as presented, to be brought to its membership for review and final approval. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.5.3 Rolling Hills Grazing Association

2019-02-047 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the draft Bylaw of the Rolling Hills Grazing Association as presented, to be brought to its membership for review and final approval. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:46 a.m. R. Volek and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

[10:50 a.m. R. Moen and Ryan Tabor, Systems Engineer – mbsiWAV entered the meeting.]

2019-02-048 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet Report

6.01 Monthly Report

6.02 Third Party Review – Ryan Tabor, Systems Engineer – mbsiWAV

[12:15 p.m. – 12:52 p.m. Lunch break; R. Moen and R. Tabor exited the meeting.]

[12:52 p.m. R. Volek, N. Fontaine, Rae McColl – Newell GA, Tyler Fleming – Newell GA, Danny Van Hal – Newell GA and Harley Tateson - Appellant entered the meeting.]

7.0 Lands cont'd.

7.01 Grazing cont'd.

7.01.1 2019 Grazing Application Rejection Review

[1:09 p.m. R. McColl, T. Fleming, D. Van Hal and H. Tateson exited the meeting.]

[1:45 p.m. R. McColl re-entered the meeting.]

[1:57 p.m. R. McColl exited the meeting.]

2019-02-049 Moved by R. Johnson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:00 p.m. – 2:04 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

7.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

7.02.1 Request to Purchase Land – Grady & Ashley Rustebakke – Pt. NW 32-17-14 W4M

In follow up to the land purchase request presented last month, additional information regarding fencing and legal costs was gathered for consideration of a land trade vs a land purchase. As the

south and west perimeter fencing is almost new and a land trade would encroach upon an existing access into the southern end of the property for the owners, it was determined that a sale of land to Rustebakkes would be the most appropriate.

- 2019-02-050 Moved by J. Culligan that approximately 0.4 acres of land in Pt. NW 32-17-14 W4M be sold to Grady & Ashley Rustebakke:**
- **0.4 acres x \$13,000/acre = \$5,200 + GST**
- subject to the land being consolidated into the parcel and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchasers. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.02.2 Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club – Land Use Permit

The Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club is located on a 13 acre parcel of EID land in NE 18-19-14 W4M. The Club has held a Recreational Land Use Permit since 1999; the current 5 year permit has an annual rental of \$250/year and will expire this April.

- 2019-02-051 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve to renew the lease with Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club in the NE 18-19-14 W4M for a further 5 year term at the rate of \$250 per year. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.02.3 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2019 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review was provided of the 2018 and proposed 2019 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground camping and marina rates. Through discussion it was directed that an additional fee be levied on sites with 50 amp power.

- 2019-02-052 Moved by J. Culligan that the 2019 rates at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground for:**
- **Camping be set at:**
 - **\$40/night, including GST, on all daily sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$5 per day for 50 amp sites,**
 - **\$2,000/season, plus GST, for Upper Tier, Marina Upper Tier and all of Section B seasonal sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$100/season for 50 amp sites,**
 - **\$2,200/season, plus GST, for Waterfront and Lower Marina seasonal sites,**
 - **plus an additional \$100/season for 50 amp 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,**
 - **\$475/season, plus GST; and**
 - **\$475, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee).**
- Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2019-02-053 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the 2019 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Monday, May 13th and close at noon Thursday, September 5th. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[2:18 p.m. D. Buell entered the meeting.]

7.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

D. Buell presented the following Habitat, Wildlife & Access report.

7.03.1 2018 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A 2018 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented and a number of questions responded to by Mr. Buell. The report is summarized as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 244 individuals applied for hunting permission, which is the highest number on record
 - 14 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands, this is about average
 - lands around Lake Newell, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir are popular in summer and still see some random camping and camp fire violations
 - off-highway vehicle use occurs most frequently around the Eyremore gravel pit
 - highest use areas for hunting are Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) GAs
 - CPOs are an effective enforcement presence and focus on seasonal high use areas, problem areas, as well as ice fishing activities
 - Provincial Parks Conservation Officers focus on patrolling the Patricia Grazing boundary to prevent OHV use and driving off trail in both the GA and the Park
 - Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, and thus patrol the entire EID
 - central and eastern portions of the EID also see RCMP surveillance
 - 33 non-compliance information tickets were handed out, mostly for off-trail infractions, as well as for random camping and launching watercraft from unauthorized locations; 15 boats were also examined and 34 violations dealt with
 - it is intended to propose draft revisions for the "Access Policy for District Owned Lands" by mid-2019
 - development is currently underway for an automated Hunting Access Authorization system via the District's website, for easier access, less staff time and data compilation
- Signage:
 - additional gate signs listing primary EID access rules on community pasture access points were installed; in total, approximately 400 signs are now up
 - updated EID overview and history signs for 3 highway rest stops will be installed this spring/summer
- Research Access:
 - 6 non-EID research projects are ongoing on District lands
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - a total of 22,802 ac ft of water was conveyed for DU projects; about average but at approximately 75% of their license
- Wildlife:
 - the Wildlife Guide has been updated and is available on the District's website
- Aquatic Invasive Species:
 - County of Newell treatment and monitoring of Phragmites Australis sites continues
 - no evidence of invasive mussels was found this year
 - staff training and public education on invasive mussels continues
 - about 75% of boaters spoken to were familiar with the threat of invasive mussels

[2:40 p.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

7.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

S. Connauton presented the Assessment, Water & Lands Report.

7.04.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

7.04.1.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to February 26, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October, November, December & January (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 148,668 >
February (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 39,160 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,117,687

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,339,307 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

7.04.1.2 Rescind/Review Return of Deduction – Kathryn Holt – SE 13-14-14 W4M

At last month's meeting, a Return of Deduction was approved for Kathryn Holt for irrigation acres in SE 13-14-14 W4M which had been kept outside the pivot area. A portion of these acres were now being transferred to be utilized under a pivot in NE 13-14-14 W4M, which parcel is now owned by different individuals. A lengthy review was held regarding the existing policy parameters, the benefit of converting outside acres to pivot and comparative scenarios. The decision was upheld and it was requested to bring the Farm Improvement policy back to the March meeting for revision.

All 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.

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*) and Corner Irrigation (*arm, 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.

7.04.1.3 Corner Pivot – Rodney & Joanne Dyck – NW 31-20-15 W4M

- Previous Motion: 2017-06-210 (on W ½ 31)
- Previous Assessment: 129 acres (5 acres transferred out for general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 124 acres (97 pivot, 6 acres outside, 21 separate flood field)
- Converting: 24 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 124 acres (97 pivot, 24 corner wiper pivot, 3 outside of pivots)

2019-02-054 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rodney & Joanne Dyck for the conversion of 24 acres flood to corner wiper pivot in NW 31-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.1.4 Panel Upgrade – Wallace & Doris Fraser, Neil Fraser, Barbara Fraser – NW 36-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres (17 acres transferred out)
- Previous Grant: \$7,740 (motion 2011-10-175)
- Current Assessment: 126 acres wiper pivot (1 acre purchased for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 126 acres, all under wiper pivot.
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-02-055 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wallace & Doris Fraser, Neil Fraser and Barbara Fraser for the panel upgrade in NW 36-22-17 W4M purchased for \$8,660.70. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,740 (previous grant) = \$4,760. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.1.5 Pump Upgrade – Ronald Schmidt – SE 34-16-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 146 acres (133 pivot, 13 outside)
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same 146 acres (133 pivot, 13 outside)

2019-02-056 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ronald Schmidt for the pump upgrade in SE 34-16-16 W4M purchased for \$19,738. The Farm Improvement Grant available and to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,500 (13 acres x \$500/acre) = \$6,800. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres & Various

7.04.1.6 Increase in Irr Acres – George & Szandra Muschiol – SW 27-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 134 acres flood
- Proposal: 139 acre wiper pivot with corner arm; 5 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 134 acres flood to pivot = 67 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 139 acres all under wiper pivot
- Notes: Landowner has received Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for converting to pivot at the time of the pipeline project

2019-02-057 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for George & Szandra Muschiol for 5 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot, on SW 27-16-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (5 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:31 p.m. T. Brummelhuis declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

7.04.1.7 Transfer – Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NW 17-16-16 W4M to NE 20-16-16 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 6 acres outside the wiper pivot in NW 17-16-16 W4M to NE 20-16-16 W4M to be utilized under a proposed small wiper pivot.

2019-02-058 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 6 acres from NW 17-16-16 W4M to NE 20-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Doug & Roxanne Dafoe. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.1.8 Increase in Irr Acres – Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 21 acres (part of section pivot)
- Current Assessment: 27 acres (21 section pivot, 6 acres flood – motion 2019-02-058)
- Proposal: 20 acre wiper pivot; 14 add. acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 6 acres flood to pivot = 3 conversion acres allowable
21 acres flood to pivot in W ½ 17 = 10.5 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 41 acres (21 section pivot, 20 wiper pivot)
- Notes: Landowner is utilizing conversion acres gained in W ½ 17-16-16 W4M to complete this project; granting of conversion acres are subject to pivot installations on both parcels

2019-02-059 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Doug & Roxanne Dafoe for 14 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot, on NW 17 and NE 20-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:36 p.m. T. Brummelhuis rejoined the meeting.]

7.04.1.9 Increase in Irr Acres – Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman – S ½ 14-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 115 acres (17 acres added in 2000 general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 132 acres flood
- Proposal: 101 acre wiper pivot & 35 acre wheel field; 4 add. acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 101 acres flood to pivot = 50.5 conversion acres allowable
17 acres flood to wheels = 2.55 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 136 acres (101 wiper pivot, 35 wheels)

2019-02-060 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman for 4 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot and wheels, on S ½ 14-20-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.1.10 Flood to Pivot/Wheels – Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman – S ½ 14-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 115 acres (17 acres added in 2000 general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 136 acres flood (4 acres added motion 2019-02-060)
- Converting: 101 acres flood to wiper pivot and 14 acres flood to wheels
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (101 wiper pivot, 35 wheels)

2019-02-061 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Edwin & Shirley Kirschenman for the conversion of 101 acres flood to wiper pivot and 14 acres flood to wheels in S ½ 14-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement available to the Landowner is \$11,500 (115 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount being \$10,100 (101 acres x \$100/acre) + \$700 (14 acres x \$50/acre) = \$10,800. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.1.11 Increase in Irr Acres – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) – NE 22-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 113 acres flood
- Proposal: 141 acre pivot with corner arm; 28 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 113 acres flood to pivot = 56.5 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under pivot with corner arm
- Notes: Landowner has received Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for converting to pivot at the time of the pipeline project

2019-02-062 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) for 28 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot on NE 22-16-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,400 (28 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.12 Transfer – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) – SE 28-14-13 W4M to NW 22-16-13 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 2 acres from SE 28-14-13 W4M to NW 22-16-13 W4M to be accommodate a corner arm.

2019-02-063 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 2 acres from NW SE 28-14-13 W4M to NW 22-16-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.1.13 Increase in Irr Acres – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) – NW 22-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 126 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 128 acres pivot (2 acres transferred, motion 2019-02-063)
- Proposal: 137 acre pivot with corner arm; 9 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained from NE 22-16-13 W4M: 113 acres flood to pivot = 56.5 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 137 acres, all under pivot with corner arm
- Notes: Landowner is utilizing conversion acres gained in NE 22-16-13 W4M to complete this project

2019-02-064 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd. (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) for 9 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot on NE 22-16-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$2,700 (9 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.2 Alternate Parcel Transfer – John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City
For the 2019 season, John Miller is requesting to transfer 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to Bow City Hutterian Brethren: 19 acres to Sec. 27-17-17 W4M for an end gun, 17 acres to Sec. 29-17-17 W4M for an end gun, and 44 acres to Sec. 34-17-17 W4M to complete a pivot.

2019-02-065 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the annual transfer of 80 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City:

- 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 J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:42 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

7.01 Grazing cont'd.

7.01.1 2019 Grazing Application Rejection Review cont'd.

Further to discussions with Harley Tateson and the Newell Grazing representatives, additional Board evaluation was held. Upon review of the statements given, the concluding motion was carried.

2019-02-066 Moved by J. Culligan that due to the applicant no longer meeting residency requirements, the Board approve a phase out year in 2019 for Harley Tateson, at the same listing as in 2018 (28 cow/calf pairs). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Operations

8.01 Snowpack Report

Information was received identifying the current status of the various snowpack pillows. Levels are tracking average to below average at this point in time.

[3:44 p.m. R. Gagley, N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 Project Status

A few weeks of cold weather and several cold days of temperatures below -30 have slowed construction progress to some extent. However, it is expected to have all the pipe installed for 11-H West Bantry by the end of the first week in April. As of February 13th, both pipeline crews are working on 11-H with 50% of the pipe now installed.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
17 Bow Slope	- job complete, final cleanup remaining
H West Bantry Canal	- structure installation remains
PIPELINE	
11-H West Bantry	- construction 50% complete
STRUCTURES	
18/19 Structure Program	- construction 50% complete
IRP PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
09-A Rolling Hills	- job complete, final cleanup remaining
09-A Springhill	- job complete, final cleanup remaining

10.0 Water Storage and Expansion Modelling

Of the previously discussed possible water storage projects and projects to move acres from off-river to under reservoir support, it was suggested that closer calculations be completed and this additional information brought back to the Board in a comparative format.

Consideration is to be given to presenting some of the above information along with a modelling update at the AGM.

2019-02-067 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Lands cont'd.**7.01.2 Status of Reservoir Right-of-Way Pasture Land Agreements****9.0 Engineering cont'd.****9.02 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping****11.0 Discussion re IDA Amendments****12.0 Town of Bassano Storm Water Update**

2019-02-068 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

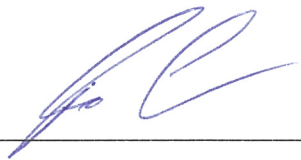
7.0 Lands cont'd.**7.01.2 Status of Reservoir Right-of-Way Pasture Land Agreements cont'd.**

Direction was given to forward letters to the 2 parties which have not yet signed formal agreements, with a deadline of March 15th to sign, if interested in continuing to graze adjacent EID lands.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 18 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.02 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 19 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 13.03 | Nominations Close – Div 2, 4 & 7 | - Wednesday, March 20 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 13.04 | Municipal / Irrigation Dist. Roundtable | - Wednesday, March 27 th , Lethbridge <i>[R. Owen attending]</i> |
| 13.05 | Elections (if necessary) – Div 2, 4 & 7 | - Tuesday, April 16 th 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 13.06 | Organizational Meeting | - Tuesday, April 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, April 23 rd |

T. Brummelhuis moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

March 18, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 18th day of March, 2019. 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 Serv.
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]		
[vacant]		[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

A request was made to allow Rod MacLean and Cody & Tanis Jensen to meet with the Board. Legal counsel has advised the District to not meet with these parties during the course of litigation without approval from the District's insurer. The request to add a meeting did not gain consensus of the Board.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 14.0 Conflict of Interest Discussion
- 15.0 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping

2019-03-069 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 February 26, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-03-070 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

3.01 AIDA Executive Meeting

B. Chrumka attended an AIDA Executive Meeting in Lethbridge on March 4th where a preliminary ranking of proposed reservoir projects was established. Following the meeting, the information was then forwarded to Directors. An AIDA Directors Meeting is now scheduled for March 28th for all District Directors and General Managers to attend to discuss the social and economic aspects as part of the reservoir rating system.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to February 28, 2019

The financial statements to February 28, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$19.8 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$11.2 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Reserve Fund is about \$8.6 million.

2019-03-071 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 28, 2019 as presented. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet Report**6.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report.

[9:27 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack is tracking in the low average range, but additional accumulation is still possible before spring melt. Reservoirs are at winter levels and if they need to be filled sooner, that will be scheduled to follow the commissioning of the Emergency Spillway.

7.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Comparative irrigation demand within the District was again discussed, along with the ability and efficiency in providing early requests. In consideration of current conditions a date of May 9th was set as the earliest day for water delivery. It was recognized that if weather conditions warrant, the date could possibly be moved earlier.

2019-03-072 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 9, 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

Construction crews are on schedule to complete the 11-H West Bantry pipeline project in early April. As of last week, there is only 2.7 km of pipeline and a half dozen road crossings left to install. When the pipelining is complete crews will move onto maintenance in their areas while the heavy equipment operators start the cleanup process. A number of questions regarding pipelining and gabion baskets were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
17 Bow Slope	- final cleanup remains
H West Bantry Canal	- structure installation remains
PIPELINE	
11-H West Bantry	- construction 80% complete
STRUCTURES	
18/19 Structure Program	- construction 80% complete
IRP PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
09-A Rolling Hills	- final cleanup remains
09-A Springhill	- final cleanup remains

[9:51 a.m. – 9:57 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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

9.01.1 Farm Improvement Policy

In follow up to last month, a revised Farm Improvement Policy was brought back to the Board for review. Additional information was added to the last page to verify in what situations a landowner is eligible to receive a return of deduction. And to clarify clause 10.0, it was also requested that "willow" be removed from "brushing willow trees".

2019-03-073 Moved by R. Johnson that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised as proposed. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, R. Johnson, J. Hale
OPPOSED – J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis

The policy is available to be read in full on the District website.

9.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**9.01.2.1 Budget Report**

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to March 18, 2019 was presented as follows.

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2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through February (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 177,028 >
March (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 65,330 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,063,157

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,327,723 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

All 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.

Cost-Shares (*turnouts, crossings, drain relays, tree removal, machine leveling, gated pipe, etc.*)

The EID will cost-share the project up to a maximum amount, as per policy.

9.01.2.2 Tree Removal – Kelly & Collette Kalo – SE 12-19-15 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees in SE 12-19-15 W4M to accommodate 2 proposed pivots. The work is estimated to cost \$5,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2019-03-074 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kelly & Collette Kalo for the removal of trees in SE 12-19-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$5,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,500. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.3 Tree Removal & Ditch Infill – James & Deborah Ketchmark – SE 35-17-17 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and fill in a ditch in SE 35-17-17 W4M to accommodate a proposed pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$16,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2019-03-075 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for James & Deborah Ketchmark for the removal of trees and filling of a ditch in SE 35-17-17 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$16,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$8,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

and **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.

9.01.2.4 Flood to Pivot – Erik Versteegen – SW 26-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres flood
- Converting: 101 acres flood to pivot and 25 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 10 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (126 pivot with corner arm, 10 outside of pivot)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-03-076 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik Versteegen for the conversion of 101 acres flood to pivot and 25 acres flood to corner arm in SW 26-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,100 (101 acres x \$100/acre) + \$17,500 (25 acres x \$700/acre) less \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$22,600. 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.

9.01.2.5 Pivot Replacement w/CA - Erik Versteegen – SE 20-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 117 acres (35 acres added in 2017 for corner arm)
- Current Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres (117 pivot, 35 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-03-077 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik Versteegen for the pivot replacement in SE 20-15-13 W4M purchased for \$207,577. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,700 (117 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.6 Panel & Nozzles – Clifford & Melanie Walde – NE 11-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 85 irrigation, 48 term (term converted to irrigation in 2003)
- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 133 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-03-078 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clifford & Melanie Walde for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NE 11-22-17 W4M purchased for \$33,329. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$8,500 (85 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.7 Panel & Nozzles – Clifford & Melanie Walde – NW 12 & Pt. NE 12-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 120 irrigation, 17 term (term converted to irrigation in 2003)
- Current Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-03-079 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clifford & Melanie Walde for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NW 12 & Pt. NE 12-22-17 W4M purchased for \$36,584. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,000 (120 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.8 Panel & Nozzles – Clifford & Melanie Walde – SW 13 & Pt. SE 13-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 102 acres (24 acres purchased as new development in 2002)
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (motion 011-01-2002)
- Current Assessment: 126 acres pivot
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 126 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-03-080 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clifford & Melanie Walde for the panel and nozzles upgrade in SW 13 & Pt. SE 13-22-17 W4M purchased for \$39,896. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$10,200 (85 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$7,700. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.9 Panel – Hubert & Patti Farms Ltd. (Hubert & Patricia Rommens) and W.E.R. Farms Ltd. (Wally Rommens) - NE 34-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres (23 acres transferred in and 9 acres purchased)
- Previous Grant: \$3,660 (motion 2009-03-066)
- Current Assessment: 154 acres corner arm pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2019-03-081 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hubert & Patti Farms Ltd. (Hubert & Patricia Rommens) and W.E.R. Farms Ltd. (Wally Rommens) for the panel upgrade in NE 34-20-14 W4M purchased for \$2,165. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,500 (145 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,660 (previous grant) = \$10,840; with the payable amount being \$2,165. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.10 Panel – Hubert & Patti Farms Ltd. (Hubert & Patricia Rommens) and W.E.R. Farms Ltd. (Wally Rommens) - NW 34-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 132 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$4,650 (motion 2009-03-064)
- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 134 acres, all under pivot

2019-03-082 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hubert & Patti Farms Ltd. (Hubert & Patricia Rommens) and W.E.R. Farms Ltd. (Wally Rommens) for the panel upgrade in NW 34-20-14 W4M purchased for \$2,165. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,650 (previous grant) = \$8,550; with the payable amount being \$2,165. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3 Increase in Irrigation Acres & Alternate Parcel Transfers, etc.

9.01.3.1 Transfer – Jacobson Stock Farms (Donald & Kathleen Jacobson) – Acres to N ½ 35-14-15

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 17 flood acres from various locations to N ½ 35-14-15 W4M to be utilized under a proposed corner arm.

2019-03-083 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the transfer of:

- 1 irrigation acre from NE 09-15-15 W4M,
- 9 irrigation acres from NW 09-15-15 W4M, and
- 7 irrigation acres from SE 03-15-15 W4M

to N ½ 35-14-15 W4M; all lands being owned by Jacobson Stock Farms (Donald & Kathleen Jacobson). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3.2 Increase in Acres – Jacobson Stock Farms (Donald & Kathleen Jacobson) – N ½ 35-14-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot + 17 acres flood (motion 2019-03-083)
- Proposal: 26 acre corner arm; 9 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 17 acres flood to corner arm = 9 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 159 acres all under pivot (133 pivot, 26 corner arm)
- Notes: soils testing required

2019-03-084 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacobson Stock Farms (Donald & Kathleen Jacobson) for 9 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot, on N ½ 35-14-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$2,700 (9 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:28 a.m. R. Johnson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.01.3.3 Increase in Acres – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) – SE 16-20-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 41 acres wheels + 28 acres flood
- Proposal: 89 acre wiper pivot; 20 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 41 acres wheels to pivot = 6 conversion acres allowable
28 acres flood to pivot = 14 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 89 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils testing required

2019-03-085 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) for 20 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from wheels and flood to pivot, on SE 16-20-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3.4 Increase in Acres – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) – NE 09-20-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 65 acres (18 wheels, 30 flood, 17 south wiper pivot)
- Proposal: 70 acre pivot (overlaps 1 acre with south wiper pivot)
- Conversion Acres Gained: 18 acres wheels to pivot = 3 conversion acres allowable
30 acres flood to pivot = 15 conversion acres allowable
- Proposed Transfer: 8 acres to SE 09-20-17 W4M (once project is complete)
- New Assessment: 75 acres, all under pivot (86 required total to complete pivot)

- Notes: soils testing required; and an alternate parcel transfer for 11 acres will be needed annually to complete the 70 acre pivot

2019-03-086 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) for 18 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from wheels and flood to pivot, on NE 09-20-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,400 (18 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3.5 Alternate Parcel Transfer – 1717866 AB Ltd. (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) – 11 Acres from SW & NE 15-19-14 W4M to Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) – NE 09-20-17 W4M

For the 2019 season, 1717866 AB Ltd. (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) is requesting to transfer 11 irrigation acres from SW & NE 15-19-14 W4M to Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) in NE 09-20-17 W4M to enable the pivot to run full circle.

2019-03-087 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 2019 alternate parcel transfer of 11 irrigation acres from 1717866 Alberta Ltd. (Reid & Marilyn Johnson) in SW & NE 15-19-14 W4M to Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) in NE 09-20-17 W4M. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3.6 Irrigable Unit Registration – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel) – NE 09 & Pt. SE 09-20-17 W4M

A wiper pivot in Pt. SE 09-20-17 W4M, with delivery in the SE, crosses into the NE parcel, requiring that an irrigable unit be placed on both parcels.

2019-03-088 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt. SE 09-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd. (Wim van der Poel). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3.7 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – 38 Acres from S ½ 04-20-17 W4M to S ½ 08-20-17 W4M

For the 2019 season, Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) is requesting to transfer 38 irrigation acres from a wheel field in S ½ 04-20-17 W4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) in S ½ 08-20-17 W4M for a proposed wiper pivot.

2019-03-089 Moved by J. Culligan that the Board approve the 2019 alternate parcel transfer of 38 irrigation acres from S ½ 04-20-17 W4M to S ½ 08-20-17 W4M; all lands being owned by Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3.8 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Burton & Wanda Johnson – 27 Acres from NE 15-19-14 W4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – S ½ 08-20-17 W4M

For the 2019 season, Burton & Wanda Johnson are requesting to transfer 27 irrigation acres from NE 15-19-14 W4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) in S ½ 08-20-17 W4M for a proposed wiper pivot.

2019-03-090 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2019 alternate parcel transfer of 27 irrigation acres from Burton & Wanda Johnson in NE 15-19-14 W4M to Snake Lake Land &

Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) in S ½ 08-20-17 W4M. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:38 a.m. R. Johnson rejoined the meeting. T. Brummelhuis declared a potential pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.01.4.9 Alternate Parcel Transfer – County of Newell – 35 Acres from Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20 & Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M

2019-03-091 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2019 alternate parcel transfer of 35 irrigation acres from the County of Newell in Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe:

- 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M, and
- 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M.

Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:38 a.m. T. Brummelhuis rejoined the meeting.]

9.01.4.10 Irrigable Unit Registration – James Buteau – Pt. SE 26 & Pt. NE 26-18-16 W4M

Due to an old CPR ROW under title to a different landowner, the landowner of the quarter that this severs has no access to the irrigation acres in the SE corner of Pt. SE 26-18-16 W4M. These acres will be moved to the NE corner of the same parcel and to the SE corner of NE 26, requiring that an irrigable unit be placed on both parcels.

2019-03-092 Moved by R. Johnson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SE 26 & Pt. NE 26-18-16 W4M, all lands being owned by James Buteau. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:45 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting, N. Fontaine, D. Buell and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

9.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

D. Buell presented the Habitat, Wildlife & Access Report.

9.02.1 2018 PHD Program Summary

The Partners in Habitat Development Program Summary was highlighted as follows:

- 2018 PHD Program:
 - 3,226 trees & shrubs were planted on 10 new sites; 2 sites received fencing materials
 - 2,940 replacements were planted on nine 2017 sites and 472 seedlings on older sites
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 19 sites
 - species selection advice is provided upon request and 2 rolls of mulch and 1 box of pins were provided to the TD Tree Days planting project at the Aqueduct Marshes Trout Pond
 - 1 contracted supervisor and 4 summer students were hired
 - a landowner of 1 site failed to water the seedlings and only 8% survived; the survival rate of new seedlings for the rest of the sites averaged 66% (5 year average is 67%)
 - surveys on a variety of game birds showed numbers generally below average
 - summer students continued with signage installation, AIS awareness education and PHD site drive-by inspections; more detailed site inspections are planned for 2019
- 2019 PHD Program:

- 6 new sites have been selected for 2019, at an estimated budget of \$137,000; Summer Temporary Employment Program grant application has been submitted
- 6,670 seedlings (bare root/soil plug) have been ordered (approx. 5,600 going to new habitat) and 1,000 for 2018 replacements; and approximately 1 km of fencing materials will be ordered
- advertisements will be placed this year to help with program planning for future years
- 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides have been hired for the full season
- Long Term Plans:
 - as time and IT staff availability permits, the brochure and displays will be updated, map-based statistics (possibly connect PHD program with Ring-Necked Pheasant numbers in this area) will be amassed; and new or renewed funding opportunities/partnerships will be explored

Direction was given to address the seedling survival rate by considering a participation fee for the landowner, with a possible rebate if plantings meet a certain survival % after a designated number of years, or to do smaller test plots before committing to larger ones. No PHD Program replanting is to be done on sites that are not adequately watered by the landowner and all sites are to be located outside of potential pivot circle design.

