

## **February 26, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Calgary**

A number of Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Calgary on February 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>**

Bob Chrumka attended the Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

<b>PGL #7102 3 Years 1,240 acres 232 AUM</b>				
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$/AUM</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>Total</b>
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

<b>PGL #7287 3 Years 160 acres 30 AUM</b>				
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$/AUM</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>Total</b>
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

<b>PGL #7167 3 Years 314 acres 70 AUM</b>				
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>\$/AUM</b>	<b>GST</b>	<b>Total</b>
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**

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### **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 13<sup>th</sup> and close at noon Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

<b>FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET REPORT</b>	
<b>2019 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
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
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October, November, December & January ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$ 148,668 >
February ( <i>require approval</i> )	< \$ 39,160 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b> ( <i>if all grants paid out from last year</i> )	<b>\$2,117,687</b>

\*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 13<sup>th</sup>, both pipeline crews are working on 11-H with 50% of the pipe now installed.

<b>EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
17 Bow Slope	- job complete, final cleanup remaining
H West Bantry Canal	- structure installation remains
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
11-H West Bantry	- construction 50% complete
<b>STRUCTURES</b>	
18/19 Structure Program	- construction 50% complete
<b>IRP PROJECTS</b>	
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                  |
| 13.02 | Annual General Meeting                  | - Tuesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn                   |
| 13.03 | Nominations Close – Div 2, 4 & 7        | - Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.                               |
| 13.04 | Municipal / Irrigation Dist. Roundtable | - Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> , Lethbridge [ <i>R. Owen attending</i> ] |
| 13.05 | Elections (if necessary) – Div 2, 4 & 7 | - Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.                      |
| 13.06 | Organizational Meeting                  | - Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.                                 |
| 13.07 | Regular Board Meeting                   | - Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>   |

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



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Chairman



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General Manager