[11:05 a.m. D. Buell exited the meeting.]

9.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.03.1 Set Turn-Out Date

With concerns of a reduction in reserve grass in the south, a slightly later turn-out date was recommended for the regrass. Grazing associations can delay this further if the pastures are not ready, without penalty, as was done in 2018.

2019-03-093 Moved by J. Culligan that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 4th and for native pasture be May 15th, 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2 Tender Results - #7078

Private Grazing Lease #7078 was tendered out as a 3 year permit, with no minimum bid, and with standard restrictions and requirements except that there be no deductions if running cattle in a community lease and no 640 acre PGL limitation. The permit was awarded to the high bidder, Nelson Weaver, who meets all eligibility requirements.

PGL #7078 3 Years 292 acres 48 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$3,105.00	\$64.69	\$155.25	\$3,260.25
Alan Jones	\$2,500.00	\$52.08	\$125.00	\$2,625.00
Joel Kropf	\$2,000.00	\$41.67	\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Vossepoel Cattle Co. Ltd. (Dick & Veronica Vossepoel)	\$2,000.00	\$41.67	\$100.00	\$2,100.00

9.03.3 PGL #7026 Corporation Transfer

Carl Beasley is requesting to transfer PGL #7026 from C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd. (Carl Beasley) – which is no longer eligible, to 1482622 Alberta Ltd. (Carl Beasley – 99.99% voting shareholder and The Beasley Family Trust – 0.01%). As corporate shareholder disclosure is required of lessees for eligibility to be determined, the Board was requested to review at what levels of ownership under a trust (if any) is acceptable in this type of situation; the numbered company meets all other eligibility requirements. A lengthy discussion followed.

**2019-03-094 Moved by R. Johnson that Private Grazing Lease #7026 be transferred from C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd. (Carl Beasley) to 1482622 Alberta Ltd. (Carl Beasley – 99.99% & The Beasley Family Trust – 0.01%). Seconded by J. Culligan. DEFEATED
IN FAVOUR – J. Culligan, R. Johnson, J. Hale
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis**

It was requested that a legal opinion be received concerning this type of situation, and its effects on District policy.

[11:38 a.m. – 11:44 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

2019-03-095 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Town of Bassano Storm Water Update

[11:50 a.m. I. Friesen called Tom MacLachlan of MacLachlan McNab Hembroff LLP.]

[12:04 p.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

[12:52 p.m. – 1:07 p.m. Phone call with T. MacLachlan ended. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting, N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

9.0 Lands cont'd.**9.03. Grazing cont'd.****9.03.4 Status of Reservoir Right-of-Way Pasture Land Agreements**

[1:11 p.m. George Murray IV entered the meeting.]

1:11 p.m. G.W. Murray Ranches – George Murray IV (representative) – Res ROW Pasture Agmt

[1:40 p.m. G. Murray IV exited the meeting.]

[1:55 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; Ray Juska, Manager and Bill Marshall, Board Member of the Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Ltd. entered.]

1:30 p.m. Newell Regional Landfill – Ray Juska, Manager and Bill Marshall, Board

[2:30 p.m. R. Juska and B. Marshall exited the meeting.]

[2:32 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.0 AIS Inspection Staff**13.0 Irrigation Council Appeal Update**

[2:57 p.m. Dennis Roth of Ackroyd LLP called into the meeting.]

[4:02 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. Phone call with D. Roth ended; short break.]

11.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations**14.0 Conflict of Interest Discussion****15.0 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping**

2019-03-096 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Town of Bassano Storm Water Update cont'd.

Directors were updated on the status of this matter and staff given direction. A letter and site photographs will be forwarded to the Town of Bassano and copied to the County.

9.0 Lands cont'd.**9.03 Grazing cont'd.****9.03.3 PGL #7026 Corporation Transfer cont'd.**

During consultation it was requested of legal counsel to prepare a recommendation for policy clarification regarding this type of transfer agreement.

2019-03-097 Moved by R. Johnson that Private Grazing Lease #7026 be transferred from C & L Beasley Cattle Ltd. to 1482622 Alberta Ltd. (Carl Beasley – 99.99% & The Beasley Family Trust – 0.01%). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.4 Status of Reservoir Right-of-Way Pasture Land Agreements cont'd.

A request from George Murray IV to consider signing the agreement for G.W. Murray Ranches within a 48 hour window was granted by the Board.

Newell Regional Landfill Presentation cont'd.

Direction was given to I. Friesen.

10.0 AIS Inspection Staff cont'd.

An annual fee is to be considered for the sticker program to help offset the extra costs in AIS awareness education and watercraft monitoring staff.

13.0 Irrigation Council Appeal Update cont'd.

Directors were updated as to the status of this appeal.

11.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations cont'd.

It was requested that Ivan add a presentation to the AGM agenda on modelling, efficiencies and potential storage projects.

14.0 Conflict of Interest Discussion cont'd.**15.0 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping cont'd.****16.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 16.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 19 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 16.02 | Nominations Close – Div 2, 4 & 7 | - Wednesday, March 20 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 16.03 | Municipal / Irrigation Dist. Roundtable | - Wed, March 27 th , 10:00 a.m., Casa Centre, Lethbridge
[I. Friesen attending] |
| 16.04 | AIDA Directors Meeting | - Thursday, March 28 th , Lethbridge Lodge, 10:00 a.m.
[B. Chrumka, R. Owen, I. Friesen attending] |
| 16.05 | Aggie Days | - Friday, April 5 th , Calgary |
| 16.06 | CWRA AB Conference | - April 14 th – 16 th , Red Deer |
| 16.07 | Elections – Divisions 2 & 7 | - Tuesday, April 16 th 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 16.08 | Organizational Meeting | - Tuesday, April 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, April 23 rd |
| 16.10 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

J. Culligan moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:48 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

April 23, 2019 Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and a regular meeting on the 23rd day of April, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	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 congratulated the newly acclaimed and elected Directors, stepped in as chair and called for nominations for Chairman.

2019-04-098 Moved by T. Hemsing that J. Hale be nominated for Chairman.

2019-04-099 Moved by B. Chrumka that R. Owen be nominated for Chairman.

Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time. A ballot vote was conducted; R. Owen was elected Chairman.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman

R. Owen assumed the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

2019-04-100 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that B. Chrumka be nominated for Vice-Chairman.

2019-04-101 Moved by T. Hemsing that J. Hale be nominated for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Owen called for nominations a second and third time. 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 Districts Association Executive

B. Chrumka will continue as AIDA Representative; J. Hale will act as Alternate.

2019-04-102 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bob Chrumka continue as AIDA rep until his term as AIDA Vice-Chair expires in February, after which time Jason Hale be appointed; and that Jason Hale be appointed as AIDA alternate until he becomes the EID's main representative. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

T. Brummelhuis will continue as PCF Representative; D. Peltzer will act as Alternate.

2.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

J. Hale will continue as CVRS Representative.

2.05 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schmidt was appointed at JSSC Representative; T. Hemsing will act as Alternate.

2.06 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee

J. Hale will continue as MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee Representative.

2.07 Scholarship Selection Committee

The Scholarship Program will be reviewed at the May Board of Directors Meeting.

2.08 Watershed & Storage Committee

J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis and I. Friesen will continue on the Watershed & Storage Committee; B. Schmidt and T. Hemsing were also appointed.

2.09 EIDNet Committee

An EIDNet Committee was proposed by Mr. Friesen and discussed by the Board. A committee may be formed later as needed.

2019-04-103 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MEETING**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society AGM
- 10.03.2.1 Kitsim Pivots
- 12.01 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping and Request to Meet with the Board

2019-04-104 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 18, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

J. Hale asked that his request last month to allow Rod MacLean and Cody & Tanis Jensen into the boardroom be included in the minutes. B. Chrumka asked that the reason this request was denied also be included. The minutes were amended by inserting the following paragraph immediately after 1.0 Approval of Agenda.

A request was made to allow Rod MacLean and Cody & Tanis Jensen to meet with the Board. Legal counsel has advised the District to not meet with these parties during the course of litigation without approval from the District's insurer. The request to add a meeting did not gain consensus of the Board.

2019-04-105 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the March 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

3.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

J. Hale attended the Crawling Valley Recreation Society AGM this month, advising of the following:

- there were 39 more applications than available spots for the seasonal site draw this year;
- the Society would like to earmark a percentage of annual return funds to the District for AIS prevention measures at reservoirs;
- a replacement campground sign is needed on the paved road; and
- as the campground has been running near capacity, the Society passed a motion to request the EID look at possibilities of expanding the campground.

Through discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have Admin forward a letter to CVRS informing them of the District's hiring and plans for AIS monitoring and education this year. The replacement sign on the main road to the campground will be installed shortly, and Engineering will investigate preliminary costs if a campground expansion were to be considered. By comparison, 184 applications have been received this year for the draw of 70 seasonal sites in the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

[10:03 a.m. – 10:07 a.m. Short break.]

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to March 31, 2019

The financial statements to March 31, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$23.4 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$13.1 million and are under YTD budget.

- YTD potential transfer to the IWF is about \$10.3 million.

2019-04-106 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2019

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2019 was \$12,090,347 or 11.06% less than the book value at September 30, 2018.

Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$16,050,000	\$ 4,510,000
IRP – Short Term	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 950,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	\$ 1,003,000	\$ 0
EID – Long Term	\$ 0	\$ 6,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development	\$ 0	\$ 0

2019-04-107 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2019

A variety of accounts were detailed and questions answered by Admin.

2019-04-108 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet Report

6.01 Monthly Report

There is still a moratorium on new installs and upgrades in Rosemary.

Current EIDNet Customer Accounts	
Legacy Residential Accounts	82
Residential Accounts	1,656
Business Accounts	22
EID Automation	4
Total	1,764

Possible options were discussed in a Q&A of backhaul demands, proposed improvements, operating costs and revenues. It was suggested that Admin and Staff investigate and meet with potential local internet partners.

[10:39 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Mountain snowpack is tracking below average; the lower snowpack appears to have melted already, although possible new accumulation is forecasted for the near future.

7.02 Operations / Reservoir Status / Delivery Date

Last month the water delivery date was set for May 9th, bearing in mind that if conditions merit, an earlier date would be considered. There has since been no precipitation of significance, soil conditions are dry and requests for water are increasing. Mr. Friesen advised that while there remains a considerable amount of maintenance and cleanup, as well as potential leaks to be repaired, the majority of the system can be ready a week earlier if charged in a slow and cautious manner due to the remaining frost. In addition to moving the delivery date up to May 3rd, the Board confirmed that if there is the availability of water in some systems prior to May 3rd, water users may access upon 48 hours notice to, and at the discretion of, Water Operators.

2019-04-109 Moved by T. Hemsing that the earliest date for Water Delivery to farmers be moved up from May 9th to May 3rd, 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 2018/2019 Construction Season Project Status and Costs to Date

Thanks to the efforts of the EID construction teams and their hard work this winter, all of the projects are complete and ready for the water season. There is still the typical amount of cleanup on these projects, which is currently underway. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS				
	Estimate	Actual	% Complete	Comments
EARTHWORKS				
17 Bow Slope	\$237,000	\$193,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
PIPELINE				
11-H West Bantry	\$11,900,000	\$10,500,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
STRUCTURES				
18/19 Structure Program	\$900,000	\$849,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
IRP PROJECTS				
EARTHWORKS				
09-A Rolling Hills	\$2,201,000	\$1,843,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
09-A Springhill	\$1,024,000	\$856,000	100%	- final cleanup remains

[11:08 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

9.0 AIS Update

Mr. Friesen advised that 2 seasonal staff have been hired to conduct the mandatory Watercraft Monitoring Program. Experience brought to the District includes watercraft inspections at Dunmore border crossing, encountering mussel fouled watercraft, working with mussel detecting dogs and the

decontamination unit, as well as supervisory roles and dealing with conflicts. Once the program is in full swing, the team will be spending the majority of their time at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, then also at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground marinas to support the campground staff. If time permits, roaming of the District's other boat launches to ensure compliance of the program will be included.

10.0 Lands

10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.01.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary – October 1, 2018 to April 15, 2019

Mr. Fontaine responded to questions and presented the Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary as follows:

Oil & Gas Activity Report	
New Activity – October 1, 2018 to April 15, 2019	
New Locations	24
Twinned Wells	20
Total	44
Pipelines	91.17 acres or 15 miles
Abandoned & Reclaimed – October 1, 2018 to April 15, 2019	
Abandonment Notifications	23 (17 Torxen, 6 Cardinal)
Abandoned Twinned Wells	6 (5 Torxen, 1 Cardinal)
Reclamation Certificates	22 (8 CNRL, 2 Cor4, 9 Torxen, 2 Cardinal, 1 TAQA)
Canceled Locations	-

10.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – County of Newell – Hwy #876 Widening & Paving

The County of Newell has requested to purchase small strips of land along Sec. Hwy #876 in Townships 18 and 19, Ranges 12 and 13, to accommodate the road widening and paving project.

2019-04-110 Moved by J. Hale that the identified portions of land required for the upgrading and paving of Sec. Hwy #876, totalling approximately 49.43 acres, be sold to the County of Newell at \$2,000/acre plus all required survey, legal, subdivision and consolidation fees. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

10.02.1 PHD Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Report of the Partners in Habitat Development program was accepted as information. A few questions were answered by Mr. Fontaine on behalf of D. Buell.

10.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.03.1 JBS Proposed Wastewater Application

A letter was received from JBS Food Canada ULC for permission to apply treated wastewater to Sec. 05 & 08-20-15 W4M, and N ½ 32 & NW 33-19-15 W4M, lands immediately west of the JBS irrigation project. This one-time application for this spring and summer is being requested due to a change in the electrical conductivity (EC) of the soil that exceeds regulatory limits from the established baseline. Even lands not irrigated with wastewater last year exceeded baseline limits for EC. JBS believes that there is a technicality between the soils tests results and the established baselines that can hopefully be resolved with Environment & Parks. In the meantime, the urgency to dispose of the wastewater has resulted in the request to apply the wastewater to pasture lands, subject to the approval of the District and of Environment & Parks. The letter expressed further efforts of JBS to deal with their wastewater through \$10 million invested in infrastructure enhancements, including a new 80 million gallon storage lagoon; and an additional \$10 million for future improvements including an anaerobic lagoon in 2020. Previous situations, this request, application method, regulatory requirements and potential effects to the Duchess Grazing Association were discussed at length. It was the consensus of the Board that the project be complete by July 15th and that access to these lands be acceptable to Duchess GA to enable Association cattle to graze these lands in the summer/fall of 2019. It was also supported that a fee per acre be applied to this request.

2019-04-111 Moved by B. Chrumka that JBS Food Canada ULC be permitted to apply wastewater on EID lands in N ½ 32 & NE 33-19-15 W4M and Sec. 05 & 08-20-15 W4M this spring/summer, subject to:

- **authorization being limited to a one-time application project;**
- **a fee of \$35/wetted acre be applied;**
- **all costs incurred by the impact to the lands or by Duchess Grazing Association to accommodate the application, being covered by JBS Food Canada ULC; and**
- **the attempts by JBS to resolve regulatory issues on the leased lands be continued.**

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:01 p.m. – 12:24 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.03.2 Report on GAC Meeting

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held April 10th to review the 2019 cattle listings, pasture conditions, Kitsim Pivots management plan, highway crossing permits for trailing cattle and other grazing related management topics. Two recommendations to the Board of Directors were made.

Mr. Volek advised that both boards were in agreement last fall to set the maximum number per member, subject to a review of listings and pasture conditions in the spring. An assessment of current dry conditions, listings exceeding the approved 17,500 head and requests for more than available swingfield pasture resulted in a recommendation made at the meeting to lower the maximum number per member.

GAC19-05 J. Neely moved to recommend to the EID Board of Directors to set the maximum cattle listing for 2019 to 80 head. Seconded by B. Niznik. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Due to a misunderstanding in the wording of 3.1(d) of the Grazing Policy, it was recommended to replace "A new member" with "An applicant" to add further clarity.

GAC19-05 *D. Vossepoel moved to recommend to the EID Board of Directors to change the wording in section 3.1(d) of the Policy Governing Eligibility & Operation of Pastures on EID Lands to read that all applicants must be a resident, not just new applicants. Seconded by B. Hall. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

The Board was in agreement with both recommendations.

2019-04-112 Moved by B. Chrumka that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2019 grazing season be decreased to 80 for full members, 53 for 2nd year members, and 27 for 1st year members. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-04-113 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands be amended by replacing the last sentence of section 3.1(d):

- **“A new member must be a resident of the District by December 1st of the year in which the application is submitted.”**

with

- **“An applicant must be a resident of the District by December 1st of the year in which the application is submitted.”**

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.1 Kitsim Pivots

T. Brummelhuis enquired as to why the management plans for the Kitsim pivots had changed since the fall GAC Meeting. R. Volek advised that at the fall 2018 GAC Meeting, a management plan was proposed for the Kitsim pivots to tender the hay from the first cut, and after regrowth allow Newell GA a couple weeks of grazing in the fall. The increase in requests for access to swingfields in 2019 and the impact to Duchess GA from the recent change to the Rock Lake pastures, resulted in a GAC review and majority approval to modify the management plan. Rather than taking a first cut, cattle from Duchess GA will be assigned swingfield pasture on the Kitsim pivots, however it is anticipated that there may be some supplemental pasture within the pivot fields that could be used by the Newell GA in the fall.

10.03.2.2 GAC Draft Minutes

The GAC draft minutes were received as information.

10.03.3 Request to Transfer PGL #7022 & #7023 – Lazy A Farms Ltd. (David & Cheryl Andrews) to Coal Creek Ranching Ltd. (Ryan & Shannon Andrews)

Lazy A Farms Ltd. (David & Cheryl Andrews) are requesting to transfer PGL #7022 & #7023 to Coal Creek Ranching Ltd. (Ryan & Shannon Andrews). These leases are transferrable to family members only and are in the last 5 years of their 15 year terms. The transferee meets all eligibility requirements.

2019-04-114 Moved by B. Chrumka that PGLs #7022 & #7023 be transferred from Lazy A Farms Ltd. (David & Cheryl Andrews) to Coal Creek Ranching Ltd. (Ryan & Shannon Andrews). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.4 PGL Turned Back to EID - #7169 (Harry Philipson)

PGL #7169, which was due to expire at the end of 2019, has been turned back to the District. This lease is located in Pt. Sec. 17 & Pt. E ½ 20-18-14 W4M. History, capacity, proximity to the City and various options were reviewed by the Board, with the following direction given.

- 2019-04-115 Moved by D. Peltzer that Private Grazing Lease #7169 be tendered out as a:**
- **5 year lease, expiring October 15, 2023;**
 - **with the AUMs being reduced to 125 to reflect the conditions of the lease;**
 - **with no minimum bid; but**
 - **with standard restrictions and requirements.**
- Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:54 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.04.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

10.04.1.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to April 23, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through March (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 243,858 >
April (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 57,412 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,004,245

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,255,311 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

All 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.

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*arm, 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.

10.04.1.2 Panel – Folkerts Farms Ltd. (Arthur & Mary Folkerts) – NE 31-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 129 acres
- Previous Grant: \$7,740 (motion 2010-10-184)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot (6 acres purchased for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, all under pivot

2019-04-116 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Folkerts Farms Ltd. (Arthur & Mary Folkerts) for the panel upgrade in NE 31-17-13 W4M purchased for \$3,768. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,900 (129 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,740 (previous grant); with the payable amount being \$3,768. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.1.3 Nozzles – Quintus Dairy Ltd. (Philip Van Steekelenburg) – S ½ 09-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 146 acres (135 pivot, 11 outside)
- Installing: nozzles upgrade; keeping 11 acres outside of pivot
- Assessment remains the same 146 acres (135 pivot, 11 outside)

2019-04-117 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Quintus Dairy Ltd. (Philip Van Steekelenburg) for the nozzles upgrade in S ½ 09-20-13 W4M purchased for \$7,513. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$7,513 less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$2,013. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.1.4 Pump & Panel - The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec. 19-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 352 acres
- Current Assessment: 357 acres (5 acres purchased for general assessment)
- Installing: pump & panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same 357 acres, all under pivot

2019-04-118 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View for the pump and panel upgrade in Sec. 19-23-16 W4M purchased for \$23,531. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$35,200 (352 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$23,531. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)

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

10.04.1.5 Flood to Pivot w/CA – Allen & Charlene Weaver – SW 05-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 144 acres flood
- Converting: 123 acres flood to pivot and 16 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 5 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 144 acres (139 pivot with corner arm, 5 outside of pivot)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-04-119 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Allen & Charlene Weaver for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot and 16 acres flood to corner arm in SW 05-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$21,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.1.6 Flood to Pivot – Scott & Heather Osadczuk – E ½ 29-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 51 acres flood
- Converting: 51 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 51 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

B. Schmidt advised that Scott & Heather Osadczuk also had the trees removed on this parcel and were requesting a Farm Improvement grant for that project as well; adding that the landowners were not aware of policy requirements. Mr. Friesen reviewed policy requiring prior Board approval for the project and for the work to be carried out or supervised by District staff. Reasoning for policy development and a similar example were discussed, along with staff practices.

2019-04-120 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board deny the request for a grant on the completed tree removal project, but approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Heather Osadczuk for the conversion of 51 acres flood to wiper pivot in E ½ 29-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,100 (51 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cost-Shares (*turnouts, crossings, drain relays, tree removal, machine levelling, gated pipe, etc.*)

The EID will cost-share the project up to a maximum amount, as per policy.

10.04.1.7 Tree Removal – George & Szandra Muschiol – SW 27-16-13 W4M

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share for the removal of trees in SW 27-16-13 W4M to accommodate a new wiper pivot. The project is estimated to cost \$4,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

2019-04-121 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for George & Szandra Muschiol for the removal of trees in SW 27-16-13 W4M to accommodate a new pivot, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$4,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2 Increase in Irrigation Acres**10.04.2.1 Increase in Acres – Donovan Stenger – SW 28-15-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 51 acres flood
- Proposal: 61 acre wiper pivot; 10 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 51 acres flood to pivot = 25.5 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 61 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: Landowner will be eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant once project is complete

2019-04-122 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Donovan Stenger for 10 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot on SW 28-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (10 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.3 Assessment Report to March 31, 2019

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 was presented, summarized as follows. A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Connauton and Admin.

EID Water Roll					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2019	300,104	4,336	0	-	304,440
March 31, 2019	300,911	3,951	39	[reviewing]	304,901
Net increase	807	< 385 >	39	-	461
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 2 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					450
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					359
Terminable Acres Canceled					26

[1:19 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

11.0 Request for Funding – Rural Roots Ag Day in Rolling Hills

A request for funding was received from Craig Lester of Rural Roots Canada. One of the Ag Days that RRC is organizing this year in Alberta and Saskatchewan will be held in Rolling Hills on June 13th. Ag related demos, workshops and tours will be offered to participants and farm safety presentations will be available to K-9 students from Tilley, Rolling Hills and Alcoma schools. Mr. Friesen advised that the District supported this event at its inception last year and asked for feedback from Directors.

2019-04-123 Moved by T. Hemsing that for the Rural Roots Canada – Rolling Hills Ag Day on Thursday, June 13th, the District contribute:

- **wi-fi support,**
- **water safety educational component for students (if desired), and**
- **\$2,000 funding.**

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Annual General Meeting

I. Friesen listed a number of items arising from the 2019 Annual General Meeting, advising that the draft minutes will be presented to Directors for review next month. It was requested that these matters be discussed with the review of the draft minutes and that the minutes revert to the previous practice of identifying the person making a statement or asking a question. Explanation was given as to the change in process in 2016 for both Directors Meeting minutes and the AGM minutes.

2019-04-124 Moved by J. Hale that the minutes of the AGM identify those asking questions or making statements from the floor, and that this style be adopted and modified as necessary for EID Board Meetings. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping and Request to Meet with the Board

T. Hemsing asked that Scott Tateson's reservoir pumping matter be discussed.

[1:28 p.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

2019-04-125 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing

OPPOSED – J. Hale

[1:32 p.m. – 1:37 p.m. Short break.]

13.0 Town of Bassano Storm Water Update**14.0 Irrigation Council Appeal Update****2019-04-126 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****12.0 Annual General Meeting cont'd.****12.01 Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping and Request to Meet with the Board cont'd.**

This matter was reviewed for Directors. Admin is to invite Scott Tateson to present and hear feedback regarding his reservoir pumping matter, at the May 30th Board Meeting. Documentation, pictures, and options are to be included in the review of the matter.

13.0 Town of Bassano Storm Water Update cont'd.

Directors were updated as to the status of this matter. Mr. Friesen will discuss with legal counsel and insurer whether the Board can meet with the Town of Bassano.

14.0 Irrigation Council Appeal Update cont'd.

Mr. Friesen advised that the court hearings for the Irrigation Council Appeal were held April 17th and 18th. Judgement has been reserved and a decision may not be received for 2-5 months.

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - <u>Thursday, May 30th</u> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.02 | 2019 AIDA Inter-District Tour – WID | - Tuesday, June 4 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

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

B. Schmidt moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:05 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

May 30, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30th day of May, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

R. Owen asked that, where possible, Directors make requests for Board Meeting agenda items (through the Chairman or General Manager) well in advance of the meeting so that background information, etc. may be prepared by staff. D. Peltzer requested that Press in the Boardroom be added to the agenda. T. Hemsing requested that the George Murray IV request to purchase Land in Pt. SE 30-14-12 W4M be brought to the next meeting.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2.0 Press in the Boardroom
- 13.03.1 Sale of District Owned Lands policy

2019-05-127 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Press in the Boardroom

2019-05-128 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-05-129 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Through a general discussion with the Brooks Bulletin reporter, it was offered by Ms. Stanway for a correction to be made to the Water Delivery Date article from the April 30th issue of the Brooks Bulletin.

3.0 Approval of Minutes**3.01 April 23, 2019 Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-05-130 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Organizational and Regular Board Meetings be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:48 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

4.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway

E. Wilson was in attendance to update and review the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway construction project. In response to the major flood in 2013, the Provincial Government approved a 75/25 cost-share for the project, up to \$30 M government share. After the geotechnical investigation showing the extremely high water table and unstable soils under the dam, the detailed design and review by an independent engineering firm on behalf of AEP Dam Safety, the cost estimate was \$46.5 M. The cost to date is \$45 M with some costs remaining; the expected final cost is estimated to be under \$45.5 M.

Project costs consisted of:

- \$ 1.3 M – land acquisition
- \$ 6.0 M – initial site prep, sheet steel piling, cofferdam, dewatering
- \$ 4.0 M – supply of gates and hoists
- \$29.0 M – main structure contract and excavation
- \$ 4.5 M – engineering
- \$ 0.5 M – miscellaneous items, legal fees, EID staff and equipment, upgrading electrical service to the entire site

\$30 M has been funded through Alberta Environment & Parks, \$950,000 is interest gained on invested project money, and \$14.5 M has been funded by the EID. Although there will be standard ongoing monitoring, the project is now fully commissioned and complete. The project has been nominated for an American Concrete Institute (ACI) award in Calgary on May 31st, and will be part of a case study and tour for the Canadian Dam Association (CDA) Conference in Calgary from October 6th – 10th.

[10:00 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

B. Chrumka advised that a meeting was held with the Hon. Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and his Chief of Staff at the legislature building in Edmonton on May 16th. Richard Phillips – AIDA Chair, Bob Chrumka – AIDA Vice Chair, David McAllister – Executive Comm. Member, Don Johnson – Executive Comm. Member, and Margo Redelback, AIDA Executive Director spoke on behalf of the irrigation districts. Matters relating to irrigated agriculture were discussed, such as IRP funding and both on-river and off-river water storage opportunities. A productive discussion was held, with positive results.

6.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

7.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2019

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

- YTD revenues total about \$27.1 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$15.9 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.2 million.
- A number of questions were responded to by Administration.

2019-05-131 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 Appointment of the Auditor

In order to secure a firm to conduct the audit of the District's 2019 financial statements, an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented for consideration.

2019-05-132 Moved by B. Chrumka that the engagement letter, dated May 6, 2019 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2019 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:19 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

10:15 a.m. / 11:00 a.m. Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping

2019-05-133 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:58 a.m. – 11:02 a.m. Short break; Scott Tateson entered the meeting.]

[11:36 a.m. Scott Tateson exited the meeting.]

2019-05-134 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Tateson was informed that he will be contacted after further Board discussion is held.

[11:54 a.m. – 1:09 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

8.0 EIDNet Report

All EID automation sites are back up and running for the irrigation season. Power outages from the April 28th blizzard affected the EID main office and the Brooks tower. Staff were unable to get a generator in place due to road conditions which in turn led to internet outages that lasted for approximately 5 hours. All services returned to normal when the power was restored. The backhauls

for Brooks to One Tree and Brooks to Cassils have been upgraded to 800Mb links. Initially the project was budgeted for an 11GHz frequency, but the 18GHz was available and was used. This frequency only requires one radio per side and because of this, licensing and hardware costs were significantly reduced. The project was originally budgeted for \$168,000 but was completed for \$90,000.

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids

Mr. Friesen advised that the following bids were received for the 2015 CAT 329F and 2015 Deere 350 GLC excavators.

Bids on Purchase of Used Excavators		
Company	2015 CAT 329F – Unit 531	2015 Deere 350 GLC – Unit 532
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	\$132,000 + GST	\$115,500 + GST
Headwater Equipment	\$102,900 + GST	\$102,900 + GST
Michener Allen Auctioneering	\$ 84,200 + GST	\$ 96,200 + GST
Century Auctions	\$ 65,250 + GST	\$ 67,500 + GST

2019-05-135 Moved by T. Hemsing that the District sell both:

- the 2015 CAT 329F Excavator for \$132,000 + GST, and
- the 2015 Deere 350 GLC Excavator for \$115,500 + GST, to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Admin was requested to follow up on the sale of excavators to obtain the auction sale price.

10.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the Operations Report.

10.01 Snowpack Report

Mountain snowpack for the Bow basin is mostly within the average range at this point. Last week's report showed Skoki dropping off but Sunshine, Three Isle Lake, Mount Odium, Little Elbow and Lost Creek holding. Spring snow melt is estimated to last another 2-3 weeks.

10.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The system is up and running with sporadic leaks being fixed on systems as they arise. Filling of reservoirs is on schedule, with most already filled to operating levels. Over the next month the priority will be to maintain the reservoirs at FSL; and to prepare for the higher demands of late June and early July and a typically weakening river at that time. Ghost Reservoir is being held 2 m higher than some past years due to the earlier, weak snowpack conditions and low soil moisture conditions.

Water Use to Date – as of May 21, 2019			
	May 2019	May 2018	Average (since '01)
Total Parcels Irrigating	7 – 430 parcels	8 – 468 parcels	-
Diversion	550 – 1,700 cfs	150 – 1,930 cfs	700 – 1,350 cfs
Total Firm Live Storage	277,200 ac ft	264,900 ac ft	-

[1:24 p.m. N. Fontaine, R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

11.0 AIS Update

N. Fontaine advised that, continuing from 2018, the District is asking that all trailered watercraft be launched from an approved boat launch to ensure compliance with the AIS Prevention Program. At the onset of fishing season, May 8th, Lake Newell has experienced by far the most use. Recently, concerns have arisen with AIS inspections at the provincial level. In discussions with Cindy Sawchuk, Strategic Advisor – Fish Culture, Environment & Parks, it was advised that the province has closed all western border inspection stations. The eastern boundary stations, including Dunmore, as well as the international border are not fully staffed, therefore they do not provide 24-hour inspections. The District was reminded that it is only mandatory for watercraft to stop at an inspection station when it is open. The EID is maintaining that if watercraft has left the province, or originates outside the province, it will require an out of province inspection. Boat launch gates have been installed at Crawling Valley Campground and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground. Gates for Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and Lake Newell Resort Marina are being built and will be installed shortly. The gates will allow the boat launch to be closed in the event that a suspect watercraft is wanting to launch prior to enforcement personnel being on site. They should also draw attention to the seriousness of the matter for both recreational users and the province. Local AIS prevention training was held May 27th at the EID office for all campground staff, summer students, Lake Newell Marina personnel and local enforcement agencies. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine. It was requested that staff examine unmonitored boat launches and measures for removal and that Admin contact other districts to discuss lobbying efforts to ensure adequate government funding for robust border crossing inspections.

[1:55 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

12.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

12.01 5 Year Capital Program

A 5 Year Capital Rehabilitation Plan for the years 2019/2020 to 2023/2024 was developed for AIDA and shared with the Board as information. It has been revised and extended from the District's 3 Year Plan approved in 2018. Projects are brought to the Board for individual review and approval according to the scheduled timeline. A short discussion was held on rehabbing drains. Video of North Bantry Spill 2 and One Tree Canal will be brought to next month's meeting.

12.02 Project for Approval – E North Bantry

J. Kabut presented the E North Bantry synopsis, slated for the 2019/20 construction year. This rehab project is located approximately 2 km northeast of Brooks and supplies 2,799 acres, which are 99% sprinkler. The proposal is to install a closed gravity pipeline beginning at the North Bantry Canal and going north for 10 km, enabling all the acres to be switched from off-river support to under reservoir. The rehab also allows the District to remove an existing lift station, which eliminates ongoing operational and maintenance costs, and to supplement One Tree Reservoir. The project is estimated to cost \$7,116,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to by staff and admin.

- 2019-05-136 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the E North Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 10 km of closed gravity pipeline for an estimated \$7,116,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C & 01-C Springhill rehab projects will be brought to next month's meeting.

12.03 Drain Relocation – 1717866 AB Inc. (Reid Johnson) – SE 16-20-17 W4M

The Landowner is requesting a drain relocation to accommodate a new pivot in SE 16-20-17 W4M. The current drain severs a portion of the pivot and it is being proposed to relocate the drain to the north boundary of the quarter. The project is estimated to cost \$32,000, of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000.

- 2019-05-137 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for 1717866 AB Inc. (Reid Johnson) in SE 16-20-17 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$32,000; of which the EID would pay \$24,000 and the Landowner would pay \$8,000 + GST. Seconded by T. Brummelhuus. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.04 Drain Relocation – Darren & Melinda Skanderup – SW 03-17-13 W4M

R. Summach advised that Darren & Melinda Skanderup requested a drain relocation to accommodate a wiper pivot in S ½ 03-17-13 W4M. Because the parcel is an irregular shape, they have purchased land from the adjacent landowner to facilitate the relocation of the drain at the north end of the pivot in SW 03. The project is estimated to cost \$13,350, of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000.

- 2019-05-138 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Darren & Melinda Skanderup in SW 03-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$13,350; of which the EID would pay \$10,012.50 and the Landowner would pay \$3,337.50 + GST. Seconded by T. Brummelhuus. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[2:18 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

13.0 Lands

13.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the Grazing Report.

13.01.1 JBS Wastewater Update

At the last meeting, and at their request, it was approved for JBS Food Canada ULC to apply treated industrial wastewater to pasture lands in N ½ 32 & NE 33-19-15 W4M and Sec. 05 & 08-20-15 W4M this summer on a one-time only basis, subject to a number of requirements. This request was due to the land which was leased from the EID was denied wastewater application because certain soil levels exceeded provincial regulatory parameters. Resampled soil tests on the lease lands have been submitted to Alberta Environment and JBS is awaiting approval. AB Environment & Parks also requested that the pasture lands approved by the EID to apply wastewater were to have soil tests completed before application. Sampling will be completed shortly and submitted to AB E&P. It is

hopeful that some of the denied leased lands will obtain clearance, however emergency application on the pasture lands may still be essential to their operations.

13.01.2 Patricia Grazing Association – Waterline Project Update

A waterline project for the Patricia Grazing Lease is being proposed near the west boundary of the lease, straight east of Tilley B Reservoir. The project involves the construction of a new pumphouse and installation of 13 km of new waterlines that will supply water to 5 water tanks and 5 dugouts. One of the new water tanks is located in the Tilley Grazing Lease. The project, which is estimated at \$325,000 was given preliminary consent at budget approval last fall. Project details were discussed and a number of questions answered.

2019-05-139 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Patricia Grazing Waterline project by constructing a new pump house and installing 13 km of waterline at an estimated cost of \$325,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.3 PGL #7169 – Tender Results

Private Grazing Lease #7169 was tendered out as a 5 year lease, with no minimum bid, and standard restrictions and requirements. The lease was awarded to the only bidder, Chad Galbraith; he meets all eligibility requirements.

PGL #7169 5 Years 753 acres 120 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Chad Galbraith	\$5,000.00	\$41.67	\$250.00	\$5,250.00

[2:56 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

13.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

13.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

13.02.1.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to May 30, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through April (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 299,270 >
May (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 64,604 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,941,641

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,193,429 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

All 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.

13.02.1.2 Flood to Pivot - Janice Van Hall – N ½ of SE 36-15-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 75 acres flood
- Converting: 64 acres flood to pivot; keeping 11 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 75 acres (64 pivot, 11 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-05-140 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Janice Van Hall for the conversion of 64 acres flood to pivot in N ½ of SE 36-15-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,400 (64 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$900. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-05-141 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on N ½ SE 36-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by Janice Van Hall, and S ½ SE 36-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by Van Hall Cattle Company Ltd. (Janice & Henry Van Hall). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*arm, 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.

13.02.1.3 Pivot Replacement Parts – C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Warren Johnson and Blaine Johnson) and Blaine & Holly Johnson – Pt. Sec. 14-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 140 acres pivot
- Installing: pivot replacement parts
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres, all under pivot

2019-05-142 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Warren Johnson and Blaine Johnson) and Blaine & Holly Johnson for the pivot replacement parts upgrade in Pt. Sec. 14-15-15 W4M purchased for \$12,508. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,000 (140 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,508. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.1.4 Pivot Replacement w/CA – Douglas & Evelyn Jensen – S ½ 13-20-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 167 acres (125 pivot, 42 flood)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 167 acres, (127 pivot, 29 corner arm, 11 outside)

- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-05-143 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Douglas & Evelyn Jensen for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in S ½ 13-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) + \$20,300 (29 acres x \$700/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$27,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.1.5 Panels – Doug & Susan Ramsay – Pt. Sec. 17-20-17 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$5,104 (south pivot) (motion 2018-03-169)
- Current Assessment: 230 acres (224 under 2 pivots, 6 outside pivot areas)
- Installing: panel upgrades
- Assessment remains the same at 230 acres, (224 pivots, 6 outside)
- South pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-05-144 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Doug & Susan Ramsay for the 2 panel upgrades in Pt. Sec. 17-20-17 W4M purchased for \$12,600 each. The Farm Improvement Grant:

- **for the North pivot is: \$15,400 (154 acres x \$100/acre) available; with the payable amount being \$12,600 less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,600; and**
- **for the South pivot is: \$7,000 (70 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,104 (previous grant) = \$1,896.**

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

13.02.1.6 Increase in Acres – Linda Henderson – Pt. N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 134 acres flood
- Proposal: 138 acre wiper pivot; 4 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 134 acres flood to pivot = 67 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 138 acres all under wiper pivot

2019-05-145 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Linda Henderson for 4 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot, on Pt. N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.1.7 Flood to Pivot – Linda Henderson – Pt. N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (4 acres added, motion 2019-05-145)
- Converting: 134 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-05-146 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Linda Henderson for the conversion of 134 acres flood to pivot in Pt. N ½ 06 & S ½ 07-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.2 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Charlotte Hirsch and Dorothy Lethbridge – NW 08 & Pt. SW 08-14-13 W4M

Historically both the NW and Pt. SW 08-14-13 W4M shared a delivery off of the Rolling Hills Canal, on the south border of Pt. SW 08. A pipeline project has given each parcel their own delivery, therefore the irrigable unit is no longer required and may be discharged.

2019-05-147 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on NW 08-14-13 W4M, lands being owned by Dorothy Lethbridge, and Pt. SW 08-14-13 W4M, lands being owned by Charlotte Hirsch. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.3 General Assessment Update

An update for the General Assessment review was detailed as follows:

- 3,481 parcels were reviewed; 2327 required no change; 1,154 required changes
- 1,005 parcels have completed the process; 149 are in the process (under review, or waiting on paperwork, Farm Improvement grants, irrigation development, or soils testing)
- 2,139 acres were added to the assessment roll, 1,412 are yet to be added
- 543 acres were transferred to date, of the 1046 potential total

[3:18 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

13.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

13.03.1 Sale of District Owned Lands policy

The Sale of District Owned Lands policy was revised June 26, 2018 with additional detail and to include dry and irrigated land values of \$2,000/acre and \$7,000/acre respectively. As these values and the policy are reviewed annually, a short discussion was held. There were no amendments to the policy.

13.03.2 Request to Purchase Land – Dan Sewall – Pt. SE 35-20-13 W4M

Dan Sewall has requested to purchase a portion of the One Tree Drain ROW located in SE 35-20-13 W4M. Engineering has confirmed that approximately 2.8 acres of land could be sold to Mr. Sewall as it is no longer needed for the existing drain. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2019-05-148 Moved by J. Hale that approximately 2.8 acres of land in Pt. SE 35-20-13 W4M be sold to Dan Sewall:

- **2.8 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$5,600 + GST**

subject to the land being consolidated into the parcel and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-05-149 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.3 Request to Purchase Land – Newell Regional Landfill

13.03.4 Request to Purchase Land – Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

13.03.5 Request to Sell Land to the EID – Torxen Energy Ltd. – Proposal 1**13.03.6 Request to Sell Land to the EID – Torxen Energy Ltd. – Proposal 2**

[4:16 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

14.0 Annual General Meeting**14.01 Review of March 19, 2019 AGM Draft Minutes****14.02 Discussion Items from the Meeting****15.0 Scholarship Program**

2019-05-150 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Lands cont'd.**13.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd.****13.03.3 Request to Purchase Land – Newell Regional Landfill**

Admin was advised as to the firm counter offer to be presented to NRSWMA.

13.03.4 Request to Purchase Land – Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

Admin was advised as to the District's stance regarding these lands to be presented to Env & Parks.

13.03.5 Request to Sell Land to the EID – Torxen Energy Ltd. – Proposal 1**13.03.6 Request to Sell Land to the EID – Torxen Energy Ltd. – Proposal 2**

2019-05-151 Moved by B. Chrumka that the lands offered for sale by Torxen Energy Ltd., Proposal 1, Proposal 2 and any other associated land, be purchased at the disclosed offer. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Annual General Meeting**14.01 Review of March 19, 2019 AGM Draft Minutes**

This item was deferred to June's meeting.

14.02 Discussion Items from the Meeting

This item was deferred to June's meeting.

15.0 Scholarship Program cont'd.

The Scholarship Program is to be offered again for 2019, to be reviewed in 2020.

16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | 2019 AIDA Inter-District Tour | - Tuesday, June 4 th , Western Irrigation District, 9:00 a.m.
[attending: B. Chrumka, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis,
T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, R. Gagley] |
| 16.02 | Prairie Conservation Forum 30 Year
Celebration Meeting & Tour | - June 13 th & 14 th , Twin Butte Community Centre
[attending: T. Brummelhuis & D. Peltzer] |
| 16.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:31 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

June 25, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of June, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

[10:35 a.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.02 Magnacide H™ Herbicide
- 8.06 E North Bantry Pipeline Project
- 10.01.2 Alternate Parcel Transfer – 2113560 AB Ltd. (George Murray IV, George Murray V & Suntana Murray) – SW 08-22-16 W4M to NE 31-18-13 W4M
- 10.03.2 Oil & Gas Well Information

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- Increase in Irrigation Acres – Jerri Chesney & Garry Fletcher – NW 16-20-13 W4M

2019-06-152 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 30, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-06-153 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the May 30, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

3.01 2019 AIDA Inter-District Tour – June 4th, Western Irrigation District

B. Chrumka, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the 2019 AIDA Inter-District Tour of the Western Irrigation District on June 4th. Project tours and discussion of initiatives made evident the unique challenges that the WID faces being an irrigation district adjacent to the City of Calgary and with a mix of urban/residential and rural land use.

3.02 Rural Roots Ag Day – June 13th, Rolling Hills

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the Rural Roots Ag Day in Rolling Hills on June 13th. Informative tours included stops at quinoa, pea and canola fields; and sessions were presented on pasture management, grain marketing, Clubroot mitigation, farm business, advancing agriculture and estate planning.

3.03 AIDA Executive Meeting – June 18th

It was requested that this item be discussed during the In-Camera portion of the meeting.

3.04 Prairie Conservation Forum 30 Year Celebration Meeting & Tour – June 13th & 14th

T. Brummelhuis and D. Peltzer attended the Prairie Conservation Forum 30 Year Celebration Meeting and Tour in Twin Butte on June 13th & 14th. PCF history and committee updates were presented and the main tour demonstrated the current conditions and work being done in Waterton Lakes National Park since being impacted by the Kenow wildfire of 2017.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2019

The Financial Statements to May 31, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$30.95 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$18.75 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.2 million.

2019-06-154 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet Report

There have been no major issues since the last report.

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Demand has been well above and precipitation tracking significantly below the long term average. Even with the high demand, the District has been able to continue filling reservoirs. The main reservoirs are largely at FSL and some of the smaller ones are being topped up. Snake Lake Reservoir was filled 1 foot over FSL in anticipation of a tough year for river supported areas.

Water Use to Date – as of June 18, 2019			
	June 2019	June 2018	Average (since '01)
Total Parcels Irrigating	319 - 932	209 - 749	-
Diversion	1,450 – 2,850 cfs	1,310 – 2,575 cfs	1,050 – 1,350 cfs
Parcels Using Over 12"	46	-	-
Parcels Using Over 16"	10	-	-
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage	286,850 ac ft	298,840 ac ft	-

The following information was requested for the next report:

- water diverted to date – acre feet calculated out to inches per acre
- water applied to land to date – inches per acre

7.02 Magnacide H™ Herbicide

It was advised that there is concern the use of Magnacide H™ in Alberta irrigation systems may be in question. Magnacide H™ and Endothall, a similar herbicide, are essential to irrigation districts for the control of aquatic weeds in conveyance canals where screen cleaners, gabion walls and mechanical extraction is inadequate or impractical. It was further advised that R. Phillips – BRID General Manager, has recently met with the Hon. Ralph Goodale, Federal Minister of Public Safety, to ensure the Ministry is aware of the concern. M. Redelback – AIDA Executive Director, is coordinating information for districts to gauge the level of the matter as well. Mr. Friesen will keep the Board updated as more information comes forward in any changes to the use of this herbicide. Information regarding the linear amount of EID ditches being chemically treated was requested to be brought back to the Board.

[11:25 a.m. – 11:29 a.m. Short break; R. Galey, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Galey presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Drain Relocation – Ron Schmidt – NE 33-16-16 W4M

R. Summach advised that as part of the County / EID Drainage Program, it has been proposed that the drain in NE 33-16-16 W4M be realigned in 2 sections, eliminating the use of sandy material in the southern bank and moving the ditch from being in cut, to being in fill, to mitigate seepage. The drain had a cost-shared Farm Improvement drain relocation completed in 2007 at the request of the Landowner which then moved it to outside of the last pivot track. As part of the larger Drainage Program project, Ron Schmidt has now requested to move the drain further to accommodate the full extent of his pivot's end gun. The difference in the Landowner requested realignment is estimated to cost \$9,720, of which by the Drainage Policy for County / EID Joint Projects, the EID would pay 75% up to \$50,000. The drain on this parcel and flows downstream of this parcel were discussed. Admin will confirm or arrange for annual clipping of the drain area in question.

2019-06-155 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the County / EID Drainage Program drain relocation for Ron Schmidt in NE 33-16-16 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000:

- **to be located outside the range of the pivot end gun, and**
- **conditional upon general assessment reconciliation for this and other parcels owned by the Landowner.**

The total project cost is \$9,720; of which the EID would pay \$7,290 and the Landowner would pay \$2,430. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Robert & Elsie Strach – NE 03-19-14 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Robert & Elsie Strach are proposing to convert their quarter section from wheels to pivot in NE 03-19-14 W4M at the time of the E North Bantry rehab project. Upon completion, this conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. It is estimated that the pivot will be sized between 125 – 142 acres.

2019-06-156 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Robert & Elsie Strach for converting from wheels to pivot in NE 03-19-14 W4M at the time of the E North Bantry pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowners is \$20,000. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:08 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. Lunch break; R. Summach exited the meeting.]

8.03 Project for Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

J. Kabut presented the updated synopsis for review for C Springhill and 01-C Springhill rehab projects, earlier presented for review in 2017 and 2018. The projects are located approx. 7 km north of Brooks and are slated for the 2020/21 construction year, to be funded under the Capital Works Program. C Springhill is an existing canal and 01-C Springhill is an existing pump station and pipeline which supplies operating pressure to the landowners negating the need for individual pumps. Both projects will be using the same stilling pond and gabion wall at the east point of Rock Lake Reservoir.

C Springhill proposed rehab is to install 10 km of closed gravity pipeline, beginning with 60" pipe, from Rock Lake Reservoir to the existing Long Pump pipeline, to 1.6 km east of Hwy 873. The existing pumps would still be necessary for priming pressure. The new system is estimated to cost \$11,500,00 and would supply 6,224 acres, of which 97% are sprinkler. The major benefit to the EID is that more water remain in Rock Lake Reservoir, which is otherwise currently lost to spill.

01-C Springhill rehab is proposed with 2 options. Both options are 6 km in length and supply 1,757 acres, of which 100% are sprinkler.

Option 1 (full pressure) is to locate new pumps at Rock Lake Reservoir, as there is not adequate space in the current location, and install a 30" pressurized pipeline that would tie into the existing system for an estimated \$5,012,000. Moving the pumps would not increase power consumption for existing deliveries because the pumps are more efficient and the higher elevation at Rock Lake offsets the friction loss of the additional pipe length. This is the preferred option for the majority of the landowners.

Option 2 (gravity) is to install a 42" closed gravity pipeline to the existing system and dismantle the existing pump station at the bottom end, for an estimated \$5,202,000. The current system would be twinned in certain sections to allow for minimum priming pressure at deliveries. Landowners would need to obtain their own pumps as well as a way to energize them. This option reverts to the most prevalent form of infrastructure, which is designing for priming pressure only.

Charts outlining associated costs per acre for 03 East Branch, H Cowoki, Rolling Hills and Springhill pump stations were also provided as comparative information. A lengthy discussion was held touching on the history of the Springhill system, comparative pressure systems, pressurized vs gravity systems, capital construction costs, transition assistance, acreage parcels, and rates to reflect energy, maintenance and possibly capital costs. Directors are to contact Admin/Engineering with any questions, comments or requests for information regarding the proposed projects. The proposals will be brought back to the Board for direction/decision at the August meeting.

8.04 Video Analysis – North Bantry Spill 2

As part of the long range 3 Year Plan, drone video footage was viewed for discussion on North Bantry Spill 2. The Board did not support a comprehensive rehab of the system.

8.05 Video Analysis – One Tree Canal

Drone video footage was also viewed for discussion of One Tree Canal. The Board, likewise, did not support a comprehensive rehab of this system.

8.06 E North Bantry Pipeline Project

This matter was added for discussion at the request of J. Hale. At the May 30, 2019 meeting, Directors approved the E North Bantry rehab project to install 10 km of closed gravity pipeline, enabling 2,799 acres to be switched from off-river to under reservoir support. It also allows the District to remove an existing lift station which eliminates ongoing operational and maintenance costs, and the ability to supplement One Tree Reservoir. J. Hale now enquired if an additional parcel (NW 15-19-14 W4M) could be taken from being served directly from Jamison Lake and instead be added to the pipeline project; discussion followed. Additional information was requested to be brought back to the Board regarding the pipeline project, pump site modification and Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant in 2007, and whether the reservoir has to be fed to meet requests for water.

[2:13 p.m. – 2:19 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Quotes for the Purchase of Excavators

Mr. Friesen presented the quotes received for the purchase of one 250 and one 350 excavator.

250 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Equipment	2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-6	\$333,060.40
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2019 Deere 250 GLC	\$335,530.00
Finning Canada	2019 Cat 326 F	\$379,000.00

350 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2019 Deere 350 GLC	\$411,030.00
Wajax Equipment	2019 Hitachi ZX 350 LC-6	\$412,320.87
Finning Canada	2019 Cat 336-07	\$469,900.00

2019-06-157 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase of:

- a 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-6 Excavator for \$333,060.40 from Wajax Equipment; and
- a 2019 Deere 350 GLC Excavator for \$411,030.00 from Brandt Tractor Ltd.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors will be informed of the auction sale prices on the 2 old excavators once received from Ritchie Bros Auctioneers.

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

10.0 Lands

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications, etc.

B. Chrumka requested that information be brought back to the Board summarizing Farm Improvement Grants since the policy change in the spring of 2017. During the approvals of grants, a T. Brummelhuis suggested to have a discussion at another meeting on readdressing the Farm Improvement Policy. In preparation of this discussion, any information that Directors require can be requested from Admin.

10.01.1.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to June 25, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through May (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 365,074 >
June (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 198,420 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,742,021

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,169,329 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2019 fiscal year is \$890,230.

All 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.

10.01.1.2 Flood to Pivot – CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) – SW 35-15-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 93 acres flood
- Converting: 93 acres flood to pivot with corner arm; *61 additional acres needed
*increase in acres approved November 29, 2017
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under pivot

2019-06-158 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) for the conversion of 93 acres flood to pivot in SW 35-15-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$9,300 (93 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$22,700 (50 acres x \$300/acre + 11 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 21 acres (part section pivot)
- Current Assessment: 24 acres (3 flood acres transferred in for new wiper pivot)
- Converting: 3 acres flood to wiper pivot; 14 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 38 acres (21 – part section pivot, 17 – new wiper pivot)
*additional 29 acres required for the 46 acre wiper pivot are being supplied through an alternate parcel agreement

2019-06-159 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Doug & Roxanne Dafoe for the conversion of 3 acres flood to pivot in NE 20-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$300 (3 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,200. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.4 Flood to Corner Pivot – Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – Pt. NW 17, Pt. NE 18 & Pt. SW 20-16-16

- Current Assessment: 136 acres (112 part section pivot, 24 acres flood outside of pivot)
- Converting: 24 acres flood to corner pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (112 part section pivot, 24 acres corner wiper pivot)
- Wiper pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-160 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Doug & Roxanne Dafoe for the conversion of 24 acres flood to pivot in Pt. NW 17, Pt. NE 18 & Pt. SW 20-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-161 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 17-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Douglas & Roxanne Dafoe. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-162 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 17-16-16 W4M and NE 18-16-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Douglas & Roxanne Dafoe. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Ryan & Alison McLaughlin – SW 27-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres flood (7 acres added to complete general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 145 acres (135 pivot – added by new landowner, 10 corners)
- Converting: 135 acres flood to pivot; keeping 10 acres outside pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 145 acres (135 pivot, 10 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-163 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for – Ryan & Alison McLaughlin for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in SW 27-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$8,500. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps*) and Corner Irrigation (*arm, 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.

10.01.1.6 Panel & Nozzles – Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) – SE 07-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres (3 acres transferred out)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (134 pivot, 1 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, (134 pivot, 1 outside pivot area)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-164 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) for the panel and nozzles upgrade in SE 07-21-13 W4M purchased for \$17,460. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) less \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$12,900. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.7 Panel & Nozzles – Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) – Pt. NE 01-21-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 80 acres (35 irrigation, 45 terminable)
- Current Assessment: 80 irrigation pivot acres
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 80 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-165 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) for the panel and nozzles upgrade in Pt. NE 01-21-14 W4M purchased

for \$14,091. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$3,500 (35 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.8 Panel & Nozzles – Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) – NW 01 & Pt. NE 01-21-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 144 acres (4 acres transferred in)
- Current Assessment: 148 acres (138 pivot, 10 corner)
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (138 pivot, 10 corner)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-166 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) for the panel and nozzles upgrade in NW 01 & Pt. NE 01-21-14 W4M purchased for \$21,162. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$8,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.9 Panel & Nozzles – Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) – SW 01-21-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-167 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) for the panel and nozzles upgrade in SW 01-21-14 W4M purchased for \$23,827. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.10 Panel & Nozzles – Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) – Pt. Sec. 12-21-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 163 acres (2 acres transferred in, in 2011)
- Previous Grant: \$4,950 (motion 2011-02-035)
- Current Assessment: 165 acres (*85 circle pivot [88 total], 80 wiper pivot)
*3 acres required for circle pivot crossing into NE 12-21-14 W4M, belonging to separate landowner, and to be resolved prior to grant
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 165 acres (*85 circle pivot, 80 wiper pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-168 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kay Cattle Corp. (Jackie & Gordon Kay) for the panel and nozzles upgrade in Pt. Sec. 12-21-14 W4M purchased for \$38,119. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$16,500 (165 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,950 (previous grant) = \$11,550. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.11 Pivot Replacement C/A & Corner Pivot – Scott Eckert and Justin Eckert – N ½ 10 & Pt. SE 10-21-14 W4M

- Previous Grant: NW wiper pivot - \$5,940 (motion 2009-03-061), 9 acres x \$60/acre now covered by corner arm = \$540

- Current Assessment: 302 acres
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm, and corner pivot; 8 additional acres needed (previously sold back); there is an existing wiper pivot in the NW
- New Assessment: 310 acres (201 corner arm pivot in NE, 19 small wiper pivot in SE, 90 wiper pivot in NW)
- Replacement pivot with corner arm and small wiper pivot have reached maximum grant funding

2019-06-169 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott Eckert and Justin Eckert for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade, and conversion to corner pivot, in N ½ 10 & Pt. SE 10-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is:

- large pivot: \$17,000 (170 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,100 (23 acres x \$700/acre) less \$540 (previous grant) = \$32,560; plus
 - corner pivot: \$13,300 (19 acres x \$700/acre);
- for a total of \$45,860. The capital assets charge is \$8,000 (8 acres x \$1,000/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[2:43 p.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

10.01.1.12 Pump & C/A – Tyson Hemsing & Alicia Kuipers – NE 13-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 144 acres (8 acres transferred from SE 13-14-14 W4M)
- Current Assessment: 152 acres
- Installing: pump upgrade and corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot (136 pivot, 16 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-170 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tyson Hemsing & Alicia Kuipers for the pump upgrade and addition of corner arm in NE 13-14-14 W4M purchased for \$120,536. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) = \$24,800. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:45 p.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

10.01.1.13 Pump – Keith & Dian Henrickson – SW 02-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 140 acres
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres, all under pivot

2019-06-171 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Keith & Dian Henrickson for the pump upgrade in SW 02-20-13 W4M purchased for \$6,460. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,400 (140 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$6,460. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.14 Panel – Steven Lepp – SW 15-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres
- Installing: panel upgrade

- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (131 pivot, 5 corners)

2019-06-172 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Steven Lepp for the panel upgrade in SW 15-21-16 W4M purchased for \$12,550. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,550 less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$10,050. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.15 Panel & Pump – Ralph & Katherine Nannt – E ½ 09-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 216 acres (11 acres added in 2002; 1 acre transferred out)
- Current Assessment: 215 acres
- Installing: panel and pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 215 acres (135 wiper pivot, 77 wiper pivot, 3 corners)
- Pivot areas have reached maximum grant funding

2019-06-173 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ralph & Katherine Nannt for the panel and pump upgrade in E ½ 09-14-13 W4M purchased for \$23,775. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$20,500 (205 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$19,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.16 Panel & Pump – Ralph & Katherine Nannt – NW 14-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 116 acres (1 acre added for general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 117 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: panel and pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 117 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-06-174 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ralph & Katherine Nannt for the panel and pump upgrade in NW 14-14-13 W4M purchased for \$15,800. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,600 (116 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transfers

10.01.1.17 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – AMN Farms Ltd. (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld)

AMN Farms Ltd. (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld) have requested to transfer 12 acres from two locations to NW 32-16-12 W4M to accommodate a wheel field.

2019-06-175 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of:

- 5 irrigation acres from NE 34-16-13 W4M, and
 - 7 acres from NW 31-16-12 W4M
- to NW 32-16-12 W4M; all lands being owned by AMN Farms Ltd. (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.01.1.18 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Craig & Tara Dyck – NW 20-21-16 to SW 20-21-16

Craig & Tara Dyck have requested to transfer 6 acres from NW 20-21-16 W4M to SW 20-21-16 W4M to accommodate a corner pivot.

2019-06-176 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the transfer of 6 irrigation acres from NW 20-21-16 W4M to SW 20-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Craig & Tara Dyck. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.19 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Harvey & Beatrice Seely to Jerri Chesney & Garry Fletcher – NW 12-20-14 W4M to NW 16-20-13 W4M

Harvey & Beatrice Seely have requested to transfer 14 acres from NW 12-20-14 W4M to NW 16-20-13 W4M to infill a wiper pivot.

2019-06-177 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the transfer of 14 irrigation acres from NW 12-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Harvey & Beatrice Seely, to NW 16-20-13 W4M, lands being owned by Jerri Chesney & Garry Fletcher. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

10.01.1.20 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Brad & Lisa Calvert and Curtis Calvert – E ½ 20-17-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 146 acres flood
- Proposal: 59 acre wiper pivot & 93 acre pivot; 6 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 146 acres flood to pivot = 73 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 152 acres all under pivot (59 wiper pivot, 93 pivot)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

2019-06-178 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Brad & Lisa Calvert and Curtis Calvert – E ½ 20-17-16 W4M for 6 additional acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot, on E ½ 20-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-179 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on E ½ 20-17-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Brad & Lisa Calvert and Curtis Calvert. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions cont'd (wheels, pivot, sub-surface)

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

10.01.1.21 Flood to Pivot – Brad & Lisa Calvert and Curtis Calvert – E ½ 20-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 152 acres pivot (6 acres added, motion 2019-06-178)
- Converting: 146 acres flood to pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot (59 wiper pivot, 93 pivot)

2019-06-180 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brad & Lisa Calvert and Curtis Calvert for the conversion of 146 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 20-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$14,600 (146 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2 Alternate Parcel Transfer – 2113560 Alberta Ltd. (George Murray IV, George Murray V & Suntana Murray) – SW 08-22-16 W4M to NE 31-18-13 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 82 acres from SW 08-22-16 W4M to NE 31-18-13 W4M to be utilized under a new pivot currently on dry land. Upon meeting soil tests requirements, the Landowners would be responsible for the full amount of installing a new delivery.

2019-06-181 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the alternate parcel transfer for the 2019 irrigation season of 82 irrigation acres from SW 08-22-16 W4M to NE 31-18-13 W4M, all lands being owned by 2113560 Alberta Ltd. (George Murray IV, George Murray V & Suntana Murray); conditional upon the pivot area meeting soils requirements and the Landowner paying for the full cost to install a new delivery. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:55 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

10.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.02.1 JBS Wastewater Update

In April 2019, JBS Food Canada ULC requested consent from the EID and a license from Alberta Environment & Parks to apply treated industrial wastewater, as a one-time emergency measure, on EID native pasture lands southwest of Rock Lake Reservoir. Although the EID gave consent, a request from AE&P for additional soil tests delayed their approval. After meeting requirements, a license was then granted on June 12th with the condition that the timeframe for applying the wastewater be extended to August 15th to allow completion of the project. The EID retains the right to terminate the license any time prior to August 15th through written notice. JBS began the application of wastewater in Sec. 05-20-15 W4M on June 21st. Mr. Volek will continue to monitor the project and communicate with Duchess GA for the scheduled August grazing of these lands.

JBS also resampled the lease lands directly south of the Reservoir and received approval from AE&P for the 2 smaller pivots, but are currently discussing regulatory soil parameters to resolve the issues on the 2 part section pivots.

10.02.2 Grazing Season Update

There has been a significant lack of moisture this spring and grass conditions throughout the District are currently rated as fair. Although all areas have adequate grass reserves to utilize until mid-August, if adequate precipitation is not received, GA's in areas south and east of Brooks may have to send cattle home early. The maximum listing was reduced from 84 head to 80 in April, with the total placement being 17,119 cattle; this number is down 256 head from 2018. Some spring runoff occurred but pumping to dugouts has begun. There has been an increase in repairs needed to the pressurized water systems, likely due to the extended cold weather in Feb/Mar. It is hopeful to have the Patricia waterline extension project operational by mid-August; this will add 5 new water tanks and 5 new turnouts to fill dugouts. Increased surveillance of Downy Brome has resulted in identifying more locations of this noxious weed, primarily in the Rolling Hills area. Spraying, hand picking and mowing of previous Downy Brome sites has resulted in a significant reduction in the infestations. As a pilot project, approximately 16 km of electric fence has been installed in the Gem lease to cross fence larger pastures. The cost of materials and labour is significantly lower and this option may be considered for other cross fencing projects. Approximately 35 km of barbed wire fence will be completed this summer. The GAC recommended to revise the management plan for the newly

seeded Kitsim irrigated pastures; Duchess Grazing has placed 225 head on these parcels. The 2 north Rock Lake pivots have been broken by MCF Feedyards and reseeded to a spring/fall Triticale mix. After silage is removed, the fall Triticale will be irrigated and the regrowth will be utilized by Duchess Grazing. The lease cleanup program is progressing well with Rolling Hills/Bantry being almost complete. Rosemary and Finnegan Swingfield are the final 2 locations of the program and should be done by the end of the summer. Due to weather conditions, a fire restriction has been imposed by the County. Only one small grass fire in Bassano, less than 20 acres, occurred last month.

A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. Consultation with Grazing Associations regarding pasture conditions will be ongoing. If sufficient rainfall is not received, it is likely that a GAC Meeting will be called concerning a recommended early round-up date and initial discussion on 2020 listings. The Board of Directors will be kept apprised of this matter.

[3:24 p.m. – 3:27 p.m. Short break. R. Volek exited the meeting, M. Porter entered.]

2019-06-182 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Electoral Division Boundaries

[3:48 p.m. M. Porter exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

10.0 Lands cont'd.

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

10.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – 2113543 AB Ltd. (George Murray IV, George Murray V & Suntana Murray) – Pt. SE 30-14-12 W4M

10.03.2 Oil & Gas Well Information

[4:16 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd.

3.03 AIDA Executive Meeting – June 18th

[4:22 p.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

12.0 Reservoir Pumping

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Review of March 19, 2019 AGM Draft Minutes**13.02 Discussion Items from the Meeting**

2019-06-183 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Electoral Division Boundaries cont'd.

Directors may poll their electorate, but there was no current support from the Board to revise the electoral division boundaries to more closely balance the number of water users and/or irrigation acres in each division.

10.0 Lands cont'd.**10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd.****10.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – 2113543 AB Ltd. (George Murray IV, George Murray V & Suntana Murray) – Pt. SE 30-14-12 W4M cont'd.**

A request tabled last fall from 2113543 AB Ltd. to purchase approximately 20 acres in Pt. SE 30-14-12 W4M was discussed and left on the table.

10.03.2 Oil & Gas Well Information cont'd.

In-house evaluations of oil and gas wells will continue. The District's AD&OA (Area Development & Operating Agreement) expires at the end of 2019; a consultant has been contacted to assist Admin with the process to develop rates, etc. for the new agreement.

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd.**3.03 AIDA Executive Meeting – June 18th cont'd.****12.0 Reservoir Pumping cont'd.****13.0 Annual General Meeting cont'd.****13.01 Review of March 19, 2019 AGM Draft Minutes cont'd.**

Directors requested that the review of the AGM Draft Minutes be deferred to the July meeting.

13.02 Discussion Items from the Meeting cont'd.

Mr. Friesen responded to questions regarding a couple of ongoing matters that were also discussed at the AGM.

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | WID 75 th Anniversary Celebration | - Saturday, August 3 rd , 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Strathmore
[attending: B. Chrumka and 1 other] |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[5:22 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

J. Hale moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:22



Chairman



General Manager

July 23, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of July, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

- **8:15 a.m. Board In-Camera**

[8:55 a.m. I. Friesen entered the In-Camera session.]

[9:00 a.m. K. Bridges and W. Enns joined the meeting.]

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

[9:00 a.m. Mr. Nate Horner, MLA for Drumheller-Stettler entered the meeting.]

9:00 a.m. Meeting with Mr. Nate Horner – MLA for Drumheller-Stettler and Ms. Michaela Glasgo – MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat

Mr. Nate Horner, MLA for Drumheller-Stettler and Ms. Michaela Glasgo, MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat were invited to the meeting for an exchange of information, an introduction to the EID and discussion on matters pertaining to irrigated agriculture. Mr. Horner informed the Board of the upgrade requirements for HALO Air Ambulance to obtain government funding and the current interruption of financial support due to the Alberta Health Services review. Additional information and a presenter contact were given to the Board. This matter was given Board consideration later in the meeting.

[9:15 a.m. Ms. Michaela Glasgo, MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat entered the meeting.]

I. Friesen presented an overview of the EID, touching on matters significant to irrigated agriculture and those unique to the District. A request for a governmental revived focus on AIS prevention was underscored, acknowledging that the legislation and authority for border inspections are paramount in keeping Alberta's waterways mussel free. Information was also shared regarding the educational, preventative and detection measures initiated by the District. Mr. Horner advised of a government committee that could possibly be used in this regard. Due to his limited time schedule, Mr. Horner excused himself from the meeting. He was thanked for the information he provided and for attending the meeting.

[9:45 a.m. Mr. Horner exited the meeting.]

Rural internet, water storage and dams serving both flood and drought mitigation were topics also discussed. Additional information was requested by Ms. Glasgo for the purposes of writing a support

letter to the Minister of Environment & Parks concerning the prevention measures needed for AIS, and information to enable a possible town hall on rural internet with the Minister of Service Alberta that she is exploring. In parting, Ms. Glasgo advised of a Town Hall with the Hon. Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry at the Heritage Inn, Brooks – Saturday, July 27th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Ms. Glasgo was thanked for her time and contribution upon exiting the meeting.

[10:13 a.m. – 10:18 a.m. Short break; Ms. Glasgo exited the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.03 Unmonitored Boat Launch at Crawling Valley Reservoir
- 10.01.2.3 Tree Removal – Wendy Butkiewicz – NE 07-15-13 W4M
- 11.0 Request to make Presentation – HALO Air Ambulance

2019-07-184 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 June 25, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-07-185 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the June 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

3.01 NRTA (Newell Regional Tourism Association) – Request for EID Representative

T. Hemsing was approached by a member of NRTA to have an EID representative sit on the Board of Directors. It was recognized that the EID had a seat on this board prior; Mr. Hemsing was willing to sit on this committee.

2019-07-186 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve to have an EID representative added to the Newell Regional Tourism Association and that Tracy Hemsing be appointed for 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to June 30, 2019

The financial statements to June 30, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$34.08 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$21.34 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.7 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2019-07-187 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2019

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2019 was \$14,620,005 or 13.37% less than the book value at September 30, 2018.

3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$11,840,000	\$ 9,350,000
IRP – Short Term	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 3,500,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	\$ 0	\$ 0
EID – Long Term	\$ 0	\$ 5,050,000
Partners in Habitat Development	\$ 0	\$ 33,000

2019-07-188 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2019

A variety of accounts were detailed and questions answered by Admin.

2019-07-189 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet Report

The provision of routers to EIDNet customers is being considered and tests are being conducted. A couple of units are at customer locations and are currently being monitored.

3RD QUARTER EIDNET REPORT	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	78
Residential Accounts	1,679
Business Accounts	21
EID Automation	45
Total	1,823

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

7.0 Operations

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Thundershower activity and haying over the last month created some relief to the heavy irrigation demands. There likely will be another surge in demand, pending precipitation, over the next few weeks before the usual pre-harvest decline. Reservoir levels are all at full capacity which should allow Operations to support all irrigation requirements even as river flows drop through the remainder of the summer. To date, the District has diverted 79,000 acre feet less this year than in 2001, with similar total precipitation.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	July 17, 2019	July 2018
Water Diverted to Date	341,000 ac ft (13.4"/acre)	269,000 ac ft
Water Applied to Land to Date	7.56"/acre	
Range of Parcels Irrigating	288 – 780	235 – 975
Parcels Using Over 12"	251	
Parcels Using Over 16"	64	46
Parcels Using Over 20"	6	
Total Firm Live Storage*	296,000 ac ft	285,000 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

Very similar to August 2017, a discussion was held on the feasibility and merit of the District supplying a few extra inches of water to irrigators in 2019 requiring it to finish this year's crops, with no fall irrigating. Operationally, it is the practice to give notice to the landowner of the number of days left to irrigate when a parcel is approaching 24"; some landowners have been given this notice and there are those that are requesting additional water. The capacity of reservoirs, strength of the river and current capabilities of operations are key factors when considering an amendment to the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw. Practical influences include a possible increasing trend in high demand water crops, quantifying the number of landowners that would likely request the additional water, pumping vs flood application, and recognizing that requests for additional water cannot always be granted. Bylaw and policy considerations involve whether approval is precedent setting, if only efficient methods of irrigation should be granted additional water, if there should be a fee attached to providing the extra water, and conceivable impacts to irrigation expansion limit talks.

Conversely, if considering a modification to the District's Drought Plan to provide for the annual sharing of water within a farm link, versus approving additional water in an extremely dry summer, a number of aspects were mentioned. It was reviewed that although the maximum amount of water per parcel is 24", the average water use maximum across the District is limited to 18". In consideration of water sharing, the complexities of the program and process, implementing and tracking shared water use, and water measurement accuracy of various methods of irrigation were discussed.

It was directed that Mr. Friesen texts or emails the Board in approximately 2 weeks to clarify the situation at that time and to conduct a vote on the approval to allow a specified number of extra inches of irrigation to water users. If approved, a temporary amending bylaw to the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw would then be presented for approval at the August meeting.

7.02 Response to Presentation – Scott Tateson – Reservoir Pumping – NE & NW 18-16-12 W4M

In follow up to the May 30th presentation given by Scott Tateson regarding his reservoir pumping situation on Bantry #1 Reservoir, the Board revisited the full scope of this matter which has been deliberated through prior discussions over the last year and a half. In a brief summary of the history of the matter, the pump station that serves NE & NW 18-16-12 W4M is providing water to acres that were originally terminable. When requesting to convert to irrigation acres, the landowners' letter stated that they were aware of the requirement to access the water in Bantry #1 Reservoir being their responsibility, including during times of water level fluctuations. Approval to convert from terminable to irrigation could not be granted until the provision for supplying irrigation acres directly from reservoirs was made possible in the revised *Irrigation Districts Act*; it also included the allowance for bylaws and policies to this effect, which were developed. The acres were then converted and the landowner chose the location for the pump station. When accessing the water became an issue, the landowner insisted that the reservoir level be maintained at FSL and petitioned the District for assistance. The District accommodated the reservoir level while this matter was being addressed.

In review of the matter, the 18 other reservoir pumping situations were examined, along with a comparable request in 2016 which was denied. Water challenges for other water users were recognized, and the extenuating circumstances for them should District assistance be given in this case. It was reiterated that the management of all reservoirs is essential to the operations of the District, and as a result levels will fluctuate. In evaluation of these realities, there was no desire to amend the *Water Delivery and Operations Policy*, nor the *Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw*. As well, no workable solution of District assistance could be found under any of the policies of the District nor in a way that would treat this landowner as others have been treated in similar scenarios.

In conclusion, it was directed to forward a letter to Mr. Tateson declining his request for District assistance with his reservoir pumping situation, outlining the above and making clear that the responsibility to alleviate water access concerns from a reservoir rests fully with the water user. The letter will also give notice that the District will return to operating Bantry #1 Reservoir as a fully operational reservoir to enable the capture of spill water and/or to supply irrigation demands downstream. Mr. Tateson will also be encouraged to review the options prepared by the Engineering department previously offered to him, in his consideration of mitigating his pumping situation; and the District will again offer to lower the reservoir this winter so that the landowner can excavate or carry out related work effectively and efficiently.

[12:11 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Lunch break.]

7.03 Unmonitored Boat Launch at Crawling Valley Reservoir

This matter was added to the agenda at the request of J. Hale. A recent incident occurred at Crawling Valley Reservoir which involved the local Fire Dept., RCMP, HAWCS Calgary and other personnel to locate a supposedly missing boat during a storm event. It ended up that the boat had come off the reservoir from the unmonitored boat launch on the east side of Crawling Valley Reservoir. This and possibly other occurrences have prompted the RCMP to request that the EID remove the boat launch. The District has in the past discussed removing unmonitored boat launches in further efforts of AIS prevention and directed that this boat launch be removed and the area barricaded. Upon removal, this shoreline will need to be monitored to ensure other unauthorized boat launches are not created.

2019-07-190 Moved by B. Chrumka that the unmonitored boat launch on the east side of Crawling Valley Reservoir be removed and access to the reservoir be barricaded at this location. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering report.

8.01 E North Bantry Pipeline Project

In follow up to last month, information was brought back to the Board regarding the request to add an additional parcel to the E North Bantry pipeline project and related history on the parcel in question. R. Gagley advised that Jamison Lake is only supplemented occasionally and that it is used to capture rainfall to supply the 5 pivots accessing water from the reservoir. An original rehab in 2007 proposed to not supply this parcel and 2 others if the landowner chose to move his delivery to the reservoir. In return, a \$25,000 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant was given, plus pump pad and mainlines. Through discussion, the majority of the Board agreed that although these acres are classified as off-river, they are being provided from a reservoir that captures rainfall and some operational spill, that the parcel(s) have been compensated for the change in delivery and to deny the request to add the parcel to the pipeline project at the District's expense. It was clarified however, that if the water user is willing to pay 100% of the costs to be added to the pipeline – estimated at \$92,500, the District will allow the change in delivery and modification to the pipeline project. This option is allowable in this instance because the pipeline system can accommodate the extra acres, however each project is unique and must be studied on its operational merits.

8.02 Project for Approval – 06 Bow Slope

R. Summach presented the 06 Bow Slope synopsis scheduled for the 2019/2020 construction year. This rehab project is located south of Rainier, beginning at the Bow Slope Canal and running west for 8 km, plus laterals. The canal currently supplies 2,441 irrigation acres and it is being proposed to replace the open canal with a closed gravity pipeline. This system has the potential to supply 4 currently dry quarters that meet soil requirements. Rehabbing the system to serve the current acres is estimated at \$3,857,000. Rehabbing to include capacity to serve the additional approximate 540 irrigation acres is estimated to cost \$4,658,000. It was recommended to install 9.2 km of closed gravity pipeline with the ability to serve the additional acres, to be funded under the IRP program.

Directors requested an estimate be brought back on capacity for 2 specified dry parcels with potential for irrigation.

[1:27 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Results of Ritchie Bros. Auction Sale – Used Excavators

I. Friesen advised that the District sold the 2015 CAT 329F and 2015 Deere 350 GLC excavators to Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, as high bidder, for a guaranteed price of \$132,000 and \$115,500 respectively. Results of the Ritchie auction saw the excavators selling in turn for \$127,000 and \$170,000.

[1:29 p.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.01.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2019

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 was presented, summarized as follows. A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Connauton and Admin.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2019	300,911	3,951	39	-	304,901
June 30, 2019	301,182	3,913	39	[reviewing]	305,134
Net increase	271	< 38 >	0	-	233
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 3 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					236
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					38
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 305,134 irrigation acres are on the roll. The remaining 5,866 potential acres will see approximately 1,500 acres used for outstanding general assessment issues and incomplete irrigation development applications.

10.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications, etc.

10.01.2.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to July 23, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through June (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 548,024 >
July (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 169,250 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,588,241

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,150,325 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2019 fiscal year is \$1,085,503.

10.01.2.2 Grants Approved & Paid as of May 30, 2017 Policy Change

In response to a request at last meeting, information on Farm Improvement Grants since the policy change in the spring of 2017 were provided to Directors. \$4,509,634 has been paid out to date over the last 2 years since the policy change, compared to \$2,752,995 in the 18 years prior to 2017 since implementing the program. Approximately 1,400 irrigation acres have been purchased in conjunction with the Farm Improvement Grant since 2017, for a total capital assets charge of \$434,300. Spreadsheets summarized a number of details including approved/paid/prior grants, landowner, parcel, deductions, capital asset charges and net payout. Including grants that are pending receipt or completion of project, just under ¼ of water users, or approximately 225 entities, have participated in the program since May 2017.

All 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.

Cost-Shares (*turnouts, crossings, drain relays, tree removal, machine leveling, gated pipe, etc.*)
The EID will cost-share the project up to a maximum amount, as per policy.

10.01.2.3 Tree Removal – Wendy Butkiewicz – NE 07-15-13 W4M

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees in NE 07-15-13 W4M to accommodate the full circle of the existing pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$10,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2019-07-191 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wendy Butkiewicz for the removal of trees in NE 07-15-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$10,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$5,000. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

10.01.2.4 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – 1717866 AB Inc. (Reid Johnson) – NE 09-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 65 acres (8 acres transferred to SE 09-20-17 W4M)
- Current Assessment: 57 acres (16 south pivot, 41 flood & wheels)
- Converting: 41 acres flood and wheels to pivot; *29 additional acres needed for 70 acre pivot (18 gained through conversion)
- New Assessment: 75 acres, all under pivot (16 wiper pivot, *59 pivot)
*additional 11 acres required for the 70 acre pivot are being supplied through an alternate parcel agreement

2019-07-192 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc. (Reid Johnson) for the conversion of 41 acres flood and wheels to pivot in NE 09-20-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,100 (41 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$5,400 (18 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.5 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – 1717866 AB Inc. (Reid Johnson) – SE 16-20-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 69 acres flood and wheels
- Converting: 69 acres flood and wheels to pivot; 20 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 89 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-07-193 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc. (Reid Johnson) for the conversion of 69 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SE 16-20-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$6,900 (69 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.6 Flood to Pivot & Wheels – Ken & Arlane Sharpe – Pt. N ½ 25 & Pt. S ½ 36-18-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 88 acres flood
- Converting: 77 acres flood to two wiper pivots, 3 acres flood to wheels; keeping 8 acres outside pivot and wheels
- Assessment remains the same at 88 acres (38 pivot, 39 pivot, 3 wheels, 8 corners)

2019-07-194 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ken & Arlane Sharpe for the conversion of 77 acres flood to two pivots and 3 acres flood to wheels in Pt. N ½ 25 & Pt. S ½ 36-18-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,700 (77 acres x \$100/acre) + \$150 (3 acres x \$50/acre) less \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot and wheel areas = \$3,850. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.7 Flood to Pivot – Nelson & Charla Weaver – N ½ 06-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 195 acres flood
- Converting / Installing: flood to corner pivot, panel upgrade, pivot replacement; keeping 1 corner acre
- Assessment remains the same at 195 acres (14 corner pivot, 113 pivot, 67 wiper pivot, 1 corner)
- Pivot areas have reached their maximum grant funding

2019-07-195 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nelson & Charla Weaver for the conversion of 14 acres flood to corner pivot, panel upgrade purchased for \$12,000, and replacement wiper pivot in N ½ 06-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,800 (14 acres x \$700/acre) + \$11,300 (113 acres x \$100/acre) + \$6,700 (67 acres x \$100/acre) less \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot and wheel areas = \$27,300. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, pivots, pumps) and Corner Irrigation (arm, 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.

10.01.2.8 Corner Pivot – Craig & Tara Dyck – SW 20-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 113 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 119 acres (6 acres transferred in from NW 20-21-16 W4M)

- Installing: corner pivot in NE corner
- Assessment remains the same at 119 acres, all under pivot (113 pivot, 6 corner pivot)

2019-07-196 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Craig & Tara Dyck for the installation of a corner pivot in the NE corner of SW 20-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,200 (6 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.9 Corner Pivot – Werner & Janet Dyck – SW 28-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 151 acres (127 wiper pivot, 24 corners)
- Installing: corner pivots in NE and SE corners
- Assessment remains the same at 151 acres (127 wiper pivot, 10 corner pivots, 14 outside)

2019-07-197 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Werner & Janet Dyck for the installation of corner pivots in the NE and SE corners of SW 28-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,000 (10 acres x \$700/acre) less \$7,000 (14 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.10 Panel & Corner Pivots – James Dyck – SE 28-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 155 acres (126 pivot, 29 corners)
- Installing: panel, and corner pivots in NW & SW corners; keeping 17 acres
- Assessment remains the same at 155 acres (126 pivot, 12 corner pivots, 17 outside)
- Pivot areas have reached their maximum grant funding

2019-07-198 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for James Dyck for the installation of a panel purchased for \$12,695 and corner pivots in the NW and SW corners of SE 28-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre) + \$8,400 (12 acres x \$700/acre) less \$8,500 (17 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$12,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.11 Corner Pivot – Travis & April Lyzenga – Pt. N ½ 30-20-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 106 acres (83 pivot, 23 outside pivot area)
- Installing: corner pivot in SW corner of parcel
- Assessment remains the same at 106 acres (83 pivot, 17 corner pivot, 6 outside)

2019-07-199 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Travis & April Lyzenga for the installation of a corner pivot in the SW corner of Pt. N ½ 30-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,900 (17 acres x \$700/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$8,900. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.12 Panel – Lyzenga Farms Ltd. (Travis & April Lyzenga) – SE 33-20-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 141 acres
- Current Assessment: 145 acres (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2019-07-200 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Lyzenga Farms Ltd. (Travis & April Lyzenga) for the panel upgrade in SE 33-20-15 W4M purchased for \$12,900. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,900. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.13 Panel & Nozzles – M & L Farms Ltd. (Mike & Lorraine Steinbach) – Pt. Sec. 25-20-18 W4M & Pt. SW 30-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 290 acres
- Current Assessment: 294 acres (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: nozzles & panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 294 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-07-201 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for M & L Farms Ltd. (Mike & Lorraine Steinbach) for the nozzles and panel upgrade in Pt. Sec. 25-20-18 W4M & Pt. SW 30-20-17 W4M purchased for \$35,005. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$29,000 (290 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.14 Panel – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – Sec. 33-19-17

- Previous Assessment: 500 acres
- Previous Grant: \$13,573 (motion 2018-05-266)
- Current Assessment: 534 acres pivot (34 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 534 acres, all under pivot

2019-07-202 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) for the panel upgrade in Sec. 33-19-17 W4M purchased for \$12,000. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.15 Panel – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – Sec. 11-20-17 & Pt. W ½ 12-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 499 acres
- Previous Grant: \$14,348 (motion 2018-05-262)
- Current Assessment: 532 acres pivot (33 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 532 acres, all under pivot

2019-07-203 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) for the panel upgrade in Sec. 11-20-17 W4M & Pt. W ½ 12-20-17 W4M purchased for \$12,000. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,000. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transfer

10.01.2.16 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Peter & Elizabeth Conacher – SW 16 to SE 16-20-13

Peter & Elizabeth Conacher have requested to transfer 12 acres from SW 16-20-13 W4M to SE 16-20-13 W4M to infill a pivot end gun.

2019-07-204 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 12 irrigation acres from SW 16-20-13 W4M to SE 16-20-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Peter & Elizabeth Conacher. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversion & Upgrade

10.01.1.17 Flood to Pivot w C/A, & End Gun – Peter & Elizabeth Conacher – S ½ 16-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 249 acres
- Previous Grants: (applied to pivot in SE, but not to acres transferred in for end gun)
- Current Assessment: 254 acres pivot (5 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: SW – flood to pivot with corner arm
SE – flood to end gun; 1 additional acre required
- New Assessment: 255 acres (SW - 122 corner arm pivot, SE – 133 pivot)
- Both parcels have reached their maximum grant funding

2019-07-205 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter & Elizabeth Conacher for the flood to pivot with corner arm in SW 16-20-13 W4M and the flood to end gun in SE 16-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is:

- \$10,000 (100 acres x \$100/acre) for the pivot in the SW;
- \$15,400 (22 acres x \$700/acre) for the corner arm in the SW; and
- \$700 (7 acres x \$100/acre) for the end gun in the SE = \$26,100.

The capital assets charge is \$300 (1 acre x \$300/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transfer

10.01.2.18 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – Janice Van Hall and CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall) – N ½ of SE 36 to SW 35-15-16 W4M

Janice Van Hall has requested to transfer 11 flood acres from the N half of SE 36-15-16 W4M to SW 35-15-16 W4M, owned by CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall), for the infill of a pivot.

2019-07-206 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the transfer of 11 flood irrigation acres from the North half of SE 36-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by Janice Van Hall, to SW 35-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by CV Bar Farms Ltd. (Colin Van Hall). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversion – Return of Deduction

10.01.1.19 Flood to Pivot – Janice Van Hall – SE 36-15-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 75 acres (64 wiper pivot, 11 corners)
- Previous Deduction: \$5,500 (motion 2019-05-140)
- Current Assessment: 64 acres pivot (11 acres transferred, motion 2019-07-206)

- Converting: 11 acres flood (SE 36-15-16 W4M) to pivot (SW 35-15-16 W4M)
- Assessment remains the same at 64 acres, all under pivot

2019-07-207 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the deduction of \$500/acre applied May 2019 for SE 36-15-16 W4M be returned to Janice Van Hall for 11 acres of new efficiencies in SW 35-15-16 W4M; 11 acres x \$500/acre = \$5,500. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:55 p.m. – 2:01 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, R.Volek entered.]

10.02 Grazing

10.02.1 JBS Wastewater Update

JBS Food Canada ULC is continuing to apply treated industrial wastewater on EID lands in the designated area south and west of Rock Lake; the license is set to expire August 15th. JBS has enquired of the possibility to extend the process into the fall. The 2 leased pivots in 03 & 04-20-15 W4M continue to be denied the application of wastewater by Alberta Environment & Parks. Some fresh water has been applied to these pivot crops, but as the pipeline is utilized almost exclusively for wastewater on approved or emergency lands it has resulted in a significantly reduced yield potential for these 2 pivots. Moving forward, to accommodate Duchess Grazing cattle, which will be entering the temporary licensed pasture at the end of the month, JBS has agreed to cover the estimated \$6,000 for a cross fence to be installed. Duchess Grazing has agreed to this arrangement in order to isolate their cattle. JBS will also make all their EID leased land available for Duchess Grazing once the silage crops are removed. JBS has confirmed they are constructing a new storage lagoon as soon as it is approved and is very appreciative to the District for providing them with the ability to reduce their volume of treated industrial wastewater. AB E&P required JBS to have the extension request reviewed by the EID Board for their approval. Discussion followed and a number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2019-07-208 Moved by B. Chrumka that JBS Food Canada ULC be permitted to extend their application of wastewater on EID lands in N ½ 32 & NE 33-19-15 W4M and SW 04, Sec. 05 & Sec. 08-20-15 W4M until the end of October, subject to:

- **the grazing requirements for Duchess Grazing Association not be interrupted;**
- **any fencing needed to accommodate grazing to be at the cost of JBS; and**
- **the EID retains the right to cancel the agreement prior to the expiration of the license.**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2 Pasture Conditions Update

Pasture conditions continue to be monitored as the summer progresses. Recent summer showers have provided various amounts of rain throughout the District resulting in some improvement to grass conditions in most areas. The north part of the District continues to have better grass conditions than the south. With Lease Rider input, grazing associations have been asked to meet with their boards to discuss their particular grass conditions and to provide a date that they feel their cattle can remain on pasture this year without detrimental effects to the grass. This is to be a very critical assessment of the pasture conditions for this year and the impacts to the maximum listing for 2020. A summary will be brought to August's meeting and it will then be determined whether to set a single or staggered Round-Up Dates.

[2:22 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

2019-07-209 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Request to make Presentation – HALO Air Ambulance

12.0 Annual General Meeting

12.01 Review of March 19, 2019 AGM Draft Minutes

12.02 Discussion Items from the Meeting

13.0 Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy

2019-07-210 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Request to make Presentation – HALO Air Ambulance cont'd.

Paul Carolan, representative of HALO Air Ambulance will be invited to the August Board Meeting to give a presentation.

12.0 Annual General Meeting cont'd.

12.01 Review of March 19, 2019 AGM Draft Minutes cont'd.

The draft minutes for the 2019 Annual General Meeting were provided to Directors. No revisions were requested.

12.02 Discussion Items from the Meeting cont'd.

A number of matters were given further discussion.

13.0 Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy cont'd.

Directors were requested to review the Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land draft policy. The policy will be brought back to August's meeting for further discussion. A question was asked whether to include EID ROW, along with EID titled land, in the scope of the policy.

14.0 Upcoming Events

14.01 Meeting with Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment & Parks - Thursday, July 25th, 4:15 p.m., Edmonton
[attending: R. Owen, B. Chrumka, I. Friesen]

14.02 Town Hall with Hon. Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry - Sat, July 27th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Heritage Inn

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| 14.03 | WID 75 th Anniversary Celebration | - Saturday, August 3 rd , 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Strathmore
[attending: Bob Chrumka and Ross Owen] |
| 14.04 | Alberta Open Farm Days
– Bassano Dam Tours | - Saturday, August 17 th , 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. |
| 14.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.06 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 10 th [tentative] |
| 14.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 24 th |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:38 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

August 27, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of August, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	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:

- 9.02 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access
- 12.02 Report on Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

2019-08-211 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 July 23, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

It was requested to amend the minutes through the following:

- Page 83, second paragraph, replace "lobbying committee" with "government committee".
- Page 88, 9.01, insert "a guaranteed price of" prior to "\$132,000 and \$115,500".
- Page 90, 10.01.2.2, replace "1,400 acres" with "1,400 irrigation acres".

2019-08-212 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the July 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

3.01 Meeting with Hon. Jason Nixon, Min of Environment & Parks – July 25th, Edmonton

R. Owen, B. Chrumka and I. Friesen attended a meeting with the Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment & Parks in Edmonton on July 25th. Of the topics presented: basics of the EID, irrigation efficiencies gained, irrigation expansion potential, water storage opportunities, Bow River operations, it was the threat of invasive mussels that was underscored. The Minister was quite receptive to the information provided. Appreciation was given for the \$30 M funding received from the government for the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway, which was equivalent to two thirds the total cost. Environment & Parks and Agriculture & Forestry were invited for a tour and ribbon cutting event for the structure at a time suitable to their departments.

3.02 WID 75th Anniversary Celebration – August 3rd, Strathmore

B. Chrumka attended the Western Irrigation District's 75th Anniversary in Strathmore on August 3rd. The event was held in the historic Klaiber Barn in Strathmore, was a good event all around and guests representing LNID, BRID and EID districts were in attendance.

4.0 County of Newell and Local Municipal Regionalization / Amalgamation

A number of Directors had requested that County of Newell and Local Municipal Regionalization / Amalgamation be included on this month's meeting agenda. R. Owen advised that a discussion on this topic could be held with the County's Regionalization Working Group, or most suitably with County Councilors and admin at the EID/County Joint Meeting normally held in late fall. Within a short discussion airing various viewpoints, Directors expressed the message from numerous water users that the EID, as largest landowner in the County, should have a position on the matter. It was supported that a fully informed discussion be held with County Council and that Mr. Friesen arrange a joint meeting within the timeline of the regionalization study.

5.0 Business Arising**5.01 Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw**

In follow up to the Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date discussion held at the July 23rd Board Meeting, Directors requested a poll for comment and decision concerning amending the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw. A unanimous decision was made July 30th to allot an additional 3" of water for crop production for the remainder of the 2019 irrigation season. This allocation is restricted to irrigating and finishing this year's crop, with no water being supplied in excess of 24" for fall irrigation purposes. This decision was rolled out through Operations Staff, the District's website and a letter to all water users on July 31st. To ratify the decision, the following motions were approved which enact a temporary amending bylaw replacing the 24" maximum with a 27" maximum.

2019-08-213 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #932 (2019), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of August, 2019. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-08-214 Moved by J. Hale that the Board read and approve Bylaw #932 (2019) the second time this 27th day of August, 2019. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-08-215 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #932 (2019), this 27th day of August, 2019. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-08-216 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #932 (2019), 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. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The existing bylaw and amending bylaw can be found at www.eid.ca

Furthermore, it was directed that additional discussions be held at regular or special board meetings and corporate planning concerning the 2017 and 2019 amendments to the maximum water bylaw, focusing on, but not limited to:

- reasoning for setting the maximum irrigation limit at 24" per parcel with an 18" average required across the District
- alternatives/solutions such as seasonal water transfers, landowner dugouts for pre and post District water supply, etc.
- attaching a monetary value to the upper end of water use to promote efficiencies
- consequences to a plebiscite

6.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of meeting day, 468,000 ac ft has been diverted, this translates to 12" applied to land across the District. Although this year's diversion is tracking in the above average range for the EID, precipitation is tracking drier than in 2001, with less diversion in 2019. It was also updated that currently 187 parcels are recording use over 20" and 40 parcels are using over 24".

WATER USE TO DATE		
	August 2019	August 2018
Water Diverted to Date	458,000 ac ft (18"/acre)	390,000 ac ft (15.6")
Water Applied to Land to Date	12"/acre	
Range of Parcels Irrigating	212 – 1,013	365 – 1,100
Parcels Using Over 12"	1,572	
Parcels Using Over 16"	607	200
Parcels Using Over 20"	142	
Total Firm Live Storage*	282,000 ac ft	265,000 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

6.02 Set Water Shut Down Date

With reservoirs still on the higher side of operating levels, lowering will begin over the next month and a half to meet winter levels prior to shut down. It was recommended to set the water shut down date no later than October 10th, which is 5 days later than last year.

2019-08-217 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Thursday, October 10, 2019. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2019

The financial statements to July 31, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$37.63 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$24.7 million and are under YTD budget.

- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.9 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2019-08-218 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 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.

2019-08-219 Moved by B. Chrumka that the interest rate applicable to Capital Assets Charge and Financing Agreements and to Capital Construction Charge and Financing Agreements remain at 7.0% per annum during the first 5 years of the term, and at 7.0% effective the first day of the sixth year of the term and for the balance of the term of the loan. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Bank of Nova Scotia Banking Resolution

The EID, from time to time, purchases investments issued by the Bank of Nova Scotia. The Bank of Nova Scotia is updating their records and has requested that the following resolution be passed. The intent remains the same as the general banking resolution the EID uses with other institutions, last made in May 2017, and is suitable to the District.

2019-08-220 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Eastern Irrigation District hereby resolves that:

- 1. The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank") be appointed as one of the Eastern Irrigation District's bankers and that the Eastern Irrigation District agrees to the terms set out in the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement or, where applicable, the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement section of the Business Banking Services Agreement.**
- 2. Any two of the following persons are authorized to sign and deliver for the Eastern Irrigation District the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement, any service requests and any other banking agreements with Scotiabank:**

- Chairman	- Vice Chairman	- General Manager
- Manager Special Projects	- Assistant General Manager	
- 3. The persons and the required combination of those persons the Eastern Irrigation District verifies are the persons authorized and the combination of those persons required to give instructions, verifications and approvals on our behalf from time to time. The Eastern Irrigation District will provide this verification by a certificate in writing given to Scotiabank by any two of the officers set out below. The most recent certificate given to Scotiabank or The Bank of Nova Scotia will be the current certificate in effect:**

- Chairman	- Vice Chairman	- General Manager
- Manager Special Projects	- Assistant General Manager	

4. **All instructions, agreements and documents which the Eastern Irrigation District signs, makes, draws, accepts, endorses or completes and which are signed by the persons the Eastern Irrigation District has authorized from time to time are valid and binding on Eastern Irrigation District. The Eastern Irrigation District's seal is not required on any written document to make it valid or to show consideration.**
5. **This resolution remains in effect until the Eastern Irrigation District cancels it by written notice to Scotiabank and Scotiabank has acknowledged receiving the notice.**

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:19 a.m. – 10:24 a.m. Short break.]

8.0 EIDNet Report

8.01 Monthly Report

The north Gem tower was hit by lightening sometime during the last week of July. Although lightening arresters are installed on the tower, all the electronics had to be replaced resulting in customers being without internet service for a day.

8.02 Report on Internet Stakeholder Meeting – August 20th, Brooks

R. Owen, I. Friesen, K. Bridges and R. Moen attended an Internet Stakeholder Meeting in Brooks on August 20th. The meeting with the Hon. Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, was facilitated by Michaela Glasgo, MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat and in addition to the EID, included the County of Newell, City of Brooks, Town of Bassano, Village of Rosemary and Village of Duchess. Mr. Bridges advised that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has established target speeds of 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload for broadband internet access in Canada to meet increasing demands. As costs to build a framework to supply these speeds in Alberta has been estimated at \$3 - \$4 billion, the Minister is looking for innovative solutions. Municipalities spoke of Alberta SuperNet and other networks and the EID reps advised of the District's system and what is being investigated. A short but positive meeting, Minister Glubish asked that the District continue to communicate and share information with his department.

[10:34 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 Snake Lake Reservoir – Update

Last month, Directors were made aware of a water seepage concern, emerging similar to a large frost boil, immediately east of the Snake Lake Reservoir earthen dam. Since then, another smaller occurrence has been found and also a suspect occurrence in an adjacent marsh. This reservoir, with a maximum depth of 18 m, was raised 1' over FSL in early summer in anticipation of heavy demand for river supported acres. It has now been lowered 4 m and will be lowered a further 3 ½ - 4 m, all through operational use, to enable testing and visual inspection. MPE Engineering Ltd. has been contracted to determine the cause and severity, and to assess a permanent repair. Initial evaluations suspect an old stream bed or gravel course under the foundation and the possibility of these boils

forming since construction of the dam. Conclusions will be essential to further considerations of raising the reservoir as new additional storage. The large boil and the one to the north have been repaired; weekly monitoring continues. The Board will be kept apprised of the matter.

[10:55 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

[10:56 a.m. Dale Thacker entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. HALO Air Ambulance Presentation – Dale Thacker, HALO Chairman

Dale Thacker – HALO Chairman, was in attendance to inform of the HALO Air Ambulance service and their current operational shortfall. A brief history and overview of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) was provided, including the Alberta Health Services requirement of upgrading to a twin-engine machine to qualify for government funding. Instances of assistance within the District and data showing flight coverage were provided. Directors were further advised of the current interruption of financial support due to the AHS review and comparative STARS services and funding. Mr. Thacker was thanked for his presentation and time.

[11:29 a.m. – 11:34 a.m. Short break; D. Thacker exited the meeting, Martin Shields entered.]

11:30 a.m. Martin Shields, MP for Bow River

Martin Shields, MP for Bow River was in attendance for an exchange of information and to convey his involvement in ag related matters. Mr. Shields advised of his participation in PNWER (Pacific North West Economic Region), committee work with Fisheries & Oceans and his concern for AIS, the growing protein and CBD (cannabidiol) ag markets and of the necessity for agriculture to sharpen its PR strategy. It was agreed that any proactive funding expended now against AIS goes much farther than dealing with the problem once established. As well, Mr. Friesen conveyed that aquatic weeds are also an ongoing operational issue for all districts and that there is concern that the use of Magnacide H™, basically the only chemical that is approved for use for aquatic treatment, may be in question. Exploring potential options for an Endothall product (Teton® and Cascade®) to be registered in Canada, will be later discussed. Mr. Shields was thanked for his time to meet with the Board and likewise responded that he will meet with Mr. Friesen for further information on the regulatory issues surrounding Magnacide H™.

[11:57 a.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break; Martin Shields exited the meeting.]

HALO Air Ambulance Presentation – Dale Thacker cont'd.

In review of the HALO presentation and its service to the area, the following motion was carried.

2019-08-221 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District contribute \$50,000 to HALO Air Ambulance as emergency operational funding. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:44 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach re-entered the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering cont'd.

9.02 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access

Directors were advised of Rod Johnson's access issues to water from Snake Lake Reservoir through his concrete vault and pipe which appears to have completely silted in. To address the water boil concerns (as previously discussed in the meeting), notification was given and a slow drawdown of the reservoir was coordinated with the landowner. In full discussion of the matter it was held up that the lowering of the reservoir is within the operational mandate of the District; the responsibility to get the water from the reservoir, and in this case deal with silting issues, rests fully on the water user; and the EID did try to temporarily remediate the site at first notice. Engineering will prepare options for the landowner to mitigate the silting issue which he may conduct while the reservoir is lowered.

9.03 Project for Approval – 06 Bow Slope

Approval for the 06 Bow Slope project was brought back from July's Meeting, requesting that an estimate be calculated for serving 2, rather than 3 parcels on EID land, most topographically suited for irrigation development. An estimate based on serving parcels in SW 15 & SW 16-16-16 W4M was presented, including minor alignment changes. The new estimate also included using an existing borrow pit as a stilling pond in NE 18, owned and offered by Tony Brummelhuis, thus eliminating the piping costs from the Bow Slope Canal to the dugout and a large portion of the surge pond construction costs. The cost savings for this change is estimated at \$250,000. The revised proposal to include irrigation development is now estimated to cost \$4,511,000. The revised proposal to only serve the existing irrigation acres, but incorporate the surge pond proposal, is \$3,971,000. Both estimates are proposed to be funded under the IRP program.

2019-08-222 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the 06 Bow Slope rehabilitation project by installing 9.4 km of closed gravity pipeline and converting a dugout to a settling pond, for an estimated \$4,511,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04 Project for Approval – West Bantry Canal

J. Kabut presented the West Bantry Canal synopsis, located approximately 10 km SE of Brooks, stretching from the Main Bantry Canal fork to J Reservoir. This canal is 9 km in length, ultimately serves 21,798 acres and has incurred significant damage from cattle access. It is being proposed to divide the rehab into 3 phases, of which the first year would be 3.4 km, beginning at J Reservoir. Because of the nature of construction necessary, excavation can only be done before frost; work will start immediately at the end of water season and continue until freeze-up. It was recommended to trim the side slopes, rebuild sections of the banks and fence off the canal of the first phase for an estimated \$912,000.

2019-08-223 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve Reach 1 of the West Bantry Canal rehabilitation project by trimming side slopes, rebuilding sections of canal bank and fencing for an estimated \$912,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.05 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

In continuation of the project review of 01-C Springhill, last discussed at the June Meeting, further discussion was held to clarify direction on partial cost recovery for the pressure system option. Options and background were reviewed, with discussion focused on the current pressure surcharge, full operation and maintenance costs, apportioned capital replacement costs and conceivable irrigation owner and acreage owner contributions. Revised surcharge increases are to be closely

calculated to account for options of: a) operations and maintenance, b) operations, maintenance and some capital replacement costs; for both water users (irrigation landowners) and acreage owners (Household Purposes agreements). These numbers are to be brought back to the Board for additional consideration. Upon approval, the specified cost recoveries and numbers would be reflected in the Rates and Fees Bylaws, normally approved in January. The projects are intended to be brought back for final approval next spring.

[2:44 p.m. – 2:49 p.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

10.01.1.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to August 27, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through July (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 670,774 >
August (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 11,156 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,623,585

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,013,363 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2019 fiscal year is \$1,364,905.

All 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.

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

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

10.01.1.2 Panel – 1790005 AB Inc. (Joey Stadnicki) – NW 25-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 150 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)

- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot

2019-08-224 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1790005 AB Inc. (Joey Stadnicki) for the panel upgrade in NW 25-19-14 W4M purchased for \$2,856. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,856. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.3 Panel – Isaak & Eileen Schroeder – SW 35-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres
- Previous Grant: \$1,634 (motion 44-04-2000)
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres, all under pivot (135 pivot, 2 SE wiper pivot)

2019-08-225 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Isaak & Eileen Schroeder for the panel upgrade in SW 35-16-13 W4M purchased for \$8,300. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,300. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

10.01.1.4 Increase in Acres – Chad & Paula Galbraith – Pt. NE 17-19-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 33 acres flood
- Proposal: 59 acre wiper pivot; 17 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 33 acres flood to pivot = 17 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 50 acres all under wiper pivot

2019-08-226 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Chad & Paula Galbraith, for 17 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot on Pt. NE 17-19-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,100 (17 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2 Irrigable Units

10.01.2.1 Registration – Craig & Tara Dyck – W ½ 20-21-16 W4M

As Pt. NW 17-21-16 W4M no longer has assessment, an irrigable unit existing on Pt. NW 17 & Pt. SW 20-21-16 W4M may be discharged.

2019-08-227 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW 17 & Pt. SW 20-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Craig & Tara Dyck. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Due to the quarter section pivot in Pt. SW 20-21-16 W4M crossing into Parcel A of the same quarter, and a corner wiper pivot reaching into both SW & NW quarters, a registration of an irrigable unit is required for Pt. SW 20-21-16 W4M, Parcel A of SW 20-21-16 W4M and NW 20-21-16 W4M.

2019-08-228 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. SW 20-21-16 W4M, Parcel A of SW 20-21-16 W4M, & NW 20-21-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Craig & Tara Dyck. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.2 Registration – Werner & Janet Dyck and James Dyck – S ½ 28-21-16 W4M

As 2 corner wiper pivots span both SW & SE 28-21-16 W4M, a registration of an irrigable unit is required for both quarters.

2019-08-229 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 28-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by Werner & Janet Dyck, and SE 28-21-16 W4M, lands being owned by James Dyck. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.3 Registration – Nelson & Charla Weaver – Pt. N ½ 06-16-13 W4M

Due to a pivot straddling Pt. NW & Pt. NE 06-16-13 W4M, a registration of an irrigable unit is required for both quarters.

2019-08-230 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt. NW & Pt. NE 06-16-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Nelson & Charla Weaver. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.4 Discharge & Registration – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – W ½ 01, Pt. Sec. 02, Sec. 11 & W ½ 12-20-17 W4M

An existing irrigable unit needs to be updated to include pivots reaching into W ½ 12-20-17 W4M.

2019-08-231 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 01, Pt. Sec. 02 & Sec. 11-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-08-232 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 01, Pt. Sec. 02, Sec. 11 & W ½ 12-20-17 W4M, all lands being owned by Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:56 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[2:59 p.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

10.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.02.1 Set Round-Up Date

Poor spring moisture resulted in below normal spring grass growth throughout the District. Some timely rains in late May and into June were received in the north but not the south and Patricia areas. Currently pastures in the northern regions are very good. Moving south, grass conditions decline, with significant utilization of reserve grass. Recent showers have given some regrowth late in summer, but not enough to remove the concern about future grass supply. Consultation with the grazing associations over the last couple of weeks has resulted in a uniform consensus on the north/south contrast in pasture conditions and the support for 2 round-up dates. The north GA's can utilize some excess grass growth while allowing for very good carryover into the 2020 season. The south GA's, including Patricia, can reduce the amount of grass utilized in order to save some

carryover for 2020. It is anticipated to reduce the maximum number per member for the 2020 season, to be recommended from the fall GAC Meeting.

2019-08-233 Moved by D. Peltzer that for the 2019 grazing season, cattle are to be out of community leases by end of day on:

- **Saturday, October 5th for the south region, including Patricia Grazing Association, and**
- **Saturday, October 19th for the north region.**

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2 Elk Management Plan

With cooperation from the federal government, Fish & Wildlife developed a 3 year elk management plan in 2014 to reduce a burgeoning herd in and around CFB Suffield. Frequency and size of sightings along the eastern Ranges of the EID were also causing concerns for landowners in this area. The coordinated harvest of elk on and off base over the last 5 years has been very successful. With a target to reduce the herd to 3,000 – 3,500 animals, success was shown in the February 2015 survey counting 5,951 elk, the March 2016 survey counting 4,574 elk, and the March 2019 survey recording 2,710. In recent years in the EID, there have been significantly fewer sightings of elk on the pastures. A long term plan for the sustainability of the elk herd at Suffield and the surrounding area is still in the planning stages. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is currently a concern in Alberta. It is most common in Mule deer bucks, but since 2016 there have been 3 confirmed elk that tested positive for CWD in Suffield. Concerning the Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) outbreak in the fall of 2016 in the Jenner area, and having huge impacts on other areas, there has been some blame put on the elk for spreading the disease. Wildlife experts state that the elk relocated to Suffield in 1997/98 were TB free and that it was very unlikely the elk introduced the disease to the area. This being said, as a safeguard, TB testing has been done on 400 elk harvested from the Base annually, with no TB detected.

[3:26 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Dahl entered.]

11.0 Request for Funding – Prairie Conservation Forum

A letter was received from the Prairie Conservation Forum requesting a nominal commemorative donation for their 30 years of work conserving native grassland and to ensure their ongoing operations. The EID has been sitting at this forum for a number of years, currently Tony Brummelhuis and David Peltzer as representatives; and financial support has previously been given for their conferences.

2019-08-234 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District contribute \$1,000 to the Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum for operational funding. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Buildings & Grounds

S. Dahl presented the following Buildings & Grounds Report.

12.01 Campgrounds Update

Both Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground had successful seasons with near capacity camping. With the paving of Sec. Hwy #873 south of the Kinbrook turnoff, RHRC saw increased boat traffic and day use. The boat and boat trailer parking lot for seasonal campers

was well used and enabled more space for day use traffic and campers in the marina parking area. Repeated winter damage to boat docks and reservoir pier posts were resolved by overhauling the infrastructure to a system of shoreline posts with connecting arms. The leaking gates between Lake Newell Reservoir and Rolling Hills Reservoir, which also contribute to winter damage, are currently being addressed. The Crawling Valley Recreation Society contributed some funding to the shower house addition and fully funded the construction of the sports court at Crawling Valley Campground. Both projects are now complete. Irrigation mainline and secondary lines suffered a fair amount of damage from extreme frost this winter but were repaired by CVC Maintenance early in the season.

12.02 Report on Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

J. Hale reported on a Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting he attended on August 26th. It was requested that an unmonitored boat dock on the north end of the reservoir be investigated by the District for possible removal and that the request for a larger marina boat dock be considered. Also discussed were different options for blowing out irrigation lines in the fall and AIS monitoring at CVC.

Mr. Friesen will arrange for a report on this year's monitoring to be provided to Directors. Direction concerning access to reservoirs after boat launch lockup will also be brought back to the Board for review.

2019-08-235 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.03 Campground Emergency Response Plan

[4:08 p.m. S. Dahl exited the meeting; C. Getz and D. Syvret entered.]

13.0 Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy

2019-08-236 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Buildings & Grounds cont'd.

12.03 Campground Emergency Response Plan cont'd.

An emergency response plan will be developed this fall/winter.

13.0 Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy cont'd.

Further review was given to the Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land draft policy. A number of particulars were suggested for revision and as information to be brought back to the Board.

[4:48 p.m. C. Getz and D. Syvret exited the meeting.]

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 24 th |
| 14.02 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 10 th |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 22 nd |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:49 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

September 27, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of September, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	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 AIDA Board Meeting
- 4.01 06 Bow Slope Rehab Project
- 8.07 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access
- 13.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway – Official Opening

2019-09-237 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 August 27, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

It was requested to amend the minutes through the following:

- Pg. 103, replace "...Magnacide H™, basically the only chemical that can be used for aquatic treatment, may be in question." with "...Magnacide H™, basically the only chemical that is approved for use for aquatic treatment, may be in question. Exploring potential options for an Endothall product (Teton® and Cascade®) to be registered in Canada, will be later discussed."

2019-09-238 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

3.01 AIDA Board Meeting – September 26th, Taber Heritage Inn

B. Chrumka, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board Meeting in Taber on September 26th. An Irrigation Council presentation was heard and discussion topics included what may be expected of the provincial budget, a Foothills-Little Bow motion concerning water security that will be put forward at the next RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) convention, AIDA ranking of potential storage projects, MLA Reception in Edmonton November 19th, MLA Tour next summer,

stats on boat inspections and invasive mussel prevention, and efforts in getting an aquatic herbicide approved in Canada that could be used in addition to Magnacide H™. Mr. Friesen also advised that the AIDA contribution rate has been set at \$0.30/acre assessed as irrigation and \$.09/acre for the water quality monitoring program.

4.0 Business Arising

4.01 06 Bow Slope Rehab Project

Directors and Admin expressed recognition and gratitude to Tony Brummelhuis for his offer to use his dugout as a settling pond for the 06 Bow Slope rehabilitation, saving the District an estimated \$250,000 in pipe and construction costs for that project.

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to August 31, 2019

The financial statements to August 31, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$40.86 million and are over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$27.3 million and are under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$13.5 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2019-09-239 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet Report

6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report.

[9:26 a.m. R. Gagley, R. Summach and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

At this point there are 2 weeks to Water Shut Down and reservoirs are close to winter levels. Snake Lake Reservoir has been drawn down to assess and address seepage issues but there will be no concern with refilling in spring. 110 parcels to date are recorded as using over 24" of water. Through discussion Directors suggested that a survey of water users using over 24" be conducted to determine contributing factors (mis/communication with Water Operator, crop type, irrigation method, etc.). It is also intended to continue the discussion on transferring/sharing of water and the monitoring and recording needed to support that type of process.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	September 2019	September 2018
Water Diverted to Date	490,000 ac ft (19.28"/acre)	424,000 ac ft (17")
Water Applied to Land to Date	13.1"/acre	
Range of Parcels Irrigating	90 – 412	180 – 528
Parcels Using Over 12"	1,917	
Parcels Using Over 16"	907	200
Parcels Using Over 20"	283	
Total Firm Live Storage*	248,550 ac ft	229,250 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

8.0 Engineering

8.01 Snake Lake Reservoir – Update

R. Gagley presented drone videos on Snake Lake Reservoir and advised that visual inspections have been completed, boils have been repaired and the outlet gates are being inspected. The permanent repair which MPE is designing will hopefully be completed before next season. A Cone Penetration Test still needs to be conducted on the upstream bench of the west dam. Aspects to the reservoir were viewed, especially the amount of silt present in the basin. Similar silting issues in the District's system, and probable sources, were discussed.

8.02 Project for Approval – Bow Slope Canal Tailout

R. Summach advised that in the spring of 2018, part of the Bow Slope Canal tailout was damaged from the extreme amount of spring runoff. The damage occurred in NW 26-14-15 W4M, at the bottom of the hill leading to the flood plain of the Bow River. \$28,000 was spent in an emergency repair that spring. A more permanent repair is being proposed to install a pre-formed concrete chute at an estimated cost of \$213,000. The provincial government determined that the 2018 spring runoff caused significant damage in several areas and as a result has made funding for repairs available through a Disaster Recovery Program. It is expected to recover the costs of the emergency repair (\$28,000), plus the cost to rebuild to the pre-existing condition (\$98,000). Upgrading from the existing concrete block mesh to a concrete chute is estimated to cost the District \$115,000. A number of questions were responded to by staff and Admin.

2019-09-240 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Bow Slope Canal tailout rehabilitation project by installing a concrete chute for an estimated cost of \$213,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 Project for Approval – 08-A Springhill Canal Tailout

R. Summach presented the 08-A Springhill Canal Tailout synopsis, advising that it is a concrete chute with a built-in check structure at the top. Currently, the concrete in the bottom half of the chute is eroding and the sides are caving in. It is being proposed to install a precast concrete chute in place of the existing, with a new standard style of check at the top, for an estimated cost of \$600,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to.

2019-09-241 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the 08-A Springhill Canal tailout rehabilitation project by installing a concrete chute and check structure for an estimated cost of \$600,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04 2019/2020 Structure Program

J. Kabut presented the 2019/2020 Structure Program consisting of:

- 5 check/drop structures for replacement,
- 8 nose pieces for replacement,
- 6 rock walls to be added to existing settling ponds, and
- 2 concrete structures to repair.

The estimated total cost of this year's Structure Program is \$1,600,000 and it is being recommended to fund the projects through the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to.

2019-09-242 Moved by B. Chrumka that the 2019/2020 Structure Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$1,600,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.05 Crawling Valley Campground – Boat Launch

R. Gagley advised that the estimate to double the current 6 m wide boat launch at the Crawling Valley Campground marina to a 12 m wide (double) boat launch came in at \$120,750. This estimate had been requested due to the amount of boating traffic the marina is experiencing. J. Hale will bring this information to the next CVRS meeting.

[10:16 a.m. – 10:21 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley, R. Summach and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Sale of Used Pickups

Last year the District's used pickups were sold in fall, rather than spring, so as not to carry the equipment over the winter and incur related costs. This procedure worked well and it was again proposed to sell the trucks as outlined below. A bid was requested from the local auction house.

Five ½ ton and One 2 ton (2007 – 2014) TRUCKS	
Company	Bid
Annett Auction Services	\$44,031.00 or 5% commission

2019-09-243 Moved by T. Hemsing that the District sell five ½ ton and one 2 ton used pickups through Annett Auction Services at 5% commission. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:24 a.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

S. Connauton presented the Assessment, Water & Lands Report.

10.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

10.01.1.1 Budget Report

The Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report for October 1, 2018 to September 24, 2019 was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through August (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 732,480 >
September (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 9,860 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,563,175

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$1,001,723 remains to be paid in the 2019 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2019 fiscal year is \$1,425,242.

All 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.

Cost-Shares (*turnouts, crossings, drain relays, tree removal, machine leveling, gated pipe, etc.*)

The EID will cost-share the project up to a maximum amount, as per policy.

10.01.1.2 Tree Removal, Infill – Peter & Elizabeth Conacher – SW 16-20-13 W4M

The Landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share for the removal of trees and infill of dugouts in SW 16-20-13 W4M. The project is estimated to cost \$8,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

2019-09-244 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Peter & Elizabeth Conacher for the removal of trees and infill of dugouts in SW 16-20-13 W4M to accommodate a new pivot, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$8,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$4,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.3 Tree Removal, Infill – Vincent & Ann Fabian and Patrick Fabian – NE 10-17-13 W4M

The Landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share for the removal of trees and infill of dugout to accommodate a new pivot design. The project is estimated to cost \$4,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

2019-09-245 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Vincent & Ann Fabian and Patrick Fabian for the removal of trees and infill of dugout in NE 10-17-13 W4M to accommodate a new pivot design, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$4,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

10.01.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Donovan Stenger – Pt. SW 28-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 51 acres flood
- Installing: 60 acre wiper pivot; 9 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 60 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-09-246 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Donovan Stenger for the conversion of 51 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt. SW 28-15-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$5,100 (51 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$2,700 (9 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. 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.

10.01.1.5 Nozzles & Parts – WR Farms Ltd. (Jan Wildeboer & Robin Wisse) – NW 23-16-16 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$7,7400 (motion 2012-05-115)
- Current Assessment: 125 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: nozzles and pivot parts
- Assessment remains the same at 125 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-09-247 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for WR Farms Ltd. (Jan Wildeboer & Robin Wisse) for the nozzles and pivot parts upgrade in NW 23-16-16 W4M purchased for \$7,905. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,740 (previous grant) = \$4,760. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Transfers and Increase in Irrigation Acres**10.01.1.6 Transfer – Richard & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M to SW 28-16-13 W4M**

Richard & Gail Volek have requested to transfer 12 irrigation acres from NW 21-16-13 W4M to SW 28-16-13 W4M to accommodate a proposed corner arm. The corner arm acres will be eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant once the project is complete.

2019-09-248 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 12 irrigation acres from NW 21-16-13 W4M to SW 28-16-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Richard & Gail Volek. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.7 Transfer – Jordan Wolfer – SE 27-17-13 W4M to Adam Wolfer NW 26-17-13 W4M

Landowners have requested to transfer 5 irrigation acres from SE 27-17-13 W4M, owned by Jordan Wolfer, to NW 26-17-13 W4M, owned by Adam Wolfer, to increase the latter parcel to 60 irrigation acres.

2019-09-249 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SE 27-17-13 W4M, lands owned by Jordan Wolfer, to NW 26-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Adam Wolfer. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.8 Transfer – D.L.M. Farms Inc. (Dallas & Shannon Martin) – S ½ 33-19-14 to SW 03-21-15 W4M

D.L.M. Farms Inc. (Dallas & Shannon Martin) have requested to transfer 17 irrigation acres from S ½ 33-19-14 W4M to Pt. SW 03-21-15 W4M to infill a portion of a proposed wiper pivot. The pivot acres will be eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant once the project is complete.

2019-09-250 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the transfer of 17 irrigation acres from S ½ 33-19-14 W4M to Pt. SW 03-21-15 W4M, all lands being owned by D.L.M. Farms Inc. (Dallas & Shannon Martin); conditional upon an Irrigable Unit being placed on all of W ½ & Pt. NE 03-21-15 W4M. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.9 Increase – D.L.M. Farms Inc. (Dallas & Shannon Martin) – SW 03-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 77 acres (47 wheels, 6 flood, 24 north pivot)
- Current Assessment: 94 acres (17 flood transferred in – motion 2019-09-250)
- Proposal: 113 acres (89 acres of a 92 acre wiper pivot, plus 24 north pivot);
19 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 47 acres wheels to pivot = 7 conversion acres allowable
6 acres flood to pivot = 3 conversion acres allowable
17 acres flood to pivot = 9 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 113 acres all under pivot (89 wiper pivot, 24 north pivot)
- Notes: 3 additional acres required to fill 92 acre maximum wiper pivot

2019-09-251 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for D.L.M. Farms Inc. (Dallas & Shannon Martin), for 7 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from wheels to pivot and 12 acres from flood to pivot on Pt. SW 03-21-15 W4M; conditional upon:

- pivot stops being installed to irrigating 89 acres, and
- an Irrigable Unit being placed on all of W ½ & Pt. NE 03-21-15 W4M.

The capital assets charge is \$5,700 (19 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.10 Transfer – Thomas Parker – NW 19-21-15 W4M to Allen & Sandra Eastman – SE 06-22-15

Landowners have requested to transfer 12 irrigation acres from NW 19-21-15 W4M, lands being owned by Thomas Parker, to NW 26-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Allen & Sandra Eastman, for a proposed wiper pivot on a currently dry parcel. The transfer is conditional upon land title transfer of SE 06-22-15 W4M to Thomas Parker and Leonard Parker.

2019-09-252 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the transfer of 12 irrigation acres from NW 19-21-15 W4M, lands owned by Thomas Parker, to SE 06-22-15 W4M, lands being owned by Allen & Sandra Eastman; conditional upon land title transfer of SE 06-22-15 W4M to Thomas Parker and Leonard Parker. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.11 Increase – Allen & Sandra Eastman – SE 06-22-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 12 acres (transferred in, motion 2019-09-252)
- Proposal: 58 acres of a 96 acre wiper pivot; 46 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 12 acres Class B flood to pivot in SE 06-22-15 W4M
= 5 conversion acres allowable
100 acres Class B flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M
= *40 conversion acres allowable
29 acres flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M
= *15 conversion acres allowable (1 acre for SE 06-22-15 W4M and 14 for Pt. NW 31-21-15 W4M)
- New Assessment: 58 acres all under wiper pivot
- Notes: 38 additional acres required to fill 96 acre maximum wiper pivot;

2019-09-253 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Allen & Sandra Eastman, for 45 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from Class B flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M and 1 acre from flood to pivot also in NW 19-21-15 W4M, to be applied to SE 06-22-15 W4M; conditional upon:

- pivot conversion in NW 19-21-15 W4M,
- pivot stops being installed to irrigating 58 acres in SE 06-22-15 W4M, and
- land title transfer of SE 06-22-15 W4M to Thomas Parker and Leonard Parker.

The capital assets charge is \$13,800 (46 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.12 Increase – Thomas & Tammie Parker – NW 31-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 34 acres
- Current Assessment: 38 acres; 4 acres added through general assessment
- Proposal: 52 acres (14 acre new pivot, plus 23 existing pivot and 15 existing wiper pivot), (not including part section pivot); 14 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 29 acres flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M = *15 conversion acres allowable (*1 acre for SE 06-22-15 W4M)
- New Assessment: 58 acres (14 new pivot, 23 existing pivot, 15 existing wiper pivot)
- Notes: *conversion acres being granted are conditional upon future pivot conversion in NW 19-21-15 W4M;
1 acre balance to be paid from general assessment

2019-09-254 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Thomas & Tammie Parker, for 14 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,500 (14 acres x \$300/acre + 1 acre x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2 Cancellation of Terminable Acres – Brooks Solar Corp. – SW 03-19-14 W4M

Lands in Pt. SW 03-19-14 W4M are being used for a solar farm and therefore no longer require irrigation. It was also noted that terminable acres are nontransferable and that an agreement for use on this parcel has not been signed since 1980.

2019-09-255 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the cancellation of 9 terminable acres in Pt. SW 03-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Brooks Solar Corp. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.3 General Assessment Update

An update to the General Assessment review was detailed as follows:

- 3,481 parcels were reviewed; 2,327 required no change; 1,154 required changes
- 59 landowners remain (of the approximate 1,000 total landowner entities in the District), to resolve their assessment:
 - 17 are required to complete soils testing, 8 of these are in progress
 - 10 involve Farm Improvements/change of infrastructure and are in progress of paperwork or payment
 - 8 are resistant to transferring their own available (dry) acres to be used as required infill on their other lands
 - 1 has been unable to be contacted
 - 2 require changes to their infrastructure as the acres involved will not be granted due to the water being unable to be delivered, or having an unapproved project
 - 21 have various other reasons for being unresolved

Up to 3 notification attempts have been made to all landowners whom have not completed the assessment revisions on their lands. It was recommended and approved that after one more attempt to contact, a letter be forwarded to the remaining water users which are noncompliant with the general assessment. The letter will give notice of water delivery stoppage as per the *Irrigation Districts Act* and the Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw; water will not be available to the parcel with outstanding assessment. Landowners that will be exempt from this letter will be those attempting to resolve their assessment and are currently in the process of soils testing, paper work or pending transfers.

Directors advised to include in the letter that complying with general assessment matters is a requirement of provincial legislation, as being carried out by the District. Directors also requested that, in anticipation of receiving phone calls, a list of water user names per division be provided outlining individual general assessment circumstances.

2019-09-256 Moved by B. Chrumka that a letter be forwarded as outlined to the remaining water users which are noncompliant with resolving their general assessment matters. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:53 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas**10.02.1 Irrigated Lease Expiries - #8215, #8216, #8217**

N. Fontaine advised that 3 long term irrigated leases are due to expire this fall/winter.

In 2003, the District owned 20 long term irrigated leases and after considerable water user and Board discussion, agreed that these parcels should be sold at the end of their terms. Direction was then set that upon expiry, leaseholders were to be given the option of A) let the lease revert to the District; B) extend the lease for a further 10 years for a one-time payment equal to the annual rental, with no rights beyond the 10 year term; or C) request the lease be put up for sale whereby the District sets the minimum bid amount and the leaseholder has the right to match the highest bid. 5 long term irrigated leases have since been sold after the leaseholder chose Option C.

The 3 leases expiring this year are the first to expire which the leaseholder had chosen Option B to extend their lease. Mr. Fontaine had forwarded letters of notification to the leaseholders as per the lease agreement and was requesting Board confirmation/direction for following up, recommending that, rather than selling, these leases be tendered for another 20 year term.

The request of the current lessees to now have the right to match the high bid if being leased by auction/tender was debated. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the leasing concept, covering the right to match the high bid or paying an additional premium, set prices vs open bid, the change in market and speculators, fragility of some family farming operations, sustaining local communities, offering lease opportunities to others, current lease rates and rate reviews, shorter terms vs long term leases, subleasing, lease eligibility requirements and rights to transfer, previous Board direction and choices of leaseholders, and the implied precedence for grazing leaseholders if changing irrigation leaseholder options.

This matter is to be brought back to the October regular meeting after Directors have polled their water users concerning the options being considered for long term irrigated leases upon expiry.

[11:49 a.m. – 12:18 p.m. Lunch break; D. Buell entered the meeting.]

2019-09-257 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Access – Trespass & Boat Launches

[12:39 p.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting.]

12.0 Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy

[12:44 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

6.0 EIDNet Report cont'd.

6.02 Duchess Internet Tower – Moratorium on New Customers

[12:57 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; E. Wilson, R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered.]

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.06 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

8.07 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access

13.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway – Project Completion Celebration

2019-09-258 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Access – Trespass & Boat Launches cont'd.

In review of some draft revisions to the Access Policy for District Owned Lands, and in matters of AIS access violations, Directors advised staff to ban and charge on the 2nd infraction, rather than the 3rd (as is used for land access offences).

12.0 Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy cont'd.

The draft Private Water Pumping Systems on EID Land Policy is to be further revised to include the occurrence/necessity of temporary pumping systems.

6.0 EIDNet Report cont'd.**6.02 Duchess Internet Tower – Moratorium on New Customers cont'd.**

Additional information will be brought back to the Board in October on a possible LTE solution for the current moratorium on new customers in the Duchess and Rosemary areas.

8.0 Engineering cont'd.**8.06 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill cont'd.**

General consensus was gained to the proposed revised pressure surcharge rate. This item will be brought back for final confirmation.

8.07 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access cont'd.

Engineering staff are to review options with Rod Johnson for his mitigation of his water access silting issue at Snake Lake Reservoir.

13.0 Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway – Official Opening cont'd.

The official opening of the Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway is set for Friday, October 25th. The opening ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Alberta Environment & Parks; Michaela Glasgo, MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat and Chief Joseph Weasel Child, Siksika Nation will be speaking. Tours of both the Emergency Spillway and the Dam will follow and be offered into the afternoon. A number of guests will be invited and this event will be open to the general public.

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 10 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, October 30 th , 9:00 a.m. |

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| 14.03 | Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway
Official Opening | - Friday, October 25 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 14.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[2:41 p.m. E. Wilson, R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:41 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

October 10, 2019 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 10th day of October, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]	Mrs. Nancy Lassiter	Accounting Supervisor
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	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.

2019-10-259 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the revised Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 2019/2020 Budget Discussion

2.01 Overview

I. Friesen presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2019/2020, including comparisons to past years' revenues and expenses, welcoming comment and answering questions from Directors throughout the meeting.

[9:42 a.m. C. Getz, D. Syvret and S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

Chuck Getz – North Division Superintendent, Don Syvret – South Division Superintendent and Shawn Dahl – Buildings & Grounds Superintendent entered the meeting. Several items were discussed for the Operations and Maintenance departments, including capital purchases, flow meters, pipeline locating, spill containment, aquatic weed treatment, solar pumps, District residences, remote pumps and rodent control. Additional information is to be brought back to the Board regarding the Rolling Hills residence, shop and lot, and the Rolling Hills / Bow Slope pump.

[10:29 a.m. – 10:38 a.m. Short break; C. Getz, D. Syvret and S. Dahl exited the meeting.]

[10:38 a.m. T. Canning and E. Palaschak entered the meeting.]

2.03 Equipment & Shop

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, cost-sharing

wage recoveries, insurance, contract labour and safety courses were discussed, along with capital purchases. The following motion was carried to secure the quoted price and to not delay delivery.

2019-10-260 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the purchase of a heated tool trailer at the estimated cost of \$35,000. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:06 a.m. T. Canning and E. Palaschak exited the meeting.]

[11:08 a.m. N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

2.04 Lands

Nathan Fontaine – Land Supervisor, Rick Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing and Staci Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands joined the meeting. Discussion centered on solar pumps, dugouts, water tanks and cattle crossings. Maps of 10 proposed waterlines and 7 new watering tanks in various community pastures were displayed. In order to allow for some fall waterline installation, the following motion was carried.

2019-10-261 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the installation of 10 new waterlines and 7 watering tanks in community grazing pastures at the estimated cost of \$220,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional grazing items including fire guards, fencing, cross fencing and weed control were discussed. Land revenues were reviewed.

[12:03 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break. N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[12:38 p.m. M. Porter and R. Moen entered the meeting.]

2.05 IT & EIDNet

Mark Porter – Information Services Technologist and Ronan Moen – Internet Services Supervisor entered the meeting. Various IT capital purchases and website redevelopment were commented on. EIDNet capital purchases, proposed LTE and fibre projects, rural and remote service, water user accounts, revenue, funding, routers and a new municipal fibre tax were additionally discussed.

[1:14 p.m. J. Hale excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.]

Directors requested that a Joint County/EID Meeting be arranged prior to the New Year.

[1:28 p.m. M. Porter and R. Moen exited the meeting.]

2.06 Administration

Remaining items of note from the Administration department were reviewed, touching on legal fees, wages and an explanation of the merit program. Mr. Friesen encouraged Directors to contact him with any questions or comments as they further assess the full budget prior to the regular meeting on October 30th.

3.0 Upcoming Events

3.01	Bassano Dam Emergency Spillway Official Opening	- Friday, October 25 th , 10:00 a.m. <i>[all attending]</i>
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| 3.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, October 30 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 3.03 | AIDA 2019 MLA Reception | - Tuesday, November 19 th , 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.,
Edmonton Federal Building
<i>[attending: R. Owen, B. Chrumka, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen]</i> |
| 3.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 3.05 | AIDA AGM | - Thursday, November 28 th , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge |
| 3.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. <i>[tentative]</i> |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:51 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

October 30, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 30th day of October, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

- **9:00 a.m. Board In-Camera**

[9:20 a.m. I. Friesen entered the In-Camera session.]

[9:43 a.m. Board In-Camera session ended; K. Bridges, W. Enns, R. Gagley and N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.03 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access
- 7.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

The following items were removed from the agenda:

- Pump – C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) - NW 10-15-15

2019-10-262 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 27, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting**

The September 27, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-10-263 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the September 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 October 10, 2019 Special Directors Meeting

The October 10, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-10-264 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the October 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-10-265 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 2019/2020 Budget – Further Review & Questions

[10:11 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

3.02 Irrigated Lease Expiries

[10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Short break.]

4.0 Oil & Gas Negotiations Update

[11:16 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

5.0 Judicial Review of EID vs ICAP – Memorandum of Decision

6.0 Engineering

[11:28 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach entered the meeting.]

6.01 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

[12:13 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break; J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

6.02 Letter from Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

[1:02 p.m. R. Summach exited the meeting.]

6.03 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access

2019-10-266 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising cont'd.

3.01 2019/2020 Budget – Further Review & Questions cont'd.

In follow up to the October 10th Budget Meeting, I. Friesen summarized the revisions made to the 2019/2020 Budget and answered a number of further questions. Direction was given to Admin regarding an EIDNet operating enquiry.

3.02 Irrigated Lease Expiries cont'd.

A lengthy discussion was again afforded the Irrigated Lease Expiries matter, with direction given to bring this topic back to the next meeting for continued deliberation.

4.0 Oil & Gas Negotiations Update cont'd.

The draft oil and gas compensation rate structure, developed with input from Daryl Bennett of My Landman Group Inc., was presented to Directors. After further contact with energy companies, the schedule will be brought back for ratification.

5.0 Judicial Review of EID vs ICAP – Memorandum of Decision cont'd.

Circumstances leading up to the 2019 Judicial Review may be summarized as follows:

- November/December 2017, three New Acre Irrigation Applications: Kimberley Resch – SW 28 & S 29-15-13 W4M, Kirk Prescott – N 29 & SW 32-15-13 W4M, and George Murray V – E 31-18-13 W4M were denied by the Board of Directors due to proof of beneficial ownership concerns and the applicants therefore not meeting eligibility requirements as essential to District policy and bylaw [see November 28 & 29, 2017 minutes].
- These applicants subsequently appealed through Irrigation Council [see January 18, 2018 minutes].
- An Irrigation Council Appeal Panel was convened and a hearing conducted March 12 and 14, 2018. On April 3, 2018 a notice of decision was given to the EID which rescinded the EID decisions [see April 10, 2018 letter to water users].
- September 11, 2018, the Board of Directors filed for judicial review of ICAP's decision [see October 11, 2018 letter to water users].
- In follow up to the hearing on April 17 & 18, 2019, a Memorandum of Decision was released October 18, 2019 by the Hon. Madam Justice J.C. Kubik in favour of the EID and other irrigation districts, as stated in paragraphs 77 and 78 of the decision [see October 21, 2019 letter to water users]:

[77] *Further, I am satisfied that the Irrigation Districts Act empowers individual irrigation districts to investigate the legitimacy of title when considering whether to allocate new irrigation acres. The original decision of the EID was therefore reasonable having regard to the scope, purpose, and intention of the legislation and the facts before it.*

[78] *Accordingly, the decision of the ICAP is quashed and the EID decisions are restored.*

The respondents have 30 days to appeal the decision of Madam Justice Kubik to the Court of Appeal of Alberta. After the 30 day appeal time period, and given there is no appeal, a number of associated matters will be brought to the Board for discussion, for example: irrigation expansion, future plebiscite, moratorium of new corporate applications in community grazing, etc.

6.0 Engineering cont'd.

6.01 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill cont'd.

The C Springhill and 01-C Springhill rehab project is to be brought back to the November meeting for further discussion; final approval on the project will be required by March 2020.

6.02 Letter from Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson) cont'd.

A letter was received from Anderson Farms Ltd. (Tim & Cathy Anderson) concerning the costs for a new delivery. Project details and policy were reviewed with Engineering staff; a letter from the Board is to be sent in reply to Anderson Farms Ltd.

6.03 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access cont'd.

Rod Johnson's access issues to water from Snake Lake Reservoir was brought back from the August and September meetings at the request of B. Schmidt. This matter was again given significant discussion; no further direction was given.

6.04 Rolling Hills / Bow Slope Lift Pump

At the Budget Meeting, it was asked whether permanently disconnecting electrical service to the Rolling Hills / Bow Slope Lift Pump and supplementing the pump with a generator when needed, would be a beneficial cost savings for the District. After examination, it was recognized that this pump is used more than first thought and to have a ready power supply would aid in efficient use of water for this system when the pump was required.

7.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**7.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

J. Hale reported on a recent CVRS Meeting he attended, advising on camping rates, 911 emergency access, boat launch gates, and the request for another marina boat launch. Upon the original request, Engineering had presented a cost estimate to replace the single boat launch with a double. Mr. Hale confirmed that CVRS would like to proceed with the project, given EID Board approval. The project was discussed and the following motion carried.

2019-10-267 Moved by J. Hale that an expansion from a single width boat launch to a double width boat launch at the Crawling Valley Campground marina be approved as follows:

- The necessary approvals be applied for and obtained.
- The estimated cost for the project is \$126,000.
- The Crawling Valley Recreation Society will reimburse the EID for the full cost of the project by making annual installment payments to the EID over a period of not more than 5 years beginning in 2019. It is understood that the annual installment payments for the boat launch project are in addition to the annual payments made by CVRS to the EID for the boat docks.
- Once the necessary approvals have been received, the EID will arrange for the project to be completed. If, at the time the project is started, the Crawling Valley Recreation Society has not advanced sufficient funds to the EID to pay the full project cost, the EID will cover the shortfall pending receipt of the remainder of the installment payment from CVRS.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising cont'd.

[2:28 p.m. N. Lassiter re-entered the meeting.]

3.01 2019/2020 Budget – Further Review & Questions cont'd.

Revisions from the October 10th Budget Meeting were reviewed during in-camera; no further changes were requested. The budget was approved through the following motion, and as per standard procedure, rehab projects and large purchases are required to be brought back to the Board for individual approval.

2019-10-268 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board of Directors approve the 2019/2020 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:39 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

8.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

8.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2019

It was noted that the financial 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 \$41.31 million and are tracking about 0.7% (\$284,000) under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$28.41 million and are tracking about 17.6% (\$6.08 million) under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.91 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2019-10-269 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2019

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2019 was \$13,436,289 or 12.29% less than the book value at September 30, 2018.

4TH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$23,020,000	\$21,900,000
IRP – Short Term	-	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$ 2,250,000
Partners in Habitat Development	\$ 208,000	\$ 205,000

2019-10-270 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2019

A variety of accounts were detailed and questions answered by Admin.

2019-10-271 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:57 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet Report

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report.

4 TH QUARTER EIDNET REPORT	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	71
Residential Accounts	1,679
Business Accounts	20
EID Automation	45
Total	1,815

[2:59 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.01.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019)

Mr. Fontaine responded to a number of questions and presented the Oil & Gas Year-End Summary as follows:

OIL & GAS ACTIVITY REPORT	
New Activity – October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019	
New Locations	47
Twinned Wells	34
Total	81
Pipelines	201 acres or 1,208 miles
Seismic	0 permits, 0 miles
Abandoned – October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019	
Well Abandonment Notifications	39 (23 Torxen, 14 Cardinal, 2 CNRL)
Twin Well Abandonment Notifications	7 (5 Torxen, 2 Cardinal)
Reclaimed – October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019	
Reclamation Certificates	37 (16 Torxen, 13 CNRL, 4 Cardinal, 3 Cor4, 1 Taqa)
Canceled Locations	-

3.0 Business Arising cont'd.

3.02 Irrigated Lease Expiries cont'd.

It was confirmed that the Irrigated Lease Expiries matter be brought back to the next meeting for continued discussion.

[3:12 p.m. D. Buell entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands cont'd.

10.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

D. Buell was in attendance to hear further Director comment on enforcement procedures.

10.02.1 Access – Trespass & Boat Launches

Through a short discussion, procedure proposed last month was confirmed for matters of land and reservoir access violations. District personnel will use discretion according to the seriousness of infraction.

[3:21 p.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

10.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.03.1 Summary of 2019 Grazing Season

In 2019, staggered Round Up dates were set to reflect the difference in pasture conditions between the north and south areas. Record snowfall received at the end of September will assist in early grass growth next spring but it is being recommended that the maximum listing for 2020 be reduced from 80 to 70 head in order to be able to reduce carrying capacity in the drier areas. Total cattle placed on community pastures for 2019 was 17,119; this was a decrease of 256 head from 2018. Membership increased to 251 from 249. Total AUM for the 2019 grazing season was calculated to be 82,300; down from 91,046 in 2018. Pumping and waterline maintenance costs increased due to low spring runoff and deeper frost. The new pump house and pressurized waterline extension in Patricia was completed in August, consisting of 13 km of waterline, 5 new water tanks and the ability to fill 5 dugouts. Other improvements included new or enlarged dugouts in Rosemary, Duchess and Tilley Swingfield, 45 km of new barbed wire fence and 16 km of new electric fence in Gem. The 2 Kitsim pivots and all 12 pump houses that supply water to EID pastures are now on Agsense. This enables staff to monitor all locations for temperature, pressure, water flow and rainfall from a smart phone. A July hailstorm resulted in an over 80% loss of product at the newly seeded Kitsim irrigated pastures, however the lower stocking rate and quick regrowth made for sufficient grazing for both Duchess Grazing and later Newell Grazing. The lease cleanup program was completed. It is now mandatory that when fences are replaced the grazing leases must pay to have the old materials removed. Grazing Associations are also responsible to clean up old materials from repairs to corrals and other improvements. Less weed growth in fireguards resulted in reduced spraying of these areas. More Downy Brome locations and a Japanese Brome site were discovered. A combination of hand pulling, spraying, mowing and monitoring has proven effective. Although the fire risk was again very high this summer, there was only one minor (20 acre) fire in Bassano Grazing near the Crawling Valley Reservoir. Just prior to Round Up, Bantry Grazing had 14 cows die suddenly. Bow Valley Clinic and Newell Vet Clinic have assisted the members in determining the cause; samples were taken from the deceased animals, water and grass. After ruling out many possibilities, it was concluded to be a phosphorous and potassium deficiency as a result of the extreme snow and cold in early October,

combined with below normal pasture conditions. 3 Grazing Associations have received confirmation of their updated bylaws being accepted by Alberta Registries, 2 are pending and the remaining 5 are planning to submit in 2020.

10.03.2 JBS Wastewater Update

On October 1st, the EID was notified that the application of wastewater was completed. A total of 178 acres of native pastureland in Duchess Grazing was utilized. Storage space in the JBS lagoons were determined to be at levels that will enable the JBS beef processing facility to operate normally throughout the upcoming winter season. The annual soil sampling that is required from Alberta Environment & Parks on all wastewater applied lands is now underway. It is hopeful that recent involvement by the Sustainable Resources department will assist in resolving the regulatory issues with soil parameters that are preventing specific lands in the JBS irrigation project from the application of wastewater. Status of the affected lands should be known by January/February, and if rejected, JBS may again request for land availability for wastewater disposal.

[3:53 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

10.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.04.1 Assessment Report to September 30, 2019

The Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
July 1, 2019	301,182	3,913	39	-	305,134
September 30, 2019	301,525	3,913	39	[reviewing]	305,477
Net increase	343	< 0 >	0	-	343
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 9 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					352
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 305,477 irrigation acres are on the roll.

10.04.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

10.04.2.1 Budget Report

The Year End and Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Reports were presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – YEAR END REPORT	
2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018	\$4,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2018 *	< \$1,694,485 > *
2019 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$2,305,515
Farm Improvement Grants	
October 2018 through September 2019 (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 742,340 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,563,175

*Of the \$1,694,485 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$947,648 will be carried over from the 2019 fiscal year to the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid in the 2019 fiscal year were \$1,489,177 (\$742,340 approved and paid in the 2019 fiscal year, and \$746,837 approved prior but paid within this fiscal year).

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2020 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2019	\$2,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2019 *	< \$ 947,648 > *
2020 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,052,352
Farm Improvement Grants	
October (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 81,266 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 971,086

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$947,648 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$0.

All 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.

10.04.2.2 Flood to Pivot – Chad & Paula Galbraith – Pt NE 17-19-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 33 acres flood
- Converting: 33 acres flood to wiper pivot; 17 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 50 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-10-272 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chad & Paula Galbraith for the conversion of 33 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt NE 17-19-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$3,300 (33 acres x \$100/acre).

The capital assets charge is \$5,100 (17 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. 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.

10.04.2.3 Panel & Pivot Parts – 1986034 Alberta Ltd (Luke Retzlaff) – SE 18-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 131 acres pivot, 8 acres corner
- Installing: panel and pivot parts upgrade; keeping 8 acres in corner
- Assessment remains the same at 139 acres (131 pivot, 8 corner)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-10-273 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1986034 Alberta Ltd. (Luke Retzlaff) for the panel and pivot parts upgrade in SE 18-21-15 W4M purchased for \$17,185. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre) less \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,100. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.4 Pump – C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) and Blaine & Holly Johnson – Pt N ½ 14, Pt SE 14 & Pt SE 23-15-15 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$12,508 (motion 2019-05-142)
- Current Assessment: 140 acres pivot
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-10-274 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd. (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) for the pump upgrade in Pt N ½ 14, Pt SE 14 & Pt SE 23-15-15 W4M purchased for \$6,952. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$14,000 (140 acres x \$100/acre) less \$12,508 (previous grant) = \$1,492. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.5 Panel – Richard & Esther Wiens – Pt SW 11-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 82 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$2,015 (motion 010-01-2002)
- Current Assessment: 84 acres (74 wiper pivot, 10 acre separate flood field)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 84 acres, (74 wiper pivot, 10 flood field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-10-275 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Esther Wiens for the panel upgrade in Pt SW 11-21-16 W4M purchased for \$7,100. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$7,400 (74 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,015 (previous grant) = \$5,385. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.6 Pump & Nozzles – Wildeboer Farms Ltd (Elsien & Jan Wildeboer) – S ½ 19-16-15 W4M

- Original Assessment: 219 acres
- Previous Assessment: 234 acres (15 acres added for previous general assessment)

- Current Assessment: 242 acres wiper pivot (8 acres added for 2017 general assessment)
- Installing: pump & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 242 acres, all under wiper pivot

2019-10-276 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Wildeboer Farms Ltd (Elsien & Jan Wildeboer) for the pump and nozzles upgrade in S ½ 19-16-15 W4M purchased for \$20,139. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$21,900 (219 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$20,139. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.04.2.7 Drop Span – G.W. Dickinson Farms Ltd (George & Annette Richards-Dickinson)
– SW 12-15-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 141 acres (127 acre wiper pivot, 14 acres outside pivot area)
- Installing: 5 acre drop span
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (132 pivot, 9 corners)

2019-10-277 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for G.W. Dickinson Farms Ltd (George & Annette Richards-Dickinson) for the added drop span in SW 12-15-14 W4M purchased for \$11,250. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$11,250 less \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,750. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.8 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration - Jacob Giesbrecht – Pt Sec 19-17-12 W4M

As a parcel has been subdivided from and additional irrigation acres have been developed in Pt Sec 19-17-12 W4M, it is required to discharge the existing Irrigable Unit and register a newly revised one.

2019-10-278 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SE & Pt SW 19-17-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Jacob Giesbrecht. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-10-279 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SE, Pt SW & Pt NE 19-17-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Jacob Giesbrecht. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.9 Increase – Monty Freimark & Lily Iskiw – SW 17-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 128 acres
- Current Assessment: 132 acres (4 acres added through general assessment)
- Proposal: 138 acre corner arm pivot; 6 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 132 acres Class B flood to pivot in SW 17-20-14 W4M
= 52.8 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 138 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2019-10-280 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Monty Freimark & Lily Iskiw, for 6 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot in SW 17-20-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,800 (6 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.10 Flood to Corner Arm Pivot – Monty Freimark & Lily Iskiw – SW 17-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 132 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (6 acres added – motion 2019-10-280)
- Converting: 132 acres flood to corner arm pivot (109 pivot, 23 corner arm)
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-10-281 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Monty Freimark & Lily Iskiw for the conversion of 109 acres flood to pivot and 23 acres flood to corner arm in SW 17-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$10,900 (109 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,100 (23 acres x \$700/acre) = \$27,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.11 Increase – Cornelius & Maria Wall – NE 19-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 100 acres wheels
- Proposal: 107 acre wiper pivot; 7 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 100 acres wheels to wiper pivot in NE 19-21-16 W4M
= 15 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 107 acres wiper pivot

2019-10-282 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cornelius & Maria Wall, for 7 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from wheels to pivot in NE 19-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$2,100 (7 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.12 Wheels to Pivot – Cornelius & Maria Wall – NE 19-21-16 W4M

- Original Assessment: 81 acres
- Previous Assessment: 100 acres wheels (19 acres added for 2002 irrigation development)
- Current Assessment: 107 acres (7 acres added – motion 2019-10-282)
- Converting: 81 acres wheels to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 107 acres wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-10-283 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cornelius & Maria Wall for the conversion of 81 acres wheels to wiper pivot in NE 19-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$8,100 (81 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:15 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

11.0 Equipment

Mr. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

11.01 Sale of Used Pickups – Results of Auction

The five ½ ton and one 2 ton trucks sold at the Annett Auction this month for a total of \$34,500 less 5% commission = \$32,775. The guaranteed price, had it been chosen, was \$44,031. It is thought that the late harvest activity reduced sale attendance.

11.02 Quotes on the Purchase of ½ Ton, ¾ Ton & 2 Ton Trucks

Quotes for the purchase of three ½ ton and five ¾ ton trucks were presented as follows. The quotes included both the regular cab long box option and the double/quad/Supercab long box option.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF ½ AND ¾ TON TRUCKS		
Dealership	3 – ½ Ton Trucks	5 – ¾ Ton Trucks
Sun City Ford Medicine Hat	Reg Cab L Box - \$34,954.00 D/Q/S Cab S Box - \$35,711.00	Reg Cab L Box - \$39,506.00 D/Q/S Cab L Box - \$42,688.00
Harwood Ford Sales Brooks	Reg Cab L Box - \$34,731.25 D/Q/S Cab S Box - \$35,371.25	Reg Cab L Box - \$38,796.25 D/Q/S Cab L Box - \$42,106.25
Martin Chrysler Ltd. Brooks	Reg Cab L Box - \$36,298.00 D/Q/S Cab S Box - \$34,883.00	Reg Cab L Box - \$41,145.00 D/Q/S Cab L Box - \$45,369.00
Davis Chevrolet Brooks Brooks	Reg Cab L Box - \$35,005.00 D/Q/S Cab S Box - \$32,493.00	Reg Cab L Box - \$38,082.00 D/Q/S Cab L Box - \$38,551.00
Davis Dodge Fort Macleod	Reg Cab L Box - \$35,145.00 D/Q/S Cab S Box - n/a	Reg Cab L Box - \$40,207.00 D/Q/S Cab L Box - n/a

2019-10-284 Moved by T. Hemsing that the District purchase:

- three ½ ton quad cab short box trucks at \$32,493.00 per unit; and
 - five ¾ ton quad cab long box trucks at \$38,551.00 per unit
- from Davis Chevrolet Brooks. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.0 Upcoming Events

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| 12.01 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Monday, Nov. 11 th , JBS Centre Field House, 10:30 a.m.
[D. Peltzer laying wreath] |
| 12.02 | AIDA 2019 MLA Reception | - Wed., Nov. 20 th , Edmonton Federal Building, 6:00 p.m.
[R. Owen, B. Chrumka, J. Hale, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen] |
| 12.03 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Thursday, November 21 st , 3:00 p.m. |
| 12.04 | Special Board Meeting re EIDNet | - Thursday, November 21 st , 4:00 p.m. |
| 12.05 | Joint EID/County Meeting | - Thursday, November 21 st , EID Office, 5:30 p.m. |
| 12.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 12.07 | AIDA AGM | - Thursday, November 28 th , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge Lodge |
| 12.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. [tentative] |
| 12.09 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 19 th , 5:00 p.m., EID Office [tentative] |

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

November 26, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of November, 2019. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 8.03 Crawling Valley Campground – Expanded Boat Launch
- 14.0 Request to Present to the Board – STARS

2019-11-285 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 30, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting**

The October 30, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented.

2019-11-286 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the October 30, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

An item from the Joint EID/County Meeting was handled later in the meeting.

[9:06 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2019

The financial statements to October 31, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$6.2 million and are tracking over YTD budget, largely due to October revenues including 2 months of oil and gas annual rentals and EIDNet subscription fees.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$1.09 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$5.1 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

2019-11-287 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:16 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

6.0 AGM & Election

Mr. Bridges proposed scheduling options for the District's Annual General Meeting and Election considerations. The District has been informed that currently no governmental changes are being worked on to include irrigation districts in the definition of "elected authorities" to authorize certain provisions such as advance voting, special ballots, voting subdivisions and list of electors. As such, none of these provisions are proposed in the approved option.

6.01 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates

The following dates were set, which keeps the District's conventional sequence of events, but moves the process earlier by approximately 10 days. This change was in follow up to a request made last year.

2019-11-288 Moved by T. Hemsing that:

- the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 9, 2020;
- the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020;
- the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.;
- if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 7, 2020; and
- an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 2020 Election Date Bylaw #933

The 2020 Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting dates as per motion 2019-11-288.

2019-11-289 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #933 (2019), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of November, 2019. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-11-290 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board read and approve Bylaw #933 (2019) the second time this 26th day of November, 2019. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-11-291 Moved by T. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #933 (2019) this 26th day of November, 2019. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-11-292 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #933 (2019), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2020, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 EIDNet Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on new installs remains in the Rosemary and Duchess areas.

[9:26 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

The earthworks crew began construction on the West Bantry canal rehab project where work will continue until a significant amount of frost has set in. The pipeline crew has mobilized on the north end of the East North Bantry project and started laying pipe on November 18th as per schedule. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- surveyed, Board approved, detailed design complete, ROWs signed, construction began November 12, 2019
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- surveyed, Board approved, detailed design complete, ROWs signed, construction began November 18, 2019
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	- surveyed, Board approved, ROWs n/a, construction to begin December 2019
IRP PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- surveyed, Board approved, construction to begin January 6, 2020

8.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2020/21 to 2022/23

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2020/21 to 2022/23, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. 06 Bow Slope is this construction year's IRP project. It remains that no project is proposed for 2020/21 so that 2 years of funding may be applied to the 2021/22 Scott Pipeline project. 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:

IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 - 2020/21	<i>[no project]</i>	-
Proposed Year 2 - 2021/22	Scott Pipeline	\$8,800,000
Proposed Year 3 - 2022/23	T Tilley Pipeline	\$1,250,000

2019-11-293 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2020/21 to 2022/23. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 Crawling Valley Campground – Expanded Boat Launch

Application to Alberta Environment & Parks for approval to install a single width boat launch adjacent to the existing boat launch in the Crawling Valley Campground marina has been delayed until a required fish study can be completed. The study and re-application will be conducted in spring, once the ice is off the reservoir.

[9:51 a.m. – 9:54 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

9.01.1.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2020 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2019	\$2,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2019 *	< \$ 947,648 > *
2020 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,052,352
Farm Improvement Grants	
October (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 82,480 >
November (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 48,807 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 921,065

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$947,648 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$82,480.

All 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.

Cost-Shares (*turnouts, crossings, drain relays, improvement/reduction of District infrastructure tree removal, machine leveling, gated pipe, etc.*)

The EID will cost-share the project up to a maximum amount, as per policy.

9.01.1.2 Concrete Removal – Thomas Parker – NW 19-21-15 W4M

The Landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share for the removal of concrete in NW 19-21-15 W4M to accommodate the installation of a new pivot. The project is estimated to cost \$4,500 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000.

2019-11-294 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Thomas Parker for the removal of concrete in NW 19-21-15 W4M to accommodate the installation of a new pivot, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$4,500; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,250. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.3 Canal Removal – Rick & Gail Volek – SW 28-16-13 W4M

The Landowners are applying for a cost-share to remove the canal from their property to enable the addition of a corner arm. It is required that a turnout be modified to serve the adjacent parcel to the north, for the neighbour's domestic delivery, at the expense of the applicants. The project is estimated to cost \$10,500 (pushing in canal banks and turnout modifications) of which the EID by policy will pay 75% up to \$50,000.

2019-11-295 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rick & Gail Volek for the canal removal in SW 28-16-13 W4M to accommodate the addition of a corner arm, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis, up to \$50,000. The project is estimated to cost \$10,500; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,625. Seconded by D. Peltzer. 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.

9.01.1.4 Nozzles – Joseph & Susan Chomistek – NW 30-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 133 acres (130 pivot, 3 acres corner)
- Installing: nozzles upgrade; keeping 3 acres in corner
- Assessment remains the same at 133 acres (130 pivot, 3 corner)

2019-11-296 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joseph & Susan Chomistek for the nozzles upgrade in NW 30-15-15 W4M purchased for \$6,686. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,686 less \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,186. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.5 Panel – Thomas & Shirley Ovinge – Pt N ½ 18-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 142 acres (134 pivot, 8 acres corners)
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 8 acres in corners
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (134 pivot, 8 corners)

2019-11-297 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Thomas & Shirley Ovinge for the panel upgrade in Pt N ½ 18-15-15 W4M purchased for \$10,596. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,596 less \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,596. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.6 Panel & Parts – Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. – Pt Sec 29-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 130 irrigation acres, 37 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 167 irrigation acres (37 acres converted from term to 1st)
- Installing: panel & parts upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 167 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-11-298 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. for the panel and parts upgrade in Pt Sec 29-21-13 W4M purchased for \$17,440. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.7 Panel & Parts – Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. – Pt Sec 29 & Pt SE 30-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 139 irrigation acres, 41 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 180 irrigation acres (41 acres converted from term to 1st)
- Installing: panel & parts upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 180 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-11-299 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Springside Hutterian Brethren Ltd. for the panel and parts upgrade in Pt Sec 29 & Pt SE 30-21-13 W4M purchased for \$17,440. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,900 (139 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.8 Discharge of Irrigable Unit – Harriet Armstrong – NE 06-24-15 W4M and Patricia Andrews (Henry Peake) – NE 06-24-15 W4M (subdivision)

Historically, an Irrigable Unit was registered on the 2 parcels in NE 06-24-15 W4M for water delivery. Since that time there has been an addition of a pipeline which serves both parcels, therefore an Irrigable Unit is no longer required.

2019-11-300 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on NE 06-24-15 W4M, lands being owned by Harriet Armstrong; and NE 06-24-15 W4M Subdivision, lands being owned by Patricia Andrews (Henry Peake). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.9 Discharge of Irrigable Unit – Isaak & Eileen Schroeder – SW 01-17-13 W4M and Robert Urban – SE 01-17-13 W4M

Historically, an Irrigable Unit was registered for water delivery from the canal to both parcels in S ½ 01-17-13 W4M. Since that time there has been an addition of a pipeline which serves both parcels, therefore an Irrigable Unit is no longer required.

2019-11-301 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SW 01-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Isaak & Eileen Schroeder; and SE 01-17-13 W4M, lands being owned by Robert Urban. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.10 Discharge of Irrigable Unit – Ross & Gayle Hornberger – NE 34 & NW 35-20-16 W4M

Historically, an Irrigable Unit was registered for water delivery to both NE 34 & NW 35-20-16 W4M. Since that time there has been an addition of a pipeline which serves both parcels, therefore an Irrigable Unit is no longer required.

2019-11-302 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on NE 34 & NW 35-20-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Ross & Gayle Hornberger. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.11 Request to Transfer Irrigation Acres – 2113560 AB Ltd (Suntana Murray, George Murray IV, George Murray V) and George Murray V – 82 acres from SW 08-22-16 to NE 31-18-13 W4M

The landowners have requested to transfer 82 irrigation acres from SW 08-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by 2113560 Alberta Ltd. (Suntana Murray, George Murray IV and George Murray V), to NE 31-18-13 W4M, lands being owned by George Murray V, for a proposed pivot on a currently dry parcel. Operations has confirmed the ability to serve the acres in the different system. The SW 08-22-16 W4M will then be classified as a dry parcel. A number of questions were responded to by admin.

2019-11-303 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the transfer of 82 irrigation acres from SW 08-22-16 W4M, lands owned by 2113560 Alberta Ltd. (Suntana Murray, George Murray IV and George Murray V), to NE 31-18-13 W4M, lands being owned by George Murray V. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.12 Increase in Irrigation Acres – George Murray V – NE 31-18-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 82 acres (transferred in, motion 2019-11-303)
- Proposal: 123 acre pivot; 41 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 82 acres rough flood to pivot = 41 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 123 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: pivot end gun will need to be removed; soil tests completed

2019-11-304 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for George Murray V, for 41 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot in NE 31-18-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,300 (41 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.13 Conversion of Term to 1st – Eastern Irrigation District – N ½ 26-14-13 W4M

The acres in N ½ 26-14-13 W4M were terminable due to the delivery of water being off of a drain. 06-A Rolling Hills pipeline has since been installed and therefore the terminable acres may be converted to irrigation acres.

2019-11-305 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the conversion of 135 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 26-14-13 W4M and 135 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NW 26-14-13 W4M; all lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:35 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

9.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.02.1 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2020 Grazing Season

Although average spring/summer precipitation in the north enabled a normal grazing season and good carry over grass, pasture conditions in the south are considerably less favourable. An AUM of 80,000 was recommended for the 2020 grazing season; this translates to 16,000 head (cow/calf pair) over 5 months, and may be re-addressed in April if early spring moisture is below normal. Management of swing fields and community pastures will need to reflect a shift of some cattle from the south to the north in 2020.

2019-11-306 Moved by T. Hemsing that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 80,000 AUM for the 2020 grazing season. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.2 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2020 Grazing Season

Setting the AUM Grazing Rate will be discussed at the December Board Meeting, once applications have been processed and a report on the GAC meeting can be reviewed.

9.02.3 Ban on Accepting New Corporate Grazing Applications

In June of 2018, referencing the uncertainty of future District policy and how it may affect determining the eligibility of Community Grazing applications, the following motion was carried:

*2018-06-311 Moved by J. Culligan that the District impose a temporary ban on accepting new corporate applications for the 2019 grazing season until legal clarity is received regarding District bylaws and policies going forward. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, T. Brummelhuis
OPPOSED – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale*

Mr. Volek advised that 2 corporations would like to apply for the 2020 grazing season and that legal counsel will be submitting policy wording revisions to give further clarity to the corporate eligibility requirements. A short discussion was held.

2019-11-307 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the temporary ban on accepting new corporate applications for Community Grazing be lifted and any new corporate applications be accepted conditionally, providing the eligibility requirements fully satisfy the Board's concerns in the forthcoming revised Grazing Policy. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Grazing Policy will be brought to the December Board Meeting for revision.

[11:36 a.m. 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 Commercial Lease Annual Rent Review – Brooks Gymnastics Club

The Brooks Gymnastics Club 5-year lease agreement with the District will expire at the end of 2019. The Club uses the west portions of the building (approx. 6,000 sq ft) and parking lot; the District uses the east portion of the building as cold weather storage for small equipment. The rental rate is set annually and the Club pays the full property taxes and building insurance, plus their share of the utilities. They are also responsible for their own content insurance, and interior and exterior building maintenance. The Club has been at this location since 1993 and are considered good tenants, meeting their requirements and taking little administrative time. It was recommended to sign a new agreement with the same terms and conditions.

2019-11-308 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board offer the Brooks Gymnastics Club a new 5 year lease, with 0% increase on their lease agreement for 2020, which maintains the rental rate at \$10, plus taxes, insurance and utilities share. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:38 a.m. – 11:43 a.m. Short break.]

2019-11-309 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2 Oil & Gas Negotiations Update**9.03.3 Irrigated Lease Expiries**

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

[1:09 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, E. Wilson entered.]

10.0 Expansion Modelling / Plebiscite**10.01 Results of Survey for Water Users using Over 24"****10.02 Expansion Modelling / Plebiscite Discussion Points****10.03 Irrigation Expansion**

[2:31 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Short break; E. Wilson exited the meeting, R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered.]

8.0 Engineering cont'd.**8.04 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill****8.05 "Water Delivery & Operations Policy", and "Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw (2016)"**

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

11.0 Joint EID/County Meeting**11.01 EIDNet – Proposal to Upgrade to a Fibre Optic Network****12.0 Corporate Planning – Dates, Topics****13.0 Bow Bloc Meeting – Date, Topics****14.0 Request to Present to the Board – STARS**

2019-11-310 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Land cont'd.**9.03.2 Oil & Gas Negotiations Update cont'd.**

N. Fontaine advised as to the status of compensation negotiations with oil and gas companies operating on District lands.

9.03.3 Irrigated Lease Expiries cont'd.

Irrigated leases were again given considerable discussion during the in-camera portion of the meeting, resulting in the following motion being carried upon reconvening.

2019-11-311 Moved by T. Hemsing that, upon expiration, the lessees of long term Irrigated Leases #8215, #8216 and #8217 have the option of either:

- **upon payment of a renewal fee equivalent to last year's rent, renewing for a further 10 years at \$175/irrigated acre, subject to a rent review at the end of the 5th year; or**
- **having the opportunity to submit a bid when the lease is put up for tender in a sealed bid format, with the minimum price/irrigated acre bid being set by the Board; this option does not include a right to match the high bid.**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Expansion Modelling / Plebiscite cont'd.**10.01 Results of Survey for Water Users using Over 24" cont'd.**

In response to conditions and demand, a temporary amending bylaw was passed last August to allow water use of up to 27" per irrigated acre for crop production only. Approximately 60 parcels used over 24". Operations staff surveyed the landowners of those parcels and Mr. Friesen advised that for over half of them, the high use of water was a cause of poor communication (lack of or miscommunication) between owners, renters, hired workers and Water Operators. The remaining high use instances involved small inefficient parcels, high water demanding crops, sandier soils or the opportunity to use the extra water.

10.02 Expansion Modelling / Plebiscite Discussion Points cont'd.

I. Friesen advised of a number of topics that require considerable discussion as the District moves through the expansion modelling and plebiscite process. Board time was allotted on December 20th to begin the discussion.

10.03 Irrigation Expansion cont'd.

E. Wilson presented a basic summary of irrigation expansion since 2003 and recent government modelling results. Mr. Friesen advised that the "Increase in Irrigation Acres Policy (2018)" will be brought back to the December Board Meeting for discussion and possible revision.

8.0 Engineering cont'd.**8.04 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill cont'd.**

Recalculated numbers for an increased pressure surcharge for C Springhill and 01-C Springhill, should the project be rehabbed again as a pressurized system, are to be brought back to the Board in December for further discussion, with the intention of presenting this information to landowners in January.

8.05 "Water Delivery & Opera. Policy", and "Delivery & Distribution of Water Bylaw (2016)" cont'd.

Direction given to Admin to contact Rod Johnson regarding a possible Farm Improvement grant and offer engineering assistance in pump site design of his choice.

11.0 Joint EID/County Meeting cont'd.

A Joint EID/County Meeting was held November 21st at the EID Office.

11.01 EIDNet – Proposal to Upgrade to a Fibre Optic Network cont'd.

An EIDNet newsletter will be mailed out to all water users on the 27th.

12.0 Corporate Planning – Dates, Topics cont'd.

Corporate Planning days are to be scheduled for the 2nd full week in January, 2 days minimum, set for Jan 14th & 15th tentatively. Topics are to be solely Plebiscite/Irrigation Expansion related.

13.0 Bow Bloc Meeting – Date, Topics cont'd.

A half day Bow Bloc Meeting is to be scheduled during the 2nd full week in January as well.

14.0 Request to Present to the Board – STARS cont'd.

A request was received from STARS to present to the Board; this request was denied.

15.0 Upcoming Events

15.01 Grasslands Strategic Planning Comm En. - *[to be rescheduled]* *[attending: D. Peltzer]*

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| 15.02 | MHC President's Holiday Reception | - Wed, December 11 th , 3:00 p.m., Medicine Hat [J. Hale] |
| 15.03 | AIDA AGM | - Friday, December 13 th , 11:00 a.m., Lethbridge
[B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Hale, T. Hemsing & I. Friesen] |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.05 | Special Board Meeting | - Friday, December 20 th |
| 15.06 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Friday, December 20 th , 5:00 p.m., EID Office |
| 15.07 | Corporate Planning | - January 16 th & 17 th , 2020, EID Office |
| 15.08 | Bow Bloc Meeting | - January, 2020, EID Office [tentative] |
| 15.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 28 th , 2020, 9:00 a.m. |

T. Brummelhuis moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:25 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

December 17 & 20, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 17th and 20th days of December, 2019. Those in attendance on December 17th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2] <i>[apologies]</i>	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assist. GM – Corp. Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.02 Newell Regional Tourism Association
- 7.03 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M
- 7.04 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access
- 7.05 Irrigation Feasibility – Township 22 Range 16

2019-12-312 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 November 26, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting

It was requested to amend the minutes to more completely describe the District services offered:

- Pg. 149, 8.05, after "Direction given to Admin to contact Rod Johnson regarding a possible Farm Improvement grant" add "and offer engineering assistance in pump site design of his choice."

2019-12-313 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Judicial Review of EID vs ICAP – Expiry of Appeal Period

Mr. Friesen advised that no appeals were received during the appeal period for the judicial review of EID vs Irrigation Council Appeal Panel. A report from Irrigation Council is forthcoming in response to this matter.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Associations – AGM

B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the AIDA AGM on December 13th in Lethbridge. AIDA Chairman and Executive Director reports were heard; Alex Ostrup, of St. Mary's Irrigation District, was elected as the new Chair, with Bob Chrumka returning as Vice Chairman.

4.02 Newell Regional Tourism Association

T. Hemsing recently attended an NRTA meeting; a consultant has been hired to bolster tourism in the area, with a goal of attracting tourists that normally focus their visits west of the District.

[9:30 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 Financial Statements to November 30, 2019

The financial statements to November 30, 2019 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$9.36 million and are tracking over YTD budget, largely due to October revenues including 2 months of oil and gas annual rentals and EIDNet subscription fees, dirt sales and land sales.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$4.9 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.47 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration.

N. Fontaine was directed to forward a letter to Alberta Environment & Parks requesting a clarification of services provided for the GOA Historic Resource fee, in relation to the sale of land to the Newell Regional Landfill.

2019-12-314 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to November 30, 2019 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet

6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report.

[9:53 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

Installation of the E North Bantry pipeline is going well and is on schedule. Frost is now a factor on the West Bantry Canal rehab and construction will conclude just after Christmas. Pipe for the 6 Bow

Slope project will start arriving on site this week and crews will be mobilizing in the New Year. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- 25% complete
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 15% complete
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	- construction to begin December 2019
IRP PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- construction to begin January 6, 2020

[10:02 a.m. – 10:06 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

N. Fontaine presented the Lands, Oil & Gas Report.

8.01.1 Set Rates for Dirt, Land Spraying & Seismic

Rates for land spraying, seismic and fill were presented. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2019-12-315 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Oil & Gas rates for 2020 be set as:

- **Land Spraying - \$3,500/well;**
- **Seismic for Source Lines - \$2,250/mile;**
- **Seismic for Receiver Lines - \$1,450/mile;**
- **Seismic for off right-of-way access - \$500/mile;**
- **Fill for Commercial Use - \$7.00/m³ (fill material on District land must be obtained from an approved source on District land); and**
- **Fill for Water Users - \$3.00/m³.**

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:11 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Report on GAC Meeting

A Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held December 12th to discuss the 2019 grazing season, 2020 cattle listings, proposed AUM grazing rate and grazing policy revisions, along with other matters. Draft minutes of the meeting were provided to Directors. Newell Grazing is requesting the reseeding of an area of old tame pasture. From the last reseeding program between 2002 – 2013, a few remaining parcels were identified. GAC members supported the proposal to plan for the

rejuvenation of these pastures in the next budget. Members were polled concerning the status of fireguards and the general response was to retain and maintain existing fireguards. J. Hale advised of a Bayer chemical spray "Esplanade 200SE" for effective and residual Downy Brome control that is currently approved for use in the States; Mr. Volek will investigate its availability in Canada. From the GAC Meeting, three recommendations were made to the EID Board as summarized in the following items.

8.02.2 2020 Cattle Listings

With the tentative 70 head max per full member due to pasture conditions, total cattle numbers applied for are approximately 1,500 below last year. Membership has increased slightly.

2020 Cattle Numbers Summary – as of December 11, 2019					
Association	2019	2020	Difference	2019 Members	2020 Members
Bantry	579	505	-74	9	9
Bassano	992	854	-138	14	13
Duchess	1,318	1,185	-133	21	20
Eyremore	1,809	1,672	-137	24	26
Gem	2,712	2,408	-304	36	36
Newell	2,243	2,091	-152	31	34
Patricia	2,736	2,461	-275	38	40
Rolling Hills	1,379	1,257	-122	24	23
Rosemary	1,868	1,840	-28	29	32
Tilley	1,483	1,358	-125	25	24
Total	17,119	15,631	-1,488	251	257
Members	15 new, 9 dropped out				

8.02.3 Set Maximum Grazing Number Per Member

GAC discussion of current pasture conditions, swing field requirements, long term grass management and submitted listings resulted in the following motion.

GAC19-11 *Moved by D. Hale to recommend to the EID Board of Directors to set the maximum number per head at 70, with the option for the GAC to review in April 2020. Seconded by T. Hall. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Directors reviewed the information and discussed comparisons within their respective areas.

2019-12-316 **Moved by J. Hale that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2020 grazing season be set at 70 for full members, 47 for 2nd year members, and 23 for 1st year members; pending a review of pasture conditions in the spring. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.02.4 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2020 Grazing Season

The District sets the AUM grazing rate to cover the costs associated with the administration and operation of the community grazing leases at a minimum break-even basis. This rate is also used to establish the annual fees charged for the private grazing leases. The change in pasture management and subsequent loss of potential hay sales on the Kitsim pivots, as well as overall increased waterline

maintenance costs, resulted in an approximate \$70,000 deficit for the 2019 grazing season. This loss, along with lower AUMs and projected cost increases, prompted Board discussion to conclude with the following motion.

2019-12-317 Moved by T. Hemsing that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2020 season be set at \$18.00/AUM. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02.5 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands

GAC discussion was held concerning the 2018 situation of a member placing extra cattle than allocated on the community grazing pasture. As the current policy does not give clarity on resultant penalties for this type of violation, direction was given from GAC to add a clause to the grazing policy.

GAC19-12 Moved by L. Pickett to recommend to the EID Board of Directors to add a new item to section 4 (Responsibility of Associations) of the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operations of Pastures on EID Lands.

4.14 "Penalties for Exceeding Allocated Number of Cattle".

If an Association member exceeds the number of cattle that were approved to be placed on pasture, the Association can at its discretion apply a penalty to that member. This penalty can be a reduction in future cattle placements, a monetary penalty or both. The penalty for repeat offences may include loss of membership.

Seconded by S. Metcalf. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In consideration of this recommendation, the Board directed that the wording and intent be forwarded to legal counsel for final review.

2019-12-318 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands be revised by adding 4.14 "Penalties for Exceeding Allocated Number of Cattle" as presented, subject to final review from legal counsel. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In June 2018, a temporary ban was placed on accepting new corporate applications for the 2019 grazing season:

2018-06-311 Moved by J. Culligan that the District impose a temporary ban on accepting new corporate applications for the 2019 grazing season until legal clarity is received regarding District bylaws and policies going forward. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED

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

OPPOSED – R. Johnson, G. Murray, J. Hale

With the recent court ruling in favour of the EID, legal advice was obtained to make revisions to the policy for added clarity that would enable the Board to remove the temporary ban on new corporate applications. The draft revision was presented at the GAC Meeting and recommendation made to replace the present wording of 3.7.1(e) in the grazing policy with the legal draft.

GAC19-13 Moved by L. Retzlaff to recommend to the EID Board of Directors to accept the changes to section 3.7.1(e) of the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operations of Pastures on EID Lands.

(e) not be a corporation that has as a shareholder or shareholders who benefit, directly or indirectly, from grazing privileges granted by a Grazing Association of the Eastern Irrigation District to another

corporation which is a Member of an Association and of which This shareholder holds a beneficial interest in any issued share or shares and every such shareholder of an applying corporation shall so declare and provide such evidence relating to the information so declared as the District may require. Seconded by G. Andrew. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In consideration of this policy revision, the Board also directed to gain additional clarity from legal counsel regarding individual restrictions.

2019-12-319 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands be revised by replacing 3.7.1(e) as presented, subject to an enquiry with legal counsel regarding policy wording for individuals associated with corporations. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The revised policy will be available in its entirety on the District website.

[10:56 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

8.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

8.03.1.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2020 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2019	\$2,000,000
Grants approved but not paid (<i>incomplete</i>) as of September 30, 2019 *	< \$ 947,648 > *
2020 Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$1,052,352
Farm Improvement Grants	
October & November (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 121,162 >
December (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 67,280 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 863,910

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$823,852 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$244,958.

All 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*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*arm, pivot, subsurface*)

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

8.03.1.2 Wheels to Pivots & Corner Pivots – 2125538 AB Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde) – Pt N ½ 23-18-15

- Current Assessment: 180 acres wheels
- Converting: 160 acres wheels to pivots and 20 acres wheels to corner arm;
26 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 206 acres; all under various pivots
- Pivot areas have reached their maximum grant funding

2019-12-320 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 2125538 AB Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde) for the conversion of 160 acres wheels to pivot and 20 acres wheels to corner arm in Pt N ½ 23-18-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$16,000 (160 acres x \$100/acre) + \$14,000 (20 acres x \$700/acre) = \$30,000. The capital assets charge is \$7,800 (26 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. 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.

8.03.1.3 Pump & Nozzles – C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) - NW 10-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 95 acres pivot
- Installing: nozzles & pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 95 acres, all under pivot

2019-12-321 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) for the nozzles and pump upgrade in Pt NW 10-15-15 W4M purchased for \$6,412. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$9,500 (95 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$6,412. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:06 a.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

8.03.1.4 Pump Upgrades – Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) – SW 13-15-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 150 acres corner arm pivot
- Installing: pump upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 150 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2019-12-322 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) for the pump upgrade in SW 13-15-14 W4M purchased for \$7,560. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$15,000 (150 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$7,560. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.5 Panel & Pivot Parts – Tracy & Michele Hemsing – NE 11-15-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres (103 wiper pivot, 14 separate flood field, 19 corners)
- Installing: panel & pivot parts upgrade; keeping 19 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (103 wiper pivot, 14 flood field, 19 corners)

2019-12-323 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Michele Hemsing for the panel and pivot parts upgrade in NE 11-15-14 W4M purchased for \$15,405. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$10,300 (103 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,500 (19 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:09 a.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

8.03.1.6 Panel – Herb & Dorothy Torkelson – NE & Pt SE 27-20-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot; 2 added for general assessment
- Previous Grant: \$2,346 (motion 2005-04-091)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-12-324 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Herb & Dorothy Torkelson for the panel upgrade in NE & Pt SE 27-20-15 W4M purchased for \$11,800. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,346 (previous grant) = \$10,954. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.7 Panel – Herb & Dorothy Torkelson – Pt NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 139 acres wiper pivot; 3 acres needed for general assessment
- Previous Grant: \$2,346 (motion 2008-02-025)
- Installing: panel & pump upgrade
- New Assessment: 142 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2019-12-325 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Herb & Dorothy Torkelson for the panel and pump upgrade in Pt NE 22 & SE 27-20-15 W4M purchased for \$24,375. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,900 (139 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,346 (previous grant) = \$11,554. The capital assets charge is \$900 (3 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.2 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Eric & Dianna Pedersen – SW 20-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 143 acres (135 pivot, 8 corners)
- Proposal: 147 acre corner arm pivot; 4 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 8 acres flood to pivot = 4 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: survey required once corner arm is added

2019-12-326 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Eric & Dianna Pedersen, for 4 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from

flood to corner arm in SW 20-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.3 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Richard & Heather Hiebert – SE 05 to SE 03-22-16 W4M

The landowners are requesting to transfer 16 acres from SE 05 to SE 03-22-16 W4M for a proposed wiper pivot. Soils testing is required to complete the transfer and earn conversion acres. Operations has no issues with the transfer if the landowners are aware that they may need to alternate the operation of the pivots within the irrigable unit. The Irrigable Unit will be brought back for approval upon pivot installation. Through discussion of this request, direction was given by the Board for an agreement to be developed which clearly outlines the capacity of the pipeline at this point in the delivery system and the landowners' responsibility to manage the operation of pivots for the required water.

2019-12-327 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the transfer of 16 irrigation acres from SE 05-22-16 W4M to SE 03-22-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Richard & Heather Hiebert; conditional upon:

- **the new pivot area in SE 03-22-16 W4M meeting soils requirements;**
- **an Irrigable Unit being placed on all 6 pivots within NE, NW & SW 02-22-16 W4M, NE & SE 03-22-16 W4M, and SW 11-22-16 W4M; and**
- **the landowners signing an agreement that the supply of water at the delivery point in SE 03-22-16 W4M is limited to 10 cfs and that it is fully the landowners' responsibility to manage/alternate the operation of the 6 pivots to provide sufficient water to the crops.**

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Richard & Heather Hiebert – SE 03-22-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 63 acres (portions of 2 pivots)
- Current Assessment: 79 acres; 16 acres transferred in (motion 2019-12-327)
- Proposal: 24 acre wiper pivot; 8 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 16 acres flood to pivot = 8 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 87 acres, all pivot
- Notes: soils testing required; survey required once corner arm is added

2019-12-328 Moved by T. Helsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Richard & Heather Hiebert, for 8 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to corner pivot in SE 03-22-16 W4M; conditional upon:

- **the new pivot area in SE 03-22-16 W4M meeting soils requirements;**
- **an Irrigable Unit being placed on all 6 pivots within NE, NW & SW 02-22-16 W4M, NE & SE 03-22-16 W4M, and SW 11-22-16 W4M; and**
- **the landowners signing an agreement that the supply of water at the delivery point in SE 03-22-16 W4M is limited to 10 cfs and that it is fully the landowners' responsibility to manage/alternate the operation of the 6 pivots to provide sufficient water to the crops.**

The capital assets charge is \$2,400 (8 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.5 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Rick & Heather Irwin – NE 08-19-15 W4M to Chase & Lindsay Irwin – SW 08-19-15 W4M

Rick & Heather Irwin are requesting to transfer 12 of their flood acres outside the pivot area in NE 08-19-15 W4M to existing flood acres in SW 08-19-15 W4M, owned by Chase & Lindsay Irwin, in

order for the latter to meet community grazing requirements and for a potential future pivot. Although operationally there are no issues with the transfer, concerns were raised with transferring leveled flood acres to rough flood acres. It was directed that this request be discussed with Grazing and to bring this application back to the Board once soils testing confirms that additional acres in SW 08-10-15 W4M are irrigable.

8.03.6 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Joseph & Sandra Bandura – (various) and Ronald & Sharon Torkelson (various)

All of the pivots within the current Irrigable Unit have deliveries located in Pt SW 27-20-13 W4M, therefore it is required to discharge the existing Irrigable Unit and register a new one which includes Pt SW 27.

2019-12-329 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on:

- N ½ 27-20-12 W4M, SE, SW & NW 33-20-12 W4M, and Sec 34-20-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Joseph & Sandra Bandura.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-12-330 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:

- N ½ 27-20-12 W4M, SE, SW & NW 33-20-12 W4M, and Sec 34-20-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Joseph & Sandra Bandura; and
- Pt SW 27-20-12 W4M; lands being owned by Ronald & Sharon Torkelson.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.7 Irrigable Unit Registration – George Murray V and G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. (Suntana Murray, George Murray IV and George Murray V) – SE 31, NE 31 & Pt SW 05-19-13 W4M

A new pivot is being installed which crosses into both NE and SE 31-18-13 W4M, with the delivery located in Pt SW 05-19-13 W4M, requiring that an Irrigable Unit be placed on all 3 parcels.

2019-12-331 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:

- SE & NE 31-18-13 W4M; all lands being owned by George Murray V; and
- Pt SW 05-19-13 W4M; lands being owned by G.W. Murray Ranches Ltd. (Suntana Murray, George Murray IV and George Murray V).

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.8 General Assessment Update

Prior to sending out registered letters, and in a final attempt to personally contact remaining landowners who have not reconciled general assessment matters on their lands, Mrs. Connauton advised that 90% have now responded or come in to the office to resolve the issues. The remaining landowners will also be personally contacted prior to letters being sent out giving notice of water delivery stoppage to the parcel with outstanding assessment.

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Sale of Picker Truck and 2 Trailers – Results of Bids

Mr. Friesen advised that the following bids were received for the used picker truck and 2 trailers.

Bids on Sale of Picker Truck and 2 Trailers			
Company	2006 Peterbilt Picker Truck Unit #616	1994 Custom Made Tag Trailer Unit #719	Fruehauf Tilt Deck Tag Trailer with Beavertail
DaPaJo Construction Ltd.	\$36,126.00	-	-
Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd. (Donald & Kathleen Jacobson)	-	\$1,200.00	\$3,800.00
1128778 Alberta Ltd. (Jagg Water Hauling)	\$27,750.00	-	-
Century Auctions	\$22,242.00	-	-
	\$25,000.00 for all three units		
Neil Murray	\$12,000.00	-	-

2019-12-332 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the District sell:

- the 2006 Peterbilt Picker Truck to DaPaJo Construction Ltd. for \$36,126;
- the 1994 custom made Tag Trailer to Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd. for \$1,200; and
- the Fruehauf tilt deck Tag Trailer to Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd. for \$3,800.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:07 p.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch break.]

2019-12-333 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Expansion Modelling / Plebiscite

10.01 Increase in Irrigation Acres Bylaw

[1:55 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

10.02 Plebiscite Timeline

11.0 Corporate Planning – Draft Agenda

12.0 Annual Report Book

12.01 Draft Agenda

12.02 Chair and GM Reports

[2:43 p.m. – 2:48 p.m. Short break.]

13.0 Bow Bloc Meeting – Draft Agenda

6.0 EIDNet cont'd.**6.02 Proposal to Upgrade to a Fibre Optic Network**Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**10.0 Expansion Modelling / Plebiscite cont'd.****10.01 Increase in Irrigation Acres Bylaw cont'd.**

The draft Increase in Irrigation Acres Bylaw, further revised, will be brought back to the January Board Meeting. Directors are to contact Admin with any additional comments.

10.02 Plebiscite Timeline cont'd.

The proposed plebiscite timeline will be discussed again at Corporate Planning.

11.0 Corporate Planning – Draft Agenda cont'd.

The Corporate Planning agenda will be finalized and packages distributed in mid-January. I. Friesen is to obtain information from other major districts regarding their transfer of water processes and policies.

12.0 Annual Report Book cont'd.**12.01 Draft Agenda cont'd.**

Irrigation Expansion and Proposed EIDNet Upgrades are to be added to the AGM agenda.

12.02 Chair and GM Reports cont'd.

Chairman and General Manager reports for the Annual Report Book will be finalized after Corporate Planning.

13.0 Bow Bloc Meeting – Draft Agenda cont'd.

Siksika Dam is to be added to the Bow Bloc agenda.

6.0 EIDNet cont'd.**6.02 Proposal to Upgrade to a Fibre Optic Network cont'd.**

R. Moen to proceed with applying for federal grant money for the proposed EIDNet upgrades and to provide a timeline for project development.

3:26 p.m. B. Chrumka moved the Board recess until Friday, December 20th, 2:00 p.m.

Those in attendance on December 20th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2] <i>[apologies]</i>	Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assist. GM – Corp. Serv.
Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Tony Brummelhuis	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Vice-Chair	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

[2:00 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering cont'd.

7.02 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

Recalculated numbers for an increased pressure surcharge for C Springhill and 01-C Springhill, should the project be rehabbed again as a pressurized system, were presented to Directors for discussion. This information is to be brought back to the January Board Meeting for discussion with all Directors and for preparation of meeting with landowners.

[2:38 p.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

7.03 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

T. Brummelhuis advised that he had been contacted by Anna Kauffman of the Farmers' Advocate Office, and subsequently by Harold Brauer, regarding the matter of the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M. The conversation and letter on behalf of Mr. Brauer requested that the District re-offer to remove the trees from Mr. Brauer's property. Mr. Brauer personally indicated that he still also wants a 6" domestic pipeline installed from his delivery to his yard site and an audience with the Board. Directors and Admin reviewed background to this matter, which has been dealt with at the Board level since early 2018 and with Field Staff for years prior. A decision in conclusion to the matter, based on policy and any substantive extenuating circumstances, had been forwarded to Mr. Brauer, originally in March 2018 and reiterated in December 2018.

2018-03-135 *Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the District approve the request to remove the trees from the old EID ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M to a pit on the landowner's adjacent land, but to deny the request for the installation of a 6" pipeline. Seconded by J. Culligan. CARRIED*
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Culligan, J. Hale, T. Brummelhuis
OPPOSED – R. Johnson, G. Murray

2018-12-501 *Moved by B. Chrumka that Mr. Brauer be forwarded a letter stating that the Board's decision in March 2018, motion 2018-03-135 still stands; that there will be no further contribution by the District; and that if the original offer is to be accepted, a response must be received in writing by the end of 10 business days. Seconded by R. Johnson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

In respect of policy, the signed construction agreement, history of the matter, and all the Director, Admin and Staff discussions and correspondence with Mr. Brauer and representative organizations, the following motion was carried.

- 2019-12-334 Moved by B. Chrumka that a letter be forwarded to Harold Brauer stating that the deadline for the option regarding the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M, previously offered by the Board, has expired and that there will be no further offers made nor audience with the Board granted in regards to this matter. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.04 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access

J. Hale requested that the matter of Rod Johnson's pumping access on Snake Lake Reservoir be revisited, reviewing Mr. Johnson's request to have his delivery moved from the reservoir to his dugout, proposing that his dugout be pipelined to the canal by the District. Admin spoke to the Landowner and District operational limitations, and policy concerns, in response to this request. Mr. Hale further advised of Mr. Johnson's present suggestion for a 2 pad river screen pumping system at the current location, on a cost-share basis. A lengthy discussion followed which again focused on the District's right to operational use of its reservoirs, what the best solution might be for the Landowner and what might the District consider, or allow under a grant as per policy, given the mitigating factors.

- 2019-12-335 Moved by J. Hale that for Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc. (Rod Johnson) the District:**
- **constructs 2 stepped pumping pads off Snake Lake Reservoir at the EID construction rate;**
 - **supplies and installs used concrete panels on the pads at no cost to the Landowner; and**
 - **applies the balance of the Farm Improvement grant funds available to the 2 section pivots in W ½ 01, E ½ 02 and Sec 11-20-17 W4M to the total project cost, with the remaining balance to be paid by the Landowner.**
- Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.05 Irrigation Feasibility – Township 22 Range 16

J. Hale requested on behalf of a landowner that the feasibility of providing water for additional irrigation in Township 22 Range 16 be investigated. Admin confirmed that the availability of water this irrigation season for landowner proposed irrigation development in Township 22 Range 16 will be researched.

8.0 Lands cont'd.

8.02 Grazing cont'd.

8.02.5 Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands cont'd.

Admin advised that in verifying with legal counsel, the revised wording for clause 3.7.1(e) and existing grazing policy satisfies the enquiry regarding individuals associated with corporations. It was also confirmed that the addition and wording of clause 4.14 "Penalties for Exceeding Allocated Number of Cattle" meets the intent and was favoured by legal counsel to include as an addition.

14.0 Upcoming Events

14.01 Corporate Planning

- Thursday, January 16th, 2020, 9:00 a.m., EID Office

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| 14.02 | Meeting with MLA Michaela Glasgo | - Thursday, January 16 th , 11:00 a.m., EID Office |
| 14.03 | Corporate Planning | - Friday, January 17 th , 9:00 a.m., EID Office |
| 14.04 | Bow Bloc Meeting | - Friday, January 17 th , 9:30 a.m., EID Office |
| 14.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.06 | AIDA 2020 Conference | - Feb 3 rd – 5 th , Lethbridge Lodge <i>[attending: B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Hale, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach]</i> |
| 14.07 | MLA Glasgo & Bow Bloc Reps Meeting with Ministers | - <i>[Jan/Feb TBD]</i> , Edmonton <i>[attending: R. Owen, B. Chrumka, I. Friesen]</i> |
| 14.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:17 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